

This Week at CHRIST CHURCH

Mon	8/10	7:30am	Men's Longbeach Breakfast (Longbeach Cafe)
Wed	8/12	10:00am	Peacemaking Course (Palm Room)
Sun	8/16	10:00am	Worship & Communion (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.)



Woodcut, "Jacob wrestling with God" by Walter Habdank
from the *Habdank Bible* Germany(1995)

August 9, 2026 10:00 a.m.

GENESES: Jacob & the Wrestler

ORDER OF WORSHIP

August 9, 2026 ~ *GENESES: JACOB & THE WRESTLER*

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

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

Prelude *“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”* arr. Diane Bish

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 Psalm 121)

One: I lift up my eyes to the hills—

From where will my help come?

**All: My help comes from the Lord,
Who made heaven and earth.**

One: The Lord will not let your foot be moved;

He who keeps you will not slumber.

All: He who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.

One: Praise the Lord!

All: The Lord’s name be praised!

***Hymn #482** *“Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty”*

Confession and Forgiveness

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Almighty and everlasting God, from generation to generation you are faithful to your people and your promises. We confess that we wrestle against your gracious purposes. We resist your correcting hand, ignore your holy Word, and seek your blessing without yielding ourselves to your transforming grace. It’s no surprise that our relationships suffer. Forgive us, we pray, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Grant us the humility to confess our sins, the faith to cling to your promises, and the grace to walk in newness of life. In Christ’s name we pray. Amen.

(a time for silent confession)

Assurance of Forgiveness

*** Congregational Response** (sing twice—music on blue card in hymnals)

Glory to God, whose goodness has shined 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

Barbara Grimes, Reader

First Scripture Reading Genesis 32:1-12

Quartet *“In the Presence of Jehovah”* words & music by Geron Davis

Nancy and Terry Arnold, Patrick Roach & Chris Westfall

Second Scripture Reading Genesis 32:22-32

Sermon

“Crippling Victories”

Dr. Piermont

GENESES: A SUMMER SERIES (6th of 8)

***Hymn #384** *“O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go”*

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

Offering

Call for the Offering

Offertory *“Aria (from Concerto Grosso No.12)”* George Frideric Handel

***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 #543** *“Abide with Me”* stanzas 1, 3, 4, and 5

*** Benediction**

Postlude *“Fanfare”* Robert J. Powell

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 8/9/2026

The Chancel arrangements are given to the Glory of God in honor of and appreciation for our Prayer Chain leaders, Karen Jennings and Shirley Venkataraman and their team, by a grateful recipient.

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!*

"Connections Conversation" TODAY, 8/9, 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 most months. 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 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: 8/16, 8/23, 8/30, 9/6, and 9/13.

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 is in need of: CEREAL, CANNED MEATS, TUNA AND CHICKEN, please place in ODB box in Fellowship Hall. Are you looking to volunteer in our community, ODB needs you? Please contact Sue Wertman, Holly Braun or Brent Piersma for more information.

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	Aug 2	Jacob – Gen 29-31
Jun 14	Abraham – Gen 18	Aug 9	Jacob – Gen 32
Jun 28	Isaac – Gen 24	Aug 30	Jacob – Gen 33
Jul 26	Jacob – Gen 28	Sep 6	Joseph – Gen 50

Don't miss out... Next Sunday is the last day to sign up —————>

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 2, 9, and 16 or email
jebrahim118@gmail.com

THURSDAY AUG 20
5:00pm in Fellowship Hall

Come Join In This Fun Summer Tradition!