

This Week at CHRIST CHURCH

Sun	6/14	11:20am	Connections Conversation (Sanctuary)
Mon	6/15	7:30am	Men's Longbeach Breakfast (Longbeach Cafe)
		9:00am	Men's Bible Study (Palm Room)
		10:15am	Spiritual Growth (Palm Room)
Wed	6/17	8:15am	Town of LBK meeting (Fellowship Hall)
		10:00am	Peacemaking Study (Palm Room)
Sun	6/21	10:00am	Worship (Sanctuary)



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.)



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Classic Orthodox Trinity Icon: Hospitality of Abraham

June 14, 2026 10:00 a.m.

GENESES: Abraham & Sarah

ORDER OF WORSHIP

June 14, 2026 ~ GENESES: Abraham & Sarah

Please remember to turn off your cell phone.

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

Prelude “Prelude in C Major” J.S. Bach

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 105)

One: O give thanks to the Lord, call on God’s name,

All: Make known God’s deeds among the peoples.

One: For the Lord remembered his holy promise

And Abraham, his servant.

All: God brought out his people with joy,

That they might keep his statutes.

Praise the Lord!

***Hymn #459** “Father, We Praise Thee”

Confession and Forgiveness

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, You come near to us in ways we do not always recognize. Like Abraham and Sarah, we are called to welcome your presence, yet we confess that we often fail to see you in the stranger, the neighbor, and the one in need. Forgive us, O God. Renew in us a spirit of hospitality, humility, and courage. Teach us to trust your promises, even when they seem beyond belief. Shape us into a people who reflect your hospitality and share your mercy with all whom we meet. By your grace, restore us and lead us in the way of faithfulness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(a time for silent confession)

Assurance of Forgiveness

***Congregational Response #492, 1st stanza, BUNESSAN**

Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit,

Cleansed by the blood of Christ our King;

Heirs of salvation, trusting God’s promise,

Faithfully now God’s praises we sing.

First Scripture Reading Genesis 18:1-8

Delin Bru, Reader

Solo “I Asked the Lord” Lange/Duncan

Bill McClure, Baritone

Second Scripture Reading Genesis 18:9-15

Sermon “Isn’t It Ironic?”

Dr. Piermont

GENESES: A SUMMER SERIES (2nd OF 8)

***Hymn #282** “If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee”

***Affirmation of Faith** The Apostles’ Creed (Ecumenical Version) Hymnal p.14

Offering

Call for the Offering

Offertory “Aria in F” G.F. Handel

***Doxology**

(Tune: LASST UNS ERFREUEN)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.

Praise God, all creatures here below. Alleluia, Alleluia!

Praise God above, ye heavenly host

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia, Alleluia!

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

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

Prayers of the People

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord’s Prayer (“debts” and “debtors”)

***Hymn #324** “Open My Eyes, That I May See”

***Benediction**

Postlude “Fugue in C Major” J.S. Bach

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, 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 6/14/2026

The Chancel arrangements are given by George & Vicki Workman in honor of their 59th Wedding Anniversary.

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!*

Summer Sermon Series continues today. In eight sermons between Memorial Day and Labor Days weekend, Dr. Piermont is exploring ways our relationship with God begins, develops, and endures, as seen in some of the extraordinary stories of Genesis. "**GENESES**" is the plural form of genesis and means "beginnings." These are the Sundays for the series:

Jun 7 Adam & Eve – Gen 3

Aug 2 Jacob – Gen 29

Jun 14 Abraham – Gen 18

Aug 9 Jacob – Gen 33

Jun 28 Isaac – Gen 24

Aug 30 Joseph – Gen 45

Jul 26 Jacob – Gen 28

Sep 6 Joseph – Gen 50

"Connections Conversation" TODAY, 6/14, 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. Information: Kristine Bemko, 248-808-4409; kbemko@aol.com.

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.

The **Relational Peacemaking course** is currently full but we do have a waitlist for those who are still interested. Please contact Barbara Grimes at barbaracgrimes@gmail.com.

CCLBK Events for July 5th. We hope you will include Christ Church in your plans for celebrating the USA's 250th birthday.

- July 5th is a Communion Sunday.
- As is our custom for Independence Day weekend, the theme for **Worship** will focus on American contributions to Christian heritage and mission, including music and hymns composed by Americans and ways individual citizens have exhibited fruit of the Spirit.
- The Scripture reading will be 2nd Corinthians 5:16-21, and Dr. Piermont's sermon, "**Being Like Benjamin,**" will feature a story regarding three signers of the Declaration of Independence.
- Our **music** leaders will be Chris Westfall (piano and organ), Brad Turner (trumpet) and Pam Snauwaert (voice).
- Following worship, we will host an indoor/outdoor **Potluck Picnic**. Please read the details on the next page. We hope to see you on July 5th—please invite family, friends, neighbors to join you!

Nominating Committee seeks your suggestions! Please submit your suggestions for potential Christ Church elders, deacons, or nominating committee members. A description of the responsibilities can be found on the Suggestion Form. Forms are available at the Welcome Desk or via the Eblast button. **Deadline is July 25th.** We thank you for your suggestions AND your prayers.

Men's Longbeach Breakfast group will be 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. You will still have time afterwards to attend the Men's Bible study at 9:00am.

Men's Weekly Bible Study is studying "Life Lessons from Daniel & Esther" by Max Lucado for 7 more weeks. Fellowship Hall, **Mondays, 9:00am.** After this study the Men's Bible Study will take a summer break.

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: Cereal, canned tuna, chicken, meats, dry pasta, peanut butter & jelly, condiments, toilet paper, diapers (sizes 3-6). Your generosity helps feed families in need. Please place in ODB box in Fellowship Hall. Our Daily Bread is in NEED of summer volunteers! To learn more, go to <https://www.ourdailybreadofbradenton.org/>. To volunteer, please call 941-745-2992.



The America250 Utah Commission set a goal of inspiring **25,000 neighborhood potluck gatherings** on the day after Independence Day 250. The Session authorized our church's participation, as well as inviting our Sleepy Lagoon neighbors.

- What:** **"America's Potluck" An indoor/outdoor picnic at Christ Church of Longboat Key**
- When:** Sunday, July 5 after worship
(Meal to begin at approximately 11:30am)
- Where:** Church Fellowship Hall and Terrace
(choice of indoor or outdoor seating)
- How to take part:** **Please SIGN UP** in the Fellowship Hall or online. Deadline Sunday 6/28/26.
- What's provided:** Beverages, Hot dogs, Ice Cream.
(Also plates, cups, cutlery, etc.)
- What to bring:** (1) A side dish to share (it's a POTLUCK!)
(2) A free will offering to help defray costs
(suggested \$3-\$5/person)
- What to wear:** Picnic clothing (yes, even for worship)
- More on Americas Potluck:** <https://america250.utah.gov/americanpotluck/>