This Week at CHRIST CHURCH

Sun	10/25	10:00am	Worship (Sanctuary)
Mon	10/26	7:30am	Men's Longbeach Breakfast (Longbeach Cafe)
		9:00am	Men's Bible Study (Palm Room)
		7:00pm	Choir Rehearsal (Fellowship Hall)
Tues	10/27	9:00am	Worship Committee (Palm Room)
		10:00am	Women's Weight Training (Fellowship Hall)
Wed	10/28	10:00am	Women's Bible Study (Palm Room)
		1:30pm	Session/Deacons Prayer Course (Palm Room)
Thurs	10/29	10:30am	Session/Deacons Prayer Course (Zoom)
Fri	10/30	10:00am	Women's Stretching (Narthex)
Sun	11/1	10:00am	Worship & Communion (Sanctuary)
			Remembrance Sunday

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CHURCH STAFF

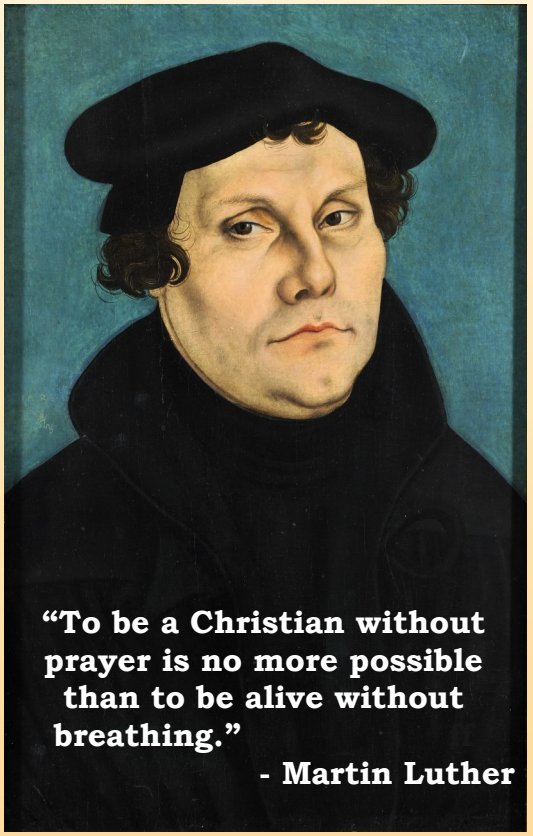
Dr. Julia Wharff Piermont, Pastor
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Chris Westfall, Organist
Nancy Prezbindowski, Office Manager
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Our Sanctuary is equipped with a T-Loop for the aid of hearing device users.
Church Office & Library Hours: Monday – Thursday • 8:00 AM – 2:00 PM

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Growing in Jesus' Name

CHRIST CHURCH
OF LONGBOAT KEY
PRESBYTERIAN (U.S.A.)



Portrait of Martin Luther by Lucas Cranach the Elder (1528)

October 25, 2026 10:00 a.m.

Reformation Sunday "GROWING IN PRAYER" Series

Order of Worship

October 25, 2026 ~ Reformation Sunday

"*Growing in Prayer*" Series

Please remember to **turn off your cell phone**.

***Please rise in body or in spirit**

Prelude *"A Mighty Fortress"* Martin Luther/ Arr. Diane Bish
Chris Westfall, Organist

The prelude is offered as an invitation to prepare for worship.

Welcome and Announcements Dr. Julia Wharff Piermont, Pastor

Introit *"Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying"* Ken Medema

Call to Worship (from Hebrews 12:1-2)

One: Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses,
All: Let us also lay aside every weight,
and the sin that clings so closely,
One: And let us run with perseverance
that race that is set before us,
All: Looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith.

***Hymn** #457 *"I Greet Thee Who My Sure Redeemer Art"* stanzas 1, 2, and 3

Confession and Forgiveness

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Gracious and loving God, you promise to hear our prayers. We confess that we do not always trust your goodness. We sometimes seek our own interests, rather than seeking your will and your kingdom. Forgive us, O Lord, we pray. By your grace, renew us in faith and love, that we may become a people who trust your good gifts, who forgive as we have been forgiven, and who welcome others as you have welcomed us. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

(a time for silent confession)

Assurance of Forgiveness

*** Congregational Response** (#223)

O my soul, bless your Redeemer;
All within me bless God's name;
Bless the Savior, and forget not
All God's mercies to proclaim.

Prayer for Illumination Robert Cooper, Reader

First Scripture Reading Psalm 138: 1-8

Choral Anthem *"Sing of the Glory"* John Paige

Second Scripture Reading Luke 11:1-13

Sermon "Warming the Heart" Dr. Piermont
Growing in Prayer Series

***Hymn** #333 *"Seek Ye First"*

***Affirmation of Faith** The Apostles' Creed (Ecumenical Version)

Offering

Call for the Offering
Offertory *"Andantino"* Gabriel Faure
***Doxology** tune: Old Hundredth original rhythm (#591)

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

***Prayer of Dedication of Gifts and Offerings**

Prayers of the People

Pastoral Prayer
The Lord's Prayer ("debts" and "debtors")

*** Hymn** #457 *"I Greet Thee Who My Sure Redeemer Art"* stanzas 1, 4, and 5

*** Benediction**

Choral Response *"Go Now In Peace"* Besig/Price

Postlude *"Allegro Maestoso"* (with Trumpets and Horns) G.F. Handel

The postlude is the final Alleluia of the worship service.
Please defer conversation to the fellowship hall.
Thank you kindly. We look forward to greeting you at fellowship time.

Why Go It Alone?

Supporting each other within and beyond our walls

Every Day Support

Prayer Chain: In crisis or in calm, our Christ Church Prayer Chain is always available for those who are in need of prayer. Our Prayer Chain members are faithful, willing and eager to pray daily for your requests. May each of you know the peace that our Savior offers. Direct your request to

Karen Jennings: (610) 733-9755 or karenjennings1239@gmail.com
Shirley Venkataraman: (931) 260-0774 or shirleyvenk@hotmail.com

Deacons: Our Deacons are available to help and support in a compassionate, confidential way, anyone going through life struggles. Contact: Karen Gardiner, Missie Kaull, Joey Cheek or George Rauch or Julie Albert. In addition, using elements consecrated in CCLBK's celebration of the Lord's Supper communion, Deacons can provide Home Communion to members who are local but unable to attend worship. Please contact: Debra McKenna.

Prayer Shawl Ministry: Knitted by our members, these are given as a blessing to those experiencing illness, injury, grief, or other need. To suggest a church member to receive a shawl, please contact Debra McKenna (941) 284-5333.

Sunday Support

Children's Nurture: Activities for children are available on the children's ministry table in the narthex. We hope these activities allow children to share in the love of Christ.

Prayer Requests: Submit a prayer request to be kept in confidence by the Deacons or Prayer Chain by 1) using the card/envelope in the Friendship Pad, placing it in an offering plate; or 2) clicking the button near the bottom of the Weekly News church email.

Pray with a Deacon after worship: A Deacon is ready to pray with individuals following worship. Please go to the Prayer Room door after the postlude.

Mission Partners: Agape Flights, Beth El, Bring on the Ministry, ECHO, EFELT, Harvest House, Hope Seeds, Easterseals Ranch, Our Daily Bread, PC(USA) World Mission, Selah Freedom, Mobility Worldwide, and Turning Points. Please view the display tables in the Fellowship for more information

Card Ministry: Please stop by the Coffee Bar to sign condolence, get well, thinking of you, and birthday cards for our Church family and friends. To suggest someone who might enjoy receiving a greeting card, please contact Bennie Dods at (941) 952-8196 or missbennie1@ gmail.com.

Announcements 10/18/2026

The Chancel arrangements are given to the Glory of God
by Keith and Kay Tschannen.

WELCOME ONE & ALL! Whether you are in the area for a few days or full-time, we invite you to explore the myriad of ways our congregation seeks to be "growing in Jesus' name." We hope you feel right at home!

Please take note of our **ACTIVITY and MISSION PARTNER TABLES** in the Fellowship Hall. You'll find our Sign Up Sheets there.

For our latest updates and easy links to livestream and more, please sign up for our Thursday weekly email. (1) Go to **www.ChristChurchofLBK.org** (2) scroll to the bottom, (3) enter your email address. *Thank you!*

20-Day Prayer Journey for October/November:



Reset: 20 Ways to a Consistent Prayer Life by Bob Sorge (96 pages, Oasis House, 2018). On your own or with a friend, you are invited to take the 20/20 challenge: to commit 20 minutes/day to prayer for 20 days, with guidance and prompts for reflection provided by each day's reading. Each day's reading is four small pages. Bob Sorge is a Christian author and teacher, with Christian leadership experience in a variety of settings, including Elim Bible College (Lima, NY).



Reset is our "Growing in Prayer" emphasis for October and November, a way for us to be united in prayer even when many are still "up north" and elsewhere. Books are easily found at your favorite bookseller. Let us know what day you choose to start your 20 days, so we may keep you in prayer! Thank you!

