



CHRIST CHURCH

EPISCOPAL

Transforming lives together,
through the love of God, in Christ.

HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE I

The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

• October 11, 2026 • 7:30 a.m. • Church •

They Did. We Will. With God's Help.

A child walks through the doors of Christ Church. What happens next can shape a lifetime.

They may first discover Jesus in Sunday School. Sing God's praises in a children's choir. Experience the joy of Vacation Bible School alongside more than 200 other children. Find belonging at Low Tide or High Tide. Ask hard questions in Youth Forum. Step forward in faith at Confirmation. Serve someone in need. Go on a retreat or mission trip—and begin to see that God has a purpose for their life.

Your pledge helps make every one of those moments possible.

Through the generosity of this parish, our clergy, staff, and hundreds of volunteers create a sanctuary where young people are known, loved, encouraged, and given a safe place to experience the love of Christ.

For 75 years, Christ Church has been building that foundation of faith. Generations before us gave so that children they would never know could grow up knowing Jesus, loving others, serving their communities, and becoming all God intended them to be.

They did. Now it is our turn.

When you pledge, you are not simply supporting programs. **You are investing in a child's faith, a young person's future, and the next generation of Christ's Church.**

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Make your pledge. **Be part of their journey** - and help give the next generation the same gift of faith that was given to us.

They did. Will you?

Thank you to those who have already turned in their pledge!!

With gratitude and love for all that we share!

Fr. Tom

Mike



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“Faithful Then. Faithful Now.”



This year marks 75 years of Christ Church. To help celebrate our history we want to share these pictures with you, and pray that you will continue to be a part of our story for years to come. It is through the generous giving of those who came before that we are still able to do so much good in the community years later. We invite you to be a part of this wonderful legacy of Christ's love by pledging this year.

Pictures left to right: 1972 Youth Sunday Service, 2021 VBS, 2005 Children's Choir, 1976 Youth Choir Easter Procession, 2026 Hometown Mission Week, 2012 Youth Mission Trip to Amistad



*Welcome to Christ Church Ponte Vedra Beach! We are delighted to have you worship with us.
In order to prepare for this service, we ask that you silence your phone. Thank you!*

THE WORD OF GOD

Prelude

Organ Medley

Please stand.

Processional Hymn 481 *Rejoice, the Lord Is King*

Rejoice, the Lord is King! Your Lord and King adore!
Mortals, give thanks and sing, and triumph evermore.

Refrain Lift up your heart! Lift up your voice!
Rejoice! Again, I say, rejoice!

The Lord the Savior reigns, the God of truth and love:
When he had purged our stains, he took his seat above. *Refrain*

His kingdom cannot fail; he rules o'er earth and heaven;
The keys of death and hell, to Christ, the Lord, are given. *Refrain*

Rejoice in glorious hope! Our Lord, the Judge, shall come,
And take his servants up to their eternal home. *Refrain*

Welcome Words

Opening Sentences Page 323, *The Book of Common Prayer*

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

The Collect for Purity

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Gloria

S 204, *The Hymnal*

Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace,
Good will towards men.

We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee,
we glorify thee,

We give thanks to thee for thy great glory,
O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

That takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer.

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.

For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord;

Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,

Art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Collect

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Lord, we pray thee that thy grace may always precede and follow us, and make us continually to be given to all good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

The Reading

Lector A reading from Paul's letter to the Philippians

4:1-9

My brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life.

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand.

The Gospel

Gospeler The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew 22:1-14

People **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

Once more Jesus spoke to the people in parables, saying: “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. Again he sent other slaves, saying, ‘Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.’ But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves, ‘The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.’ Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

“But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?’ And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, ‘Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ For many are called, but few are chosen.”

Gospeler The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

Please be seated.

The Sermon

The Reverend Thomas Reeeder

Please stand.

The Nicene Creed

Page 327, *The Book of Common Prayer*

You may kneel.

The Prayers of the People

Leader Let us pray to the Lord, saying, **Hear our prayer.**

For the Church of God, and the proclamation of the Gospel to all nations. For Sean, our Presiding Bishop, for Randy, our bishop-elect, and for all bishops and other ministers, that we may be strengthened in our faith and mission.

Lord, in your mercy,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Leader For those serving our nation, (especially...).

For Ron, our Governor, Donald, our President, and all those in positions of power, that we may use our liberty and resources in accordance with your gracious will. Lord, in your mercy,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Leader For the world, the work of your hands, so that everyone can live with justice and peace. We especially remember those suffering from war, hunger, displacement, violence, and insecurity; and we pray for our mission partners in Bolivia, Cuba, and Uganda. Strengthen their ministries and deepen the bonds that unite us in your service. Lord, in your mercy,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Leader For our parish family, with gratitude for the faithfulness of those who have gone before us, that we may be faithful witnesses of your love in our own generation, serving you joyfully with all we are and all we have.

