

This Week at CHRIST CHURCH

Mon	4/27	7:30am	Men's Longbeach Breakfast (Longbeach Cafe)
		9:00am	Men's Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)
		7:00pm	Choir Practice (Fellowship Hall)
Tues	4/28	9:30am	Fellowship Cmte (Palm Room)
		1:30pm	Bridge (Cafe Area)
Wed	4/29	10:00am	Women's Bible Study (Palm Room)
		1:00pm	Session "A" team
Fri	5/1	10:00am	Women's Stretching (Narthex)



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.)



Credit: NASA

"Earthrise" Apollo 8 Dec 24, 1968



Credit: NASA

"Earthset" Artemis II April 6, 2026

April 26, 2026 10:00 a.m.
USA250: MOMENTS OF FAITH AND FREEDOM

ORDER OF WORSHIP

April 26, 2026 -USA250: Moments of Faith and Freedom

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

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

Prelude *"Moonlight Sonata"* (Opus 27, No.2) Ludwig van Beethoven

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

Welcome and Announcements Dr. Julia Wharff Piermont, Pastor

Choral Introit *"Christ Is Risen! Raise Your Spirits!"*

Call to Worship (from Psalm 89)

One: We will sing of your steadfast love, O Lord, forever;

**All: With our mouths we will proclaim your
faithfulness to all generations.**

One: We declare that your steadfast love is established forever;

All: Your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens.

***Hymn #455** *"All Creatures of our God and King"* stanzas 1, 2, 4, and 6

Confession and Forgiveness

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess our failure to be what you created us to be. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from you ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love. By your loving mercy, help us to live in your light and abide in your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

(a time for silent confession)

Assurance of Forgiveness

***Congregational Response #122** *"Thine Is the Glory"*

*Thine is the glory, Risen, conquering Son;
Endless in the victory Thou o'er death hast won.*

First Scripture Reading Psalm 19: 1-6 Wiley Osborn, Reader

Anthem *"Be Thou My Vision"* Arr. Russell Mauldin

Second Scripture Reading Colossians 1:15-20

Sermon "Moon Dreams" Dr. Piermont
USA250: MOMENTS OF FAITH AND FREEDOM (4th in a series)

***Hymn #285** *"God, You Spin the Whirling Planets"*

***Eastertide Affirmation of Faith** (from Peter's affirmation in Acts 10)

"God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; Jesus went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

Offering

Call for the Offering

Offertory *"Beyond the Moon and Stars"* Dan Schuttler

***Doxology #121** *"That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright"*

*O Jesus, King of gentleness Do all our inmost hearts possess,
And we to You will ever raise The tribute of our grateful praise.*

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

Prayers of the People

Pastoral Prayer

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

***Hymn #554** *"Let All Things Now Living"*

***Benediction**

***Congregational Response** *"Lift High the Cross"*

*Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
Till all the world adore His sacred name.*

Postlude *"Lunar Reflections Medley"* Arr. Chris Westfall

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 Kaul, 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, ECHO, EFELT, Harvest House, Hope Seeds, InStride, Our Daily Bread, Presbyterian USA World Mission, Reading Buddies, 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 4/26/2026

The Chancel arrangements are given by Tom Dunham in memory of Patty Dunham & by Jerry and Joyce Roslund in honor of The music ministry of our church.

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!*

Women's Bible Study meets on **Wednesdays at 10:00 am** in the Galilee House Palm Room. Our current study is: "Jeremiah: Daring to Hope in an Unstable World" by Melissa Spoelstra. This 6 week study examines God's words of instruction through the prophet Jeremiah and provides guidelines to navigate challenges and circumstances of life by putting hope in God alone. **Please sign up!** An option to attend by Zoom is available. For information, contact Vivian Chester at vivianchester10@yahoo.com or (941) 961-8659.

EFELT has a **food drive** underway to feed kids from food-deprived homes on weekends. They need peanut butter (16 oz), canned tuna/chicken (up to 12oz), macaroni and cheese/pasta, ramen (3 oz), canned soup, fruit, veggies, fruit snacks and chips (small bags) and granola/breakfast bars. **LET'S FILL UP THE EFELT BOX IN MISSION AREA.** Thank you.

Men's Weekly Bible Study is studying "*Life Lessons from Mark: A Life-Changing Story*" by Max Lucado. Fellowship Hall, **Mondays, 9:00am**

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.

Bridge is every Tuesday at 1:30pm in the Café area.

Library News: Stop in to the library and grab some exciting pool and beach novels from the basket on the table! For your 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: ARE YOU LEAVING for the season? Before you go, please consider bringing in any unused pantry items. Cereal, canned tuna, chicken, meats, dry pasta, peanut butter & jelly, condiments, toilet paper, diapers (sizes 3-6). Your generosity helps feed local families. Please place in ODB box in Fellowship Hall.

Logo Name Badges. Name badges may be ordered at a cost of \$10. Order forms are available at the Welcome Desk. If you have never received a Christ Church name badge, the first one is our gift to you (no cost).

**Thanking Dr. Fred Finks
in Worship and Fellowship Time
Sunday, May 3rd, 10:00 am**

CCLBK Member and retired minister, Dr. Fred Finks, generously served as our Parish Associate for nine years. While he and Holly will remain active members of our church, Fred has officially finished his tenure as parish associate. On Sunday, May 3rd, we will thank him for all the ways he has provided pastoral care, spiritual wisdom, and faithful encouragement. In addition to your attendance, you may take part in any of these ways:

- be ready to share a story during the reception time
- write a personal card of appreciation
- contribute to a love offering for Fred's 80th birthday family trip (checks payable to CCLBK, with "Fred love offering" on memo line)

Cards and gifts may be mailed to church or placed in the basket at the Welcome Desk. Thank you.



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OPPORTUNITY MINI-FAIR

April 26, 2026 - Following Worship

Volunteer Opportunities

***Share in the Ministry Areas of Buildings & Grounds, Personnel,
Membership, Spiritual Growth and Communications***

On April 26th following the worship, session leaders will be at tables in the fellowship hall to discuss volunteer opportunities as members of committees serving our church. This is an opportunity for greater engagement in the ways we seek to be faithful and grow in Jesus' name. This event is organized by the chairs of the following session committees:

- **Membership** - Elder Kristine Bemko
- **Communications** - Elder Michael Gardiner
- **Spiritual Growth** - Elder Jon Grimes
- **Buildings & Grounds** - Elder David Julian
- **Personnel** - Elder John Kaull

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