

This Week at CHRIST CHURCH

Sun	10/11	10:00am	Worship (Sanctuary)
Mon	10/12	7:30am	Men's Longbeach Breakfast (Longbeach Cafe)
		9:00am	Men's Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)
		10:15am	Spiritual Growth (Palm Room)
		1:30pm	Interfaith Ministerium (Olive Room)
		7:00pm	Choir Rehearsal (Fellowship Hall)
Tues	10/13	9:30am	Fellowship (Palm Room & Zoom)
Wed	10/14	10:00am	Women's Bible Study (Palm Room)
		1:30pm	Session/Deacons Prayer Course (Palm Room)
		5:00pm	Potluck & Sunset Vesper Service
Thurs	10/15	10:30am	Session/Deacons Prayer Course (Zoom)
Fri	10/16	10:00am	Women's Stretching (Narthex)
Sat	10/17	9:00am	Presbytery Meeting @ Vanderbilt Presbyterian Church (Naples)
Sun	10/18	10:00am	Worship (Sanctuary)



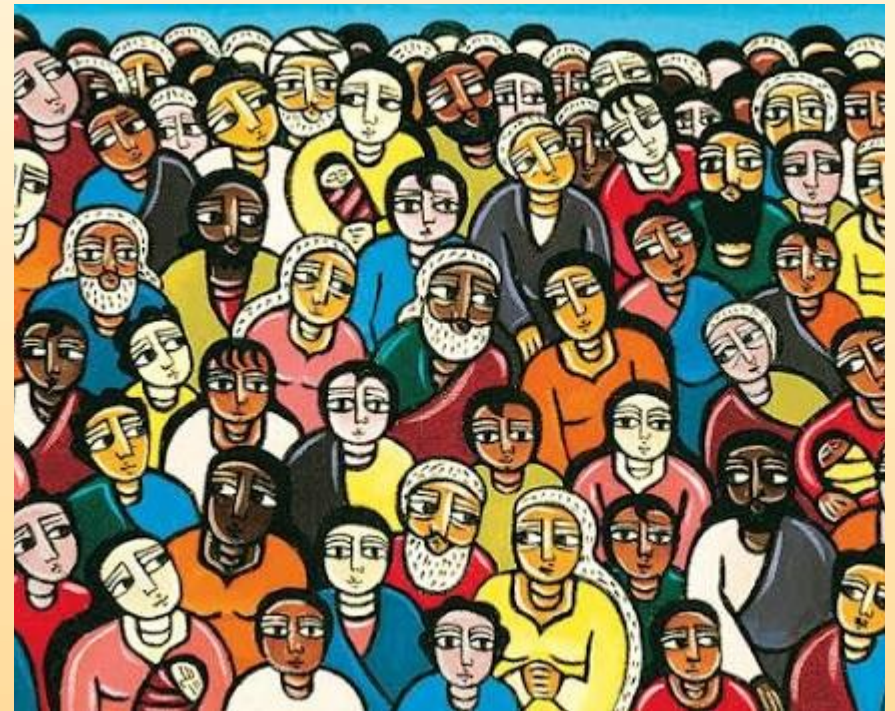
CHURCH STAFF

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



"Love One Another" Artwork by Laura James (2000)

October 11, 2026 10:00 a.m.

20th Sunday after Pentecost

ORDER OF WORSHIP

October 11, 2026 ~ 20TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Please remember to turn off your cell phone.

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

Prelude “*Allegro*” Domenico Scarlatti Chris Westfall, Organist

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

Welcome and Announcements Robert Romanski

Call to Worship (based on Psalm 106:1-3)

One: We come to express the inclusive love of God, the Holy One.

All: We gather to praise God’s steadfast love which endures for All people.

One: We gather to proclaim the redemptive acts of the Holy One.

All: We gather to praise the Holy One for favor and mercy toward All people.

One: We gather to declare the wondrous and awesome grace of the Holy One!

***Hymn #465** “*Here, O Lord, Your Servants Gather*”

Confession and Forgiveness

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

God of mercy, forgive us when we see your church only as the “right” people according to us. Help us to see your church as the real, redeemed, and sometimes difficult disciples whom you have called to be united in your inclusive love.

Give us patience with each other’s quirks and failings, and may others have patience with us. Remind us that it is only your grace which holds us together. Left to our own devices, we end up being divided, destructive, