This Week at CHRIST CHURCH

Sun	11/8	10:00am	Worship & Communion (Sanctuary)
		11:20am	Connections Conversation (Sanctuary)
Mon	11/9	7:30am	Longbeach Men's Breakfast (Longbeach Cafe)
		9:00am	Men's Bible Study (Palm Room)
		10:30am	Spiritual Growth (Zoom)
		11:00am	Grateful Giving (Palm Room)
		1:00pm	Hope Seeds (Fellowship Hall)
		7:00pm	Choir Rehearsal (Fellowship Hall)
Tues	11/10	10:30am	Fellowship (Palm Room)
		10:00am	Women's Weight Training (Fellowship Hall)
Wed	11/11	10:00am	Women's Bible Study (Palm Room)
		1:30pm	Session/Deacons Prayer Course (Palm Room)
Thurs	11/12	10:30am	Session/Deacons Prayer Course (Zoom)
		2:00pm	Personnel (Zoom)
		9:00am	Our Daily Bread Food Drive (Parking Lot)
Fri	11/13	10:00am	Women's Stretching (Narthex)
Sat	11/14	3:00pm	Jean Buckley Memorial Service (Sanctuary)
Sun	11/15	10:00am	Worship (Sanctuary)

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
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The Good Shepherd stained glass (Amiens, France)

November 8, 2026 10:00 a.m.

24th 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 *"Processional on a Theme of Handel"* David Laskey
Chris Westfall, Organist

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

Welcome and Announcements Dr. Julia Wharff Piermont, Pastor
Christmas Is Coming! Jerry Fox, Mission Partnerships

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

Call to Worship (from Psalm 100) Karen Gardiner, Liturgist

One: Worship the Lord with gladness!
All: **We come into God's presence with singing.**
One: For the Lord our God is good.
All: **God's steadfast love endures forever.**

***Hymn** #485 *"To God Be the Glory"*

Confession and Forgiveness

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Loving God, without your grace we are like sheep without a shepherd. Sometimes we are harassed by sin and feel helpless against its power. Sometimes, in our sin, we neglect to help others with the gifts you provide. we wander from your love and wisdom. Forgive us, O Lord, and bring us home. Restore us to your flock and fold, we pray, that your goodness and mercy shall follow us all of our days; through Jesus Christ, our Good Shepherd. 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 Jerry Fox, Reader

First Scripture Reading Psalm 23

Choral Anthem *"As the Deer/ I Worship You, Almighty God"*
Arr. Russell Mauldin

Second Scripture Reading Matthew 9: 35-39

Sermon "Gospel Ingredients" Dr. Piermont

***Hymn** #171 *"The King of Love My Shepherd Is"*

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

Offering

Call for the Offering
Offertory *"Andante"* Cesar Franck
***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** #525 *"Here I Am, Lord"*

*** Benediction**

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

Postlude *"March Pontificale"* Gordon Young

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 11/8/2026

The Chancel arrangements are given to the Glory of God
by The Lenci-Sutton Family in memory of Gordon Lenci.

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!*

The 20/20 Challenge: Pray for 20 minutes per day for 20 days in a row.



The Spiritual Growth Committee is encouraging everyone to undertake this challenge before the end of November. That means the **latest date to begin is Wed, Nov 11.** We chose a companion book for this journey: ***Reset: 20 Ways to a Consistent Prayer Life*** by Bob Sorge (96 little pages, Oasis House, 2018), available at your favorite bookseller.



Even if you are still "up north," you can take part! 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.

"Connections Conversation" TODAY, 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 simply join us at 11:20 in the Sanctuary. "Connections Conversations" are held following worship on the second Sunday of each month. The next one will be on December 13. Information: Kristine Bemko, 248-808-4409; kbemko@aol.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 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 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!

Jean Buckley Memorial Service— Please join us to give thanks for Jean's life this Saturday, **November 14th at 3:00pm**. Reception to follow in the 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.

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 of Bradenton Food Drive, Thursday, November 12th, 9:00 – 10:30 AM. Church Parking Lot – 6400 Gulf of Mexico Drive
Our Daily Bread Pantry is experiencing record attendance—every Monday, Wednesday and Friday. The shelves are running low. We are collecting: Canned tuna, chicken, meats, and vegetables, Dry pasta, ramen noodles, condiments, Toilet Paper, Diapers (sizes 3–6).
Your kindness helps nourish both body and spirit. Thank you for being part of this effort to care for our neighbors in need. If you prefer to contribute financially, check donations made payable to Our Daily Bread. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to Sue Wertman, Brent Piersma, or Holly Braun.

From Mike Gardiner:
Don't Miss Pastor Julia Blowing Her Horn With The North Port Symphony on Sunday, November 15, at 3:00pm.
Our very own Pastor Julia will be playing the French Horn in a Veterans Day Salute Concert performed by the North Port Symphony Orchestra, under the direction of their well loved conductor and our Music Director, Robert Romanski.
You'll hear her perform in 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.
LET'S SUPPORT JULIA and ROBERT on
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15 at 3:00

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