This Week at CHRIST CHURCH

Sun	11/15	10:00am	Worship & Communion (Sanctuary)
Mon	11/16	7:30am	Longbeach Men's Breakfast (Longbeach Cafe)
		8:00am	Men's Bible Study (Palm Room)
		1:00pm	Deacons (Palm Room)
		7:00pm	Choir Rehearsal (Fellowship Hall)
Tues	11/17	9:00am	Session (Palm Room)
		10:00am	Women's Weight Training (Fellowship Hall)
		5:00pm	Island Interfaith Thanksgiving Service (Temple Beth Israel)
Wed	11/18	10:00am	Women's Bible Study (Palm Room)
		1:00pm	Book Club (Olive Room)
		1:30pm	Session/Deacons Prayer Course (Palm Room)
Thurs	11/19	10:30am	Session/Deacons Prayer Course (Zoom)
Fri	11/20		Newsletter/Grapevine Deadline
		10:00am	Women's Stretching (Narthex)
Sun	11/22	10:00am	Worship (Sanctuary)

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PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (USA)

CHURCH STAFF

Dr. Julia Wharff Piermont, Pastor
Robert S. Romanski, Director of Music
Chris Westfall, Organist
Nancy Prezbindowski, Office Manager
Claudio Evaristo (Craus Corp.), Facility Steward

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.)



Mosaic by Jan Frearks van der Bij, Broeksterwâld, Netherlands

November 15, 2026 10:00 a.m.

25th Sunday after Pentecost

Order of Worship

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

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

Prelude *"The Healing Place"* Joseph M. Martin Devon Meddock, Soprano

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 Psalm 90) David Julian, Liturgist

One: Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations;
All: You have been our home throughout all ages.
One: You were there before the world was made
and will be forever.
All: From everlasting to everlasting you are God.

***Hymn** #210 *"Our God, Our Help in Ages Past"*

Confession and Forgiveness

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Loving God, we confess that we have sinned against you by neglecting to honor you and one another. When we place our iniquities before you, it is your love that sheds light on our wayward deeds. As we stand in awe of your constancy for us, we ask your forgiveness through the mercy of Christ, in whose name we pray. 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.

Receiving New Members

Presentation

Full Members: Charles Korbuly, Anne & Thomas Saunders, Pam Sauwaert, and Beverly Sutton
Affiliate Member: Amy Thompson

***Profession of Faith: The Apostles' Creed** (Ecumenical Version)

Covenant Promises
Prayer and Welcome

Prayer for Illumination

First Scripture Reading Psalm 90: 1-8, 12

Choral Anthem *"Amazing Grace/ My Chains Are Gone"* Arr. Tom Fettke

Second Scripture Reading Matthew 25: 14-29

Sermon "God's Treasure" Dr. Piermont

***Hymn** #280 *"Amazing Grace"* stanzas 1-4

Offering

Call for the Offering

Offertory *"You Are My Peace"* Angerman/Martin
Devon Meddock, Soprano

***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** #391 *"Take My Life, and Let It Be"* stanzas 1, 4, 5, and 6

*** Benediction**

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

Postlude *"Voluntary in D Major"* Marc Antoine Charpentier

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 11/15/2026

The Chancel arrangements are given to the Glory of God
by The Buckley Family in memory of Jean Buckley and by Mary Ann Boop,
Barbara & Jon Grimes in loving memory of Kirt Bopp.

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!*



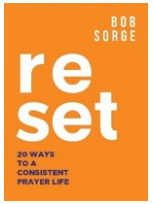
Hanging of the Greens- Calling all Christmas Elves! Are you a Christmas Elf? Join us in the Narthex the morning of November 24 at 10AM to help decorate the Church in Christmas. There will be treats!

Poinsettias and small Christmas cactus are available for purchase/donation beginning Sunday November 15. **Please sign up!** Prices range from $5 -25.

Book Club will be held **November 18 at 1pm** in the Olive Room of Galilee house. We will be discussing "Here We Go" by Eleanor Hamby & Dr. Sandra Hazelip. We will also be selecting books for future meetings. Any questions please contact Kay or Keith Tschannen

BELL RINGING STARTS FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 27TH at Publix on Longboat Key. Shifts are only 1 ¼ hours long and go from 9:00 am till 5:45 pm through December 24th. The Salvation Army/Kiwanis Club depend upon us. **Please sign up!** or email Sue Wertman at quackbf@aol.com with the dates you would like to ring. Her phone number is (941) 447-1472.

Men's Club Breakfast will be on **Monday, December 7 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 by George Workman on his experiences "Hunting for a Soviet Sub during the Cold War". If you plan to attend, **Please sign up!**



RESET FOLLOW UP: 59 people signed up to do the Reset challenge. We would love feedback about your experience. Please send to barbaracgrimes@gmail.com.

Women's Bible Study meets on **Wednesdays at 10:00 am** in the Palm Room in Galilee House. Our current study is "Tame Your Thoughts" by Max Lucado. On **November 18th**, we will begin "Because of Bethlehem: Love is Born, Hope is Here," a 4 week Advent study also by Max Lucado. (There will be no class on November 25th.) **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 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 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.

Women's Stretching and Weight Resistance Classes. Join us for Weight Resistance Training on Tuesdays from 10 - 10:45 and/or for Gentle Stretching on Fridays from 10 - 11. **Please sign up!** Questions? Contact: beverlyannsutton@yahoo.com

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.

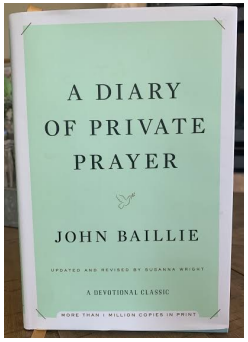
Chancel Flowers: Sign up sheets are out to give flowers to grace our chancel each Sunday through summer. **Please sign up!** or contact Barbara Grimes at 865-384-0569. Open dates are Nov. 22 & 24; Dec. 6, 13, &27; Jan. 10.

We invite you to join us in supporting Our Music Director, Robert Romanski, at a **Veterans Day Salute Concert** performed by the North Port Symphony Orchestra **Today, November 15, at 3:00pm**. You'll hear such classics as the Dvorak New World Symphony along with many American favorites honoring our veterans (including a tribute to Dolly Parton!) Tickets are available online at the North Port Symphony Orchestra website.

Welcome the Christ Child With Daily Prayer in December



A Diary of Private Prayer
By John Baillie (2014 rev. ed. by Susanna Wright)



This beautiful book is a collection of morning and evening prayers, one each per day for 31 days. It is not a book about prayer: rather, it is simply a book of prayers (with room to add your own notes and prayers).

The Rev. Dr. John Baillie was a well-respected Scottish minister. He was chaplain to Scottish royalty and, in addition to his earned Ph.D. and divinity degrees, he holds honorary degrees from five different countries.

Most important, he has a passionate Christian faith and a beautiful, uplifting ways with words.

We are encouraging all the people of Christ Church to **let these prayers be your own prayers every day in December.** We know it is a busy time, so we chose a challenge which can occupy as little or as much time as you wish.

Last year, 100 people took part in reading the Gospel of Matthew. Could we reach 100 again this year? **Please sign up now**, then begin reading on December 1st.

Books are available at church for $10 each while supplies last. It is also available in e-book or audio forms, as well as in the author's original edition (in King James style English).

We hope you will find this month of prayer to be enriching for your prayer life and a fitting way to prepare to welcome the gift of the Emmanuel!