

This Week at CHRIST CHURCH

Mon	9/7	Office Closed Labor Day
	7:30am	Men's Longbeach Breakfast (Longbeach Cafe)
Tues	9/8	10:30am Fellowship Committee (Zoom)
	1:00pm	Deacons (Palm Room /Zoom)
Sun	9/13	10:00am Worship (Sanctuary)

Nancy is going on vacation next week. September 9th-16th the office will be open on limited hours. The office will be open 10am-12pm.

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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



Mosaic of Joseph, Cathedral of the Annunciation (Alexandria, Egypt)

September 6, 2026 10:00 a.m.

GENESES: Joseph

ORDER OF WORSHIP

September 6, 2026 ~ *GENESES: JOSEPH*

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

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

Prelude “Nimrod” (from Enigma Variations) Edgar Elgar

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 124 and 100)

One: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

All: Who made heaven and earth.

One: Worship the Lord with gladness.

All: Come into God’s presence with singing!

***Hymn #417** “*Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation*”

Confession and Forgiveness

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy, forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways to the glory of your holy name. 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.

Introduction to the Reading

Prayer for Illumination

Lutie Uihlein, Reader

First Scripture Reading Genesis 45:1-8, 12-15

Second Scripture Reading Genesis 50:15-21

Sermon

“What Shall We Say”

Dr. Piermont

GENESES: A SUMMER SERIES (8th of 8)

Memorial Reading “The Names” by Billy Collins Noel & Judy Ebrahim

An elegy in memory of those slain in the 9/11 Terrorist Attacks on the U.S.A.

(followed by a moment of silent prayer)

***Hymn #260** “*A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*”

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

Offering

Call for the Offering

Offertory “*Largo*” (No. 6) Antonio Vivaldi

***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**

Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper

Invitation

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

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

Breaking of the Bread

Communion

Prayer after Communion

*** Hymn** (insert) “*Be Still, My Soul*”

*** Benediction**

Postlude “*Hornpipe*” G.F. Handel

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 9/6/2026

The Chancel arrangements are given to the Glory of God by Julie Klick in memory of Joan Ritchie.

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: 9/13 and 9/27.

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.

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.

Final Summer Lunch- We will say "goodbye" to summer and "hello" to fall while enjoying good food and fellowship at Mar Vista Dockside Restaurant. Join the FUN at our final SUMMER LUNCH on WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16! at noon. [Please sign up!](#)

You may have noticed in our worship service each Sunday that the Reader prays a Prayer for Illumination before they read the first scripture passage. A Prayer for Illumination calls on the Holy Spirit to empower the reading, understanding, proclaiming, and living of God's Word. This sense of utter reliance on the illumination of the Spirit is an important and distinctive mark of the Reformed tradition. The Prayer for Illumination precedes the reading of scripture and preaching of the sermon and applies to all the readings, as well as the proclamation of the Word.

Summer Sermon Series

Dr. Piermont's sermon series resumes 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

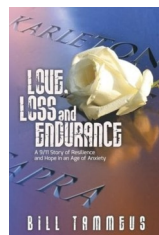
9/11 Resources Noted Today

Event: 9/11 25-Year Commemoration Observance, organized by the Sarasota Ministerial Association: Friday, September 11, 2026, 5:00-6:15pm, Sarasota National Cemetery. Free. Reservations encouraged. Go to:
<https://www.yoursun.com/local-events/?evDiscoveryPath=/event/3807575-9-11-twenty-five-year-commemoration-america250-standing-for-our-fallen-concert-and-service>

Website: National 9/11 Memorial and Museum
<https://www.911memorial.org/markings-25th-anniversary>

Website: 9/11 Day – "A Day to Unite for Good"
<https://www.911day.org/>

Book: *Love, Loss, and Endurance: A 9/11 Story of Resilience and Hope in an Age of Anxiety* by Bill Tammeus, award-winning journalist and Presbyterian elder whose 29-year-old nephew, Karleton Fyfe, was slain on 9/11/2001 aboard Flight 11 from Boston.
<https://share.google/aimode/z7PT7k86ALA0mSk1t>



FINAL SUMMER FELLOWSHIP LUNCH

JOIN THE FUN AT OUR FINAL SUMMER LUNCH ON WEDNESDAY,
SEPTEMBER 16 AT NOON.

WE WILL SAY "GOODBYE" TO SUMMER AND "HELLO" TO FALL WHILE
ENJOYING GOOD FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP AT MAR VISTA DOCKSIDE
RESTAURANT, 760 BROADWAY STREET, LONGBOAT KEY.

DON'T MISS OUT!! DEADLINE FOR SIGN UPS IS SEPTEMBER 13. PLEASE SIGN
UP AT THE ACTIVITIES TABLE IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL.