

This Week at CHRIST CHURCH

Mon	5/11	7:30am	Men's Longbeach Breakfast (Longbeach Cafe)
		9:00am	Men's Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)
		10:15am	Spiritual Growth Committee (Palm Room)
Wed	5/13	10:00am	Women's Bible Study (Palm Room)
Thur	5/14	9:00am	Presbytery Meeting (First Presbyterian Church of Arcadia)
Fri	5/15	10:00am	Women's Stretching (Narthex)

Message from Fred Finks

Holly and I wish to express our sincere thanks for such a wonderful day of recognition for my years of service as Parish Associate. Your expressions of love and friendship were overwhelming, but graciously appreciated. Thank you to each and every one of you as we continue to worship together at Christ Church.

Fred and Holly



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



Anonymous 20th Sculpture in the Divine Master Chapel,
Mar del Plata, Argentina

May 10, 2026 10:00 a.m.
Sixth Sunday of Easter– Mother's Day

ORDER OF WORSHIP

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

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

Prelude *"Rigaudon"* Arr. Andre Campra

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

Welcome and Announcements Dr. Julia Wharff Piermont, Pastor

Choral Introit *"As the Deer"* Martin J. Nystrom

Call to Worship (from Psalm 92)

One: It is good to give thanks to the Lord,
To sing praises to your name, O Most High;

All: **To declare that your steadfast love in the morning,
And your faithfulness by night.**

One: For you, O Lord, have made us glad by your work;

All: **At the work of your hands we will sing for joy!**

***Hymn #473** *"For the Beauty of the Earth"*

Confession and Forgiveness

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

O Lord Jesus, you are the Way, the Truth, and the Life. Rather than following you, we often choose our own paths and someone else's truth as to what leads to the good life. We cling to the ways of fear, rather than trusting the ways of grace-filled love. Forgive our fear, our resistance, and our sin. O Gracious Savior, guide our feet back to your Way, renew our minds with your Truth, and lead our hearts into your Life. In your name and for your glory 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 84:1-4, 10-12 Vilia Johnson, Reader

Anthem *"There Are the Things"* Williams/Lantz

Second Scripture Reading John 14:1-7

Sermon "House of Love"

Dr. Piermont

***Hymn #457** *"I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art"* stanzas 1, 3, 4, & 5

***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 handing him on to 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 *"Andante"* G.F. Handel

***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** (see insert) *"I Love to Tell the Story"*

***Benediction**

Choral Response *"The Lord Bless You and Keep You"* Peter Lutkin

Postlude *"Postludium"* 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: 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.

Excerpt from *The Study Catechism of the Presbyterian Church (USA) (1988)*

Question 51: How will God deal with the followers of other religions?
God has made salvation available to all human beings through Jesus Christ, crucified and risen. How God will deal with those who do not know or follow Christ, but who follow another tradition, we cannot finally say. We can say, however, that God is gracious and merciful, and that God will not deal with people in any other way than we see in Jesus Christ, who came as the Savior of the world.

Question 52: How should I treat non-Christians and people of other religions?

As much as I can, I should meet friendship with friendship, hostility with kindness, generosity with gratitude, persecution with forbearance, truth with agreement, and error with truth. I should express my faith with humility and devotion as the occasion requires, whether silently or openly, boldly or meekly, by word or by deed. I should avoid compromising the truth on the one hand and being narrow-minded on the other. In short, I should always welcome and accept these others in a way that honors and reflects the Lord's welcome and acceptance of me.

(Full catechism with Scripture references is available at www.fcpc.org/documents/biblical%20PCUSA.pdf or by calling the office.)

Announcements 5/10/2026

The Chancel arrangements are given by Barbara Grimes in honor of Jon Grimes' birthday and by Jon & Barbara Grimes in honor of Greta Grimes and in memory of Betty Cook.

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!*

Men's Weekly Bible Study is studying "Life Lessons from Daniel & Esther" by Max Lucado. Fellowship Hall, **Mondays, 9:00am**.

At-Home or Office Volunteer Opportunity! We are in need of a few volunteers to take turns keeping our worship attendance records and/or follow up with visitors (notes or phone calls). Tasks may be completed at home or in the office. All training and support provided. To learn more or to volunteer, please contact Julia Piermont or Nancy Prezbindowski in the office. 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.

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.

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.

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.

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! Beach House Waterfront Restaurant!

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

THE WORD

462 I Love to Tell the Story

1 I love to tell the sto - ry of un - seen things a - bove,
 2 I love to tell the sto - ry; 'tis pleas - ant to re - peat
 3 I love to tell the sto - ry, for those who know it best

of Je - sus and his glo - ry, of Je - sus and his love.
 what seems, each time I tell it, more won - der - ful - ly sweet!
 seem hun - ger - ing and thirst - ing to hear it, like the rest.

I love to tell the sto - ry, be - cause I know 'tis true;
 I love to tell the sto - ry, for some have nev - er heard
 And when, in scenes of glo - ry, I sing the new, new song,

it sat - is - fies my long - ings as noth - ing else could do.
 the mes - sage of sal - va - tion from God's own ho - ly Word.
 'twill be the old, old sto - ry that I have loved so long.

Refrain

I love to tell the sto - ry; 'twill be my theme in glo - ry

to tell the old, old sto - ry of Je - sus and his love.