

This Week at CHRIST CHURCH

Mon	7/27	7:30am	Men's Longbeach Breakfast (Longbeach Cafe)
Wed	7/29	10:00am	Peacemaking Course (Palm Room)
Sun	8/2	10:00am	Worship & Communion (Sanctuary)

Robert's 15th year with Christ Church begins!



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



"Jacob's Dream" Domenico Fetti (1613)

July 26, 2026 10:00 a.m.

GENESES: Jacob's Dream

ORDER OF WORSHIP

July 26, 2026 ~ GENESES: JACOB'S DREAM

Please remember to turn off your cell phone.

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

Prelude *"Processional in C"* arr. Hal H. Hopson Chris Westfall, 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 Isaiah 40)

One: They who wait upon the Lord
Shall renew their strength.

All: They shall mount up with wings as eagles,

One: They shall run and not be weary,

All: They shall walk and not faint.

One: Praise the Lord!

All: The Lord's name be praised!

***Hymn #489** *"Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty"*

Confession and Forgiveness

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Gracious and holy God, you are present in everywhere, yet often we live as though you are far away. We focus on our own plans, failing to consider your will. We cling to fear instead of trust, self-reliance instead of faith, and comfort instead of obedience. Forgive us, O Lord. Awaken us to the wonder of your presence in our midst. Open our eyes to see your work where we least expect it. Transform our hearts by the power of Christ crucified, so that we may trust your promises, walk in your ways, and reflect your holiness in all we do. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

(a time for silent confession)

Assurance of Forgiveness

*** Congregational Response** (sing twice)

Glory to God, whose goodness shines 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

Susan Crumpler, Reader

First Scripture Reading 1st Corinthians 1:26-31

Solo *"Surely, The Presence"* Lanny Wolfe

Patrick Roach, Tenor

Second Scripture Reading Genesis 28:10-22

Sermon "Jacob's First Stand"
GENESES: A SUMMER SERIES (4th of 8)

Dr. Piermont

***Hymn #428** *"We Give Thee but Thine Own"*

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

Offering

Call for the Offering

Offertory *"Interlude"* Mark Hayes

***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 #172** *"My Shepherd Will Supply My Need"*

*** Benediction**

Postlude *"Minuet Finale"* arr. E. Power Biggs

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 7/26/2026

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: 8/2, 8/9, 8/16, 8/23, and 8/30.

Robert Romanski's 15th Year Begins Sunday, August 2nd!

Well... technically, Robert's 15th year as our Director of Music starts on August 6th, but our CELEBRATION begins Sunday, August 2nd, with a **brief presentation in worship and a celebratory fellowship time (i.e. cake!)**. We have larger celebration plans during Season, but we hope all who can attend on August 2nd will be present to help us kick off Robert's 15th year!

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

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.

Summer Sermon Series

Dr. Piermont's 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 (past sermons can be found via our website or YouTube channel):

Jun 7	Adam & Eve – Gen 3
Jun 14	Abraham – Gen 18
Jun 28	Isaac – Gen 24
Jul 26	Jacob – Gen 28

Aug 2	Jacob – Gen 29
Aug 9	Jacob – Gen 33
Aug 30	Joseph – Gen 45
Sep 6	Joseph – Gen 50

IT'S TIME FOR THE ANNUAL CCLBK FISH FRY!



Delicious Fish, Dessert & Beverages will be provided!
Sign up to bring a salad or side dish to share

Sign up after church August 30, September 6 and 13 or
email jebrahim118@gmail.com

THURSDAY AUG 20
5:00pm in Fellowship Hall

Come Join In This Fun Summer Tradition!