Chancel Flowers: Sign up sheets are out to give flowers to grace our chancel each Sunday through summer. Please sign up! or contact Barbara Grimes at 865-384-0569. Open dates are Nov. 22 & 24; Dec. 6, 13, &27; Jan. 10.



Our annual **WELCOME BACK PARTY** will be on Wednesday, **November 4** at Hugos II, Cedars East Tennis Resort. Always a wonderful time to greet returning friends! Please sign up! or call the church office by November 1st.

Women's Bible Study meets on **Wednesdays at 10:00 am** in the Palm Room in Galilee House. On **October 7th** we began a new study, "Tame Your Thoughts" by Max Lucado. In this 6 week video study we will learn how to renew our minds and break free from negative thoughts by replacing them with the truth of God's Word. Please sign up! An option to attend by Zoom is available. For information, contact Vivian Chester at vivianchester10@yahoo.com or (941) 961-8659.

Men's Longbeach Breakfast group is meeting every Monday at Longbeach Cafe in Whitney Plaza at 7:30am. If you have any questions please contact Bill Johnson 941-993-8123.

Men's Bible Study meets on **Mondays at 9:00am**! We have begun our weekly Men's Bible Study. We are using a study guide on this topic: "Ephesians, The Inheritance We Have In Christ", written by Dr. David Jeremiah (part of the Jeremiah Bible Study Series). For more information please contact Tom Crawford.

Men's Club Breakfast starts its season on **Monday, Nov. 2** in Fellowship Hall. This is a Fellowship opportunity for all men in our community. It begins with coffee and conversation at **8am**, followed by a hearty breakfast and concludes with a presentation on "Faith, DUIs and TV Legal Advertising" given by Brent Piersma. If you plan to attend, Please sign up!

Gordon Lenci Memorial Service- The family of Gordon Lenci thanks you for your many kindnesses following the loss of our beloved partner, father and grandfather. We would be honored to have you join us for a celebration of Gordon's life on **Saturday, November 7th at 11:00**. Lunch will follow in Fellowship Hall.

Women's Light Weight Training Class. Tuesdays: 10 - 10:45am. Join us for light weight resistance training to help promote and preserve bone density and to ward off muscle loss. There is no fee for this class. Please sign up! Sample weights will be available for you to determine the right weight for you. Questions: contact beverlyannsutton@yahoo.com.

Women's Stretching and Balancing Class. Fridays: 10 - 11am. Join us for 20 minutes of seated stretching, 20 minutes of standing stretching and balance work and 20 minutes of (optional) mat work. Our motto: Use it or lose it! There is no fee for this class. Please sign up! Questions: contact beverlyannsutton@yahoo.com.

Bikes for Turning Points: Many of the people they help have no other means of transportation so a bike can make a world of difference. If you have a bike you no longer use, please bring it to the church or I can pick it up. If it's not working, that's not a problem as they have bike mechanics who can put it in working order. Thank you! Questions: Sally Rauch (941) 920-7310

Hope Seeds Packing Event– Monday, November 9, 1:00 – 3:15pm.
Please keep Hope Seeds ministry in your prayers as they continue serving communities with compassion, care and disciple thousands around the world. Please sign up! and help pack seeds. Questions: Ann Quackenbush, 941-383-1731.

Library News: Stop in to the library and grab some exciting pool and beach novels from the basket on the table! For young visitors, we have kids books in the library on a bottom shelf labeled Kids Korner as well as in Fellowship Hall on a colorful cart near the piano. Library hours: Mon-Thurs 8-2 and Sunday before and after service.

Our Daily Bread: Please help us restock by bringing donations to **Fellowship Hall. Needed Items:** canned meats, tuna, chicken, dry pasta, ramen noodles, cereal, condiments, jelly, soup, canned fruit. Your gift—large or small—blesses those who rely on this ministry.

"Connections Conversation" Sunday, 11/8, 11:20 am (Sanctuary), led by Pastor Julia. **Come and discover ways to participate further in the life of Christ Church.** This is for anyone interested in greater participation in Christ Church ministries, including membership. Please sign up at the activities table or at the Welcome Desk. "Connections Conversations" are held following worship on the second Sunday of each month. Information: Kristine Bemko, 248-808-4409; kbemko@aol.com.

November 1, 2026 is our 17th annual **Remembrance Sunday**. During our service we will give thanks to God for those servants of Christ Church who have died in the past year as well as immediate family members of our "church family". **If you would like to have your loved one included in Remembrance Sunday**, please call Bennie Dods 941-952-8196 or email missbennie1@gmail.com. All information is needed **by October 27th**.