This Week at CHRIST CHURCH

Sun	9/27	10:00am	Worship (Sanctuary)
Mon	9/28	7:30am	Men's Longbeach Breakfast (Longbeach Cafe)
Tues	9/29	9:30am	Worship Committee (Zoom)
Wed	9/30	1:30pm	Session/Deacons Prayer Course (Palm Room)
Thurs	10/1	10:30am	Session/Deacons Prayer Course (Zoom)
Sun	10/4	10:00am	Worship & Communion (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.)



September 27, 2026 10:00 a.m.

WEEDS & SEEDS: PARABLES FROM MATTHEW 13 Part 3

Order of Worship

September 27, 2026 ~ *Weeds & Seeds, Part 3*

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

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

Prelude *"Air On A G String"* J.S. Bach Nathan Boock, Guest Organist

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

Welcome and Announcements Dr. Julia Wharff Piermont, Pastor

Call to Worship (based on Psalm 119)

One: Blessed be God whose word gives hope
And shapes our dreams,
All: Whose love has conquered death.
One: Blessed be God who orders our way
And guides our steps
All: Leading us into life.

***Hymn** #263 *"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"*

Confession and Forgiveness

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

God of mystery, God of life, we imagine that we are capable judges of power and wisdom and goodness. We forget that your power is hidden in all things. Forgive us, we pray, for failing to watch for you, working out your purposes. Transform our short-sighted imaginations, that we may relent from hasty judgments and see the world with the eyes of your grace. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

(a time for silent confession)

Assurance of Forgiveness

*** Congregational Response** (sing twice—music on blue card in hymnals)

Glory to God, whose goodness has shined on me,
And to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
And to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be. Amen.

Prayer for Illumination Bill Wartinbee, Reader

First Scripture Reading Psalm 119: 129-136

Solo *"Lord of All Hopefulness"* traditional Irish melody text: Jan Struther
Dennis Piermont, Voice & Guitar

Second Scripture Reading Matthew 13: 31-32, 34-35

Sermon "How We Size Up" Dr. Piermont
Weeds & Seeds: Parables from Matthew 13– 3rd of 3

***Hymn** #267 *"All Things Bright and Beautiful"*

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

Offering

Call for the Offering
Offertory *"Goodness of God"*
***Doxology** tune: PUER NOBIS NASCITUR

To God the Father, God the Son,
And God the Spirit, Three in One,
Be honor, praise, and glory given,
By all on earth and all in heaven.

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

Prayers of the People

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

*** Hymn** #261 *"God of Compassion, in Mercy Befriend Us"*

*** Benediction**

Postlude *"Hornpipe"* from *Water Music* 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: Kathy McLean, 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: Kathy McLean or 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 or Kathy McLean (941) 704-3633.

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 9/27/2026

The Chancel arrangements are given to the Glory of God by Jon & Barbara Grimes in honor of their son, James Birthday and given by Julie Klick in memory of Paul Klick III .

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!*

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 by calling or texting at 865-384-0569.Open dates are available from October thru December.

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

Our Daily Bread is in need of: CEREAL, CANNED MEATS, TUNA AND CHICKEN, please place in ODB box in Fellowship Hall. Are you looking to volunteer in our community, ODB needs you? Please contact Sue Wertman, Holly Braun or Brent Piersma for more information.

Women's Bible Study meets on **Wednesdays at 10:00 am** in the Palm Room in Galilee House. On **October 7th** we will begin 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 Bible Study will soon pick up on **Mondays at 9:00am**! We are at the end of our summer break, we will begin our weekly Men's Bible Study starting **October 5**. Our new study will be about the book of Ephesians. We will be 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.

Lift Your Voice in Song: Join the Church Choir!
Do you love to sing, hum along with the hymns, or share a joyful noise? The church choir is welcoming new members for the upcoming season, and we would love for you to join us!
No professional experience or formal audition is required—just a willing heart and a love for music ministry.

When we rehearse: Monday at 7:00pm in the Fellowship Hall
When we sing: Sunday morning at 9:30 AM
Who can join: Everyone

If you are interested or have any questions, please speak with our Music Director, Robert Romanski, after the service, or contact the church office at info@christchurchoflbk.org . **Rehearsals begin October 12.** Come make a joyful sound with us!

Women's Stretching and Balancing Class. Fridays: 10 - 11. 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

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Women's Light Weight Training Class. Tuesdays: 10 - 10:45. 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



FRIED CHICKEN POTLUCK & SUNSET VESPER SERVICE

October 14 - 5:00 pm in Fellowship Hall with beachside sunset service to follow.

Join us for an evening of food, fellowship and worship!

Just bring a side dish or salad and we will provide the rest.
After dinner, join Pastor Julia for a beautiful Sunset Vesper Service on the beach.

Cost: $5 per person
Please sign up! **by Sunday, October 11th.**

Bring a friend!

Questions? Contact Karen Jennings: karenjennings1239@gmail.com or 610-733-9755
If you need help getting to the beach, contact Karen and we will make arrangements for you.