Lord, in your mercy,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Leader For our local community, for our schools, and for our neighbors. Guide us in the work we do, that we may not do it for self alone, and remind us that you have linked our lives with one another—that all we do affects, for good or ill, all others' lives. Lord, in your mercy,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Leader For those who have requested our prayers. God of all comfort, we present to you... and all others for whom our prayers are desired, that your healing grace and comfort be upon them. Lord, in your mercy,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Leader For those who have died, (especially ...), that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom. And for those who mourn, that they may find comfort and peace. Lord, in your mercy,

People **Hear our prayer.**

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

The Confession Page 331, *The Book of Common Prayer*

Please stand.

The Peace Page 332, *The Book of Common Prayer*

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Please be seated.

Welcome and Announcements

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THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Anthem

Shepherd Me, O God Marty Haugen and Mark Hayes
Stephanie and Joseph Murray, *Soloists*

Refrain Shepherd me, O God, beyond my wants, beyond my fears,
From death, into life.

God is my shepherd, so nothing shall I want.
I rest in the meadows of faithfulness and love.
I walk by the quiet waters of peace. *Refrain*

Gently, you raise me, and heal my weary soul.
You lead me by pathways of righteousness and truth.
My spirit shall sing the music of Your Name. *Refrain*

Though I should wander the valley of death,
I fear no evil, for you are at my side.
Your rod and your staff, my comfort and my hope. *Refrain*

You have set me a banquet of love in the face of hatred,
Crowning me with love beyond my pow'r to hold. *Refrain*

Surely, your kindness and mercy follow me all the days of my life.
I will dwell in the house of my God forevermore.
I will dwell in God's house evermore. *Refrain*

Please stand for the Presentation.

The Presentation

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer I Page 333, *The Book of Common Prayer*

Sanctus S 114, *The Hymnal*

You may kneel or sit. The Celebrant continues with the Eucharistic Prayer.

The Lord's Prayer Page 336, *The Book of Common Prayer*

The Breaking of the Bread Page 337, *The Book of Common Prayer*

Please be seated.

Distribution of Communion

Please join us at God's table.

All people are invited to receive Communion. Gluten-free wafers are also available. If you would prefer not to take Communion but would like a blessing, please fold your arms across your chest.

Ushers will guide you to the altar rail for Communion.

Communion Music

Hymn 664 *My Shepherd Will Supply My Need*

My Shepherd will supply my need, Jehovah is His Name;
In pastures fresh, he makes me feed beside the living stream.
He brings my wandering spirit back when I forsake his ways,
And leads me, for his mercy's sake, in paths of truth and grace.

When I walk through the shades of death, thy presence is my stay;
One word of thy supporting breath drives all my fears away.
Thy hand, in sight of all my foes, doth still my table spread;
My cup, with blessings, overflows, thy oil anoints my head.

The sure provisions of my God attend me all my days;
Oh, may thy house be mine abode, and all my work be praise.
There would I find a settled rest, while others go and come;
No more a stranger or a guest, but like a child at home.

You may kneel or sit.

Postcommunion Prayer Page 339, *The Book of Common Prayer*

The Blessing

Please stand.

Recessional Hymn 556

Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!

Vs. 1 - 3

Rejoice, ye pure in heart! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!
Your glorious banner, wave on high, the cross of Christ, your King.

Refrain Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice, give thanks, and sing.

With all the angel choirs, with all the saints of earth,
Pour out the strains of joy and bliss, true rapture, noblest mirth. *Refrain*

Your clear hosannas raise, and alleluias loud;
While answering echoes upward float, like wreaths of incense cloud. *Refrain*

Dismissal

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

Postlude

Organ voluntary



TODAY, Sunday October 11

Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and in thanksgiving for the wedding of Stephanie Porter and Brad McBride.

The Best Breakfast in Ponte Vedra Beach is on us! Newcomers are invited to a special welcome breakfast in the parish hall. There will be a table reserved for newcomers, with parishioners there to share more about Christ Church and enjoy fellowship. Before or after service on Sunday morning, please introduce yourself to a greeter or usher, or simply head to the parish hall.

Breakfast: 8:15am - 10:45am. \$10/adult, \$7/children under 8; \$34 family max.

Amistad Executive Director Chris King will join us from 10:15-11 to talk about reflections and updates from this transformative Bolivian children's ministry.

I will, with God's Help: Living into the Baptismal Life (100)

Sundays, Oct 4 – Nov 8 | 10:15-11 | Rm. 106

This clergy-led class for all adults will explore the way our baptism calls us into spiritual practices that help us grow into the likeness of

If you're behind on your pledge, we invite you to **catch up today**. Every bit helps us keep our ministries thriving.

YTD Actual Revenue at August 31, 2026 **\$2,733,320**

YTD Budgeted Revenue at August 31, 2026

\$2,976,577

Shortfall \$ 243,257

Christ as we deepen our relationship with Jesus, ourselves, and one another.

Scott Burch Bible Study (200): Excavating the Bible: How Archaeology & Historical Texts Can Help Us Interpret the Bible

10:15-11:00 | Room 224

Gabe Bove Bible Study (100)

10:15-11:00am | Room 209

Nursery Care - Available from 8:45am to 12:30pm; ages four months to 5.

Children's Chapel | 9:15 am | Lobby

Children's Formation | 10:15-11:00

Meet in the Formation and Arts Building!

Youth Forum

10:15-11 | Youth House | Yum...Donuts!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Join a Choir! Contact Dr. Rachel Root at rroot@ccpvb.org

Childrens' Choirs | Wednesdays

Contact: Stephanie Murray at SMurray@ccpvb.org, Worship and Family Music Director

Are you a Member? Are you interested in becoming a Member? Join us for lunch on Sunday, November 8 to connect and learn more about Christ Church.

After the orientation there will be a celebration at Father Tom's home! We look forward to getting to know you. Scan here to register.



SPECIAL EVENTS THIS WEEK

The Christ Church campus and office will be closed on Monday, October 12.

Christ Church Hikers Group

10a-12n on 1st Friday & 3rd Monday

Next Hike: 10/12 - Alpine Grove Park

Please email Bob Campbell at

Bobcampbell777@gmail.com to RSVP and for the exact meeting point of each hike.

Wednesday Night Dinner

Pie Night! | 5:45-7:00pm

Kids' Social Club - 6:00p in Rooms 111-113

Epicopal Youth Community (EYC)

Low Tide | 4:30PM-6PM | 6th-8th

High Tide | 7PM-8:30PM | 9th-12th

Guided Forest Walk with Dr. Trey Wilson

October 17 at 10:00 am -12:00 noon

Jacksonville Arboretum and Gardens

Join us for a morning of reflection and renewal led by forest therapy guide, Dr. Trey Wilson. This event is suitable for all levels of walkers. Register online or by emailing trey@treygardens.com.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

October 21 – Trunk-or-Treat

5:30-7:00pm | Surface Parking Lots

Interested in hosting a Candy Car?

Sign up here or email Amy at

aschmitt@ccpvb.org



Young Adults Group

Oct 25-Dec 20 | 10:15-11am | Room 202

We're excited to announce our new Sunday offering for young adults (20s & 30s)! Join us as we come together to discuss what it looks like to follow Jesus.

Contact: Alex Cain at acain@ccpvb.org

Caregiver Support Group

October 27 | 4:00-5:30pm | F209

Contact: caregivers@ccpvb.org

All Souls' Service

November 4 | 7:00 pm | Main Sanctuary

This service is to honor and remember those who have passed away. We do so with inspiring music, provided by the Chancel Choir and instrumentalists from our community, by lighting candles for those who have passed, and by partaking of the Communion of Saints together.

November 5 - Young Adult Social

All young adults (20s & 30s) are invited as we gather for an evening of fun and festivities!

Details to follow.

Contact: Alex Cain at acain@ccpvb.org

Miss Felicia's 31st Annual

Nutcracker Ballet – December

12. Tickets are available now!



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Worship Services

7:30 a.m.	Church Sanctuary	Holy Eucharist, Rite I
9:00 a.m.	Church Sanctuary	Holy Eucharist, Rite II
9:00 a.m.	Cooper Chapel	Holy Eucharist, Rite II
9:00 a.m.	Parish Center, 2nd floor	Contemporary Service
9:00 a.m.	NSIA Community Center	Holy Eucharist, Rite II
11:15 a.m.	Church Sanctuary	Holy Eucharist, Rite II
11:15 a.m.	Parish Center, 2nd floor	Contemporary Service
12:45 p.m.	Parish Center, 2 nd floor	Spanish-language Service
5:00 p.m.	Church Sanctuary	Contemplative Service
5:30 p.m. (Wed)	Cooper Chapel	Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Vestry

Gretna Zerebny, Sr. Warden	Janet Burnside, Treasurer	Kathy Blackman, Jr. Warden
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Katharine Loeb	Doug Long	Justin Udelhofen
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The Rev. Thomas P. Reeder, Rector
The Rev. Andreis Diaz, Vice Rector The Rev. Amy Slater, Vice Rector
The Rev. Laura Magevney, Associate Rector
The Rev. Wendy Billingslea
The Rev. Keith Oglesby, Vicar for Christ Church Among the Oaks

Deacons

The Rev. Deacon Leila Quinlan The Rev. Deacon Priscilla Wodehouse

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The Rev. Dr. Jim Cooper, Rector Emeritus
The Rev. Michael Ellis The Rev. Louanne Loch
The Rev. Eric Kahl The Rev. Bob Morris
The Rev. Burt Shepherd The Rev. Rich Roos
The Rev. Joan Bryan, Emeritus
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Alex Cain, Curate
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SERMON NOTES





The world has changed.

And at times we feel further apart than ever before.

But, two things haven't changed:

God's Unwavering Love, and our need for each other.

With that comes the love that Christ Church has for you—all of you.

Because no matter if you attend virtually or in-person.

If you're Episcopalian or Non-Denominational.

Young or Old. Lean Left or Right.

Through the love of Jesus Christ, we are one.

Christ Church is not just a place, it's a community.

It's not just what you do on Sunday, it's how you live every day.

With opportunities to grow, learn, create, worship, praise, connect, serve, and thrive.

We are a church centered around Christ.

We are a community centered around Christ

We are the community of Christ Church.



**CHRIST
CHURCH**
Sunday. Every Day.