

## This Week at CHRIST CHURCH

Sun	7/5	11:15am	“America’s Potluck” Picnic
Mon	7/6	7:30am	Men’s Longbeach Breakfast (Longbeach Cafe)
		9:00am	Men’s Bible Study (Palm Room)
Wed	7/8	10:00am	Peacemaking Study (Palm Room)
Sun	7/12	10:00am	Worship (Sanctuary)

### Summer Sermon Series

Dr. Piermont’s sermon series, **GENESIS**, will resume on July 26th. In eight sermons between Memorial Day and Labor Day, Dr. Piermont is exploring ways our relationship with God begins, develops, and endures, as seen in some of the extraordinary stories of Genesis.

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
<b>Jul 26</b>	<b>Jacob – Gen 28</b>	Sep 6	Joseph – Gen 50



#### 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

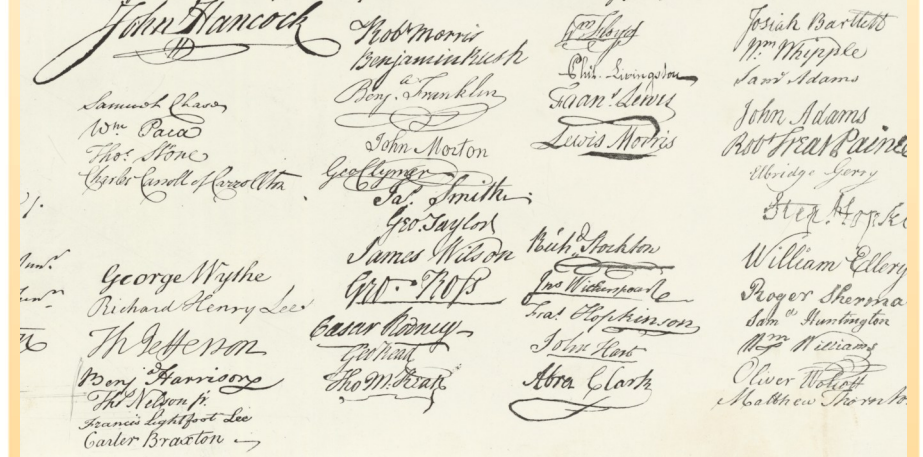
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Growing in Jesus’ Name



**CHRIST CHURCH**  
 OF LONGBOAT KEY  
 PRESBYTERIAN (U.S.A.)

...we, solemnly publish and declare, that these United Colonies are, and of right ought to be, free and independent States, and that all political connection between them and the State of Great Britain, is and ought to be totally dissolved; and that as a free and independent State, they have full Power to levy War, conclude Peace, contract Alliances, establish Commerce, and to do all other Acts and Things which Independent States may of right do.



Detail of the DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE  
 (1823 engraving by printer Wm. J. Stone)

**July 5, 2026 10:00 a.m.**  
**USA SEMIQUINCENTENNIAL**

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

July 5, 2026 ~ USA SEMIQUINCENTENNIAL

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

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

**Prelude** *“Medley for an American Holiday”* Brad Turner, Trumpet

Arr. Gary Lanier

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

**Welcome and Announcements** Dr. Julia Wharff Piermont, Pastor

**\*Hymn #564** *“O Beautiful for Spacious Skies”*

**Litany of Thanksgiving** Elder Jon Grimes

One: God of all nations and all peoples, we gather on this 250th anniversary of American independence to give you our thanks and praise.

**All: Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

One: For the gift of life and liberty, breathed into creation by your Spirit and safeguarded through generations,

**All: We give you thanks, O Lord.**

One: For the beauty of the earth, the purple mountains, fruited plains, and shining seas of which we sing.

