

## *This Week at* CHRIST CHURCH

Mon	5/4	7:30am	Men's Longbeach Breakfast (Longbeach Cafe)
		9:00am	Men's Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)
Wed	5/6	10:00am	Women's Bible Study (Palm Room)
		1:00pm	Personnel Cmte (Palm Room)
Fri	5/8	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  
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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*



"The Good Shepherd" mosaic in Ravenna, Italy (ca. 5th century)

May 3, 2026 10:00 a.m.  
Fifth Sunday of Easter

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

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

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

**Prelude** *"It Is Well With My Soul"* Arr. Dino Kartsonakis

*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 23)

One: We rejoice in the Lord who leads us beside still waters,

**All: And who refreshes our souls.**

One: Christ our Shepherd leads us in paths of righteousness,

**All: So that the name of God is glorified.**

One: The goodness and mercy of the Lord are always near,

**All: Praise the name of the Lord forever!**

**\*Hymn #482** *"Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty"*

**Confession and Forgiveness**

**Prayer of Confession** (in unison)

Merciful God, You call us to be Your people, the sheep of Your pasture. You call us by name, yet we confess that we have not listened for Your voice. Other loyalties, lesser loyalties, draw our attention and fill our ears. We seek our own way rather than trusting Your path. We take for granted Your sacrificial love, which gives life, and instead choose paths that lead to death. Good Shepherd, forgive us when we wander. Search us, we pray, and bring us back to the fold. By your Holy Spirit, heal our brokenness and strengthen our wills, that we might follow where You lead. In Jesus' name we pray. 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 23

Dr. Fred Finks, Reader

**Anthem** *"As We Gather At Your Table"* Lloyd Larson

**Second Scripture Reading** John 10:1-11

**Sermon** "Munch, Munch, Munch"

Dr. Piermont

**\*Hymn #387** *"Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"*

**Thanksgiving for Parish Associate ministry of Dr. Fred Finks**

**Offering**

**Call for the Offering**

**Offertory** *"Offertorium"* Gordon Young

**\*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**

**Sacrament of the Lord's Supper**

**Invitation and Great Prayer of Thanksgiving**

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

**Breaking of the Bread and Communion**

**Prayer after Communion**

**\*Hymn** (see insert) *"I Will Come to You"* ("You Are Mine")

**\*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** *"Rondo"* John Bull

*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*

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### 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, Easterseals Ranch, Our Daily Bread, Presbyterian 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 5/3/2026

The Chancel arrangements are given by Whit and Cathy Daily in honor of their Son, Brian Daily.

**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](http://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](mailto: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.

**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).

## Spring Lunch!

Join us for good food, fun and fellowship!

We are having a spring lunch at Beach House Waterfront Restaurant and we would love for you to join us!

We will meet at the Beach House Restaurant on May 20th at 12:00pm.

Sign ups will be available May 3rd, 10th and 17th at the activities table or you can contact Judy Ebrahim at [jebrahim118@gmail.com](mailto:jebrahim118@gmail.com)



## I Will Come to You You Are Mine

*Leader or All*

A D A E

1 "I will come to you in the si - lence;  
2 "I am hope for all who are hope - less;  
3 "I am strength for all the de - spair - ing,  
(4) am the Word that leads all to free - dom; I

F#m D Esus E

I will lift you from all your fear.  
I am eyes for all who long to see. (2) In the  
heal - ing - for the ones who dwell in shame.  
am the peace the world can - not give.

A D C# F#m

You will hear my voice; I claim you as my choice. Be  
shad - ows of the night, I will be your light.  
All the blind will see; the lame will all run free, and  
I will call your name, em - brac - ing all your pain. Stand

Bm A D Esus E Esus E

still and know I am here.  
Come and rest in me.  
all will know my name.  
up, now walk and live!

*Refrain All*

A D E F#m7 D

Do not be a - fraid, I am with you. I have called you each by

Esus E A D E F#m F#m7

name. Come and fol - low me, I will bring you home; I

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love you and you are mine." 4 "I