**All: We give you thanks, O Lord.**

One: For the devotion to democracy shown by those who came before us, all who labored, sacrificed, and hoped so that freedom might increasingly flourish,

**All: We give you thanks, O Lord.**

One: For all who now serve the common good: those in government and military service, first responders, teachers, caregivers, advocates, and neighbors whose daily faithfulness strengthens our shared life,

**All: We give you thanks, O Lord.**

One: For the freedom to worship you without fear, to gather in community, to speak the truth, to pursue justice, and to proclaim your holy peace,

**All: We give you thanks, O Lord.**

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# 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 Kaull, 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.

**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.

**Men's Weekly Bible Study** is studying "Life Lessons from Daniel & Esther" by Max Lucado. Fellowship Hall, **Mondays, 9:00am through July 20**. After this study the Men's Bible Study will take a summer break.

**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.



### Bring on the Ministry Coming to Christ Church on July 19

Join the congregation on July 19 to hear the exciting story of our newest Mission Partner – Bring on the Ministry, and to learn of the many opportunities that exist to volunteer. After the service, Melinda Zarzycki-Harris, President of BOTM, will describe the wide range of services for the homeless that the agency performs.

Unlike agencies that require the homeless to come to their facilities, BOTM goes to where the homeless are, with needed services such as information on how to access food banks, assistance with daycare, private showers in a traveling van, help with insurance and social security questions, wash and dry services for clothes, and more.

The program will begin shortly following the regular Sunday service and everyone is invited to attend.

One: Praise the Lord, the Ruler of all nations!

All: **The Lord's name be praised! Amen!**

Solo *"Ev'ry Time I Feel the Spirit"*  
Arr. Bernd Frank

Pam Snauwaert, Soprano

**Prayer for Illumination**

Luiqi Ramsdell

**Psalm Reading** Psalm 133

**Scripture Readings** 2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians 5:14-18 and Philippians 2:1-4

**Sermon**

"Being Like Benjamin"

Dr. Piermont

*USA250: MOMENTS OF FAITH AND FREEDOM*

**Litany of Dedication**

One: O God of grace, as we celebrate this national milestone, renew in us a holy commitment to the responsibilities of freedom.

All: **Lord, make us faithful in our stewardship of the earth,**

One: That we may honor your creation, protect its beauty, and preserve its abundance for generations yet to come.

All: **Lord, make us faithful in our industry,**

One: That our labor may be just, our work honorable, and our efforts directed toward the flourishing of all.

All: **Lord, make us faithful in our citizenship,**

One: That we may be disciplined and respectful in our civic life, seeking the common good over personal interests.

All: **Lord, give us humility and hope.**

One: That we may seek justice, love, mercy, and walk humbly with you in every civic duty and public choice.

All: **O God of our ancestors and God of our future, bind us together in hope, strengthen us in service, and guide us in the ways of peace, for the sake of your glory and the blessing of the world. Amen.**

**Hymn #335** *"Though I May Speak"*

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## Offering

Call for the Offering

Offertory "At the River" arr. Aaron Copland Dennis Piermont, Baritone

\*Doxology (to the tune of "My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less")

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.*

*Praise God, all creatures here below.*

*Praise God above, ye heavenly host*

*Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.*

*On Christ the solid rock I stand.*

*All other ground in sinking sand.*

*All other ground is sinking sand*

\*Prayer of Dedication of Gifts and Offerings

## Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Invitation

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord's Prayer

Breaking of the Bread

Communion

Prayer after Communion

\*Hymn #368 "I've Got Peace Like a River"

\*Benediction

Postlude "Hymn of Christian Joy" 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 today's picnic!*



# Announcements 7/05/2026

The Chancel arrangements are given by Jon & Barbara Grimes in memory of Barbara's sister, Judy Ross, and by Van & Diana Neely in memory of their parents.

**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!*

**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.

**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: 7/12, 7/19, 7/26, 8/2, 8/9, 8/16, 8/23, and 8/30.



**CCLBK CHURCH LUNCH**  
**WEDNESDAY JULY 15 at 12:00**  
**NOON**  
**Lo' Key Island Grille**  
5620 Gulf of Mexico Drive  
(Entrance on Tarawitt Drive, the first street just NW of Harry's)  
[Please sign up!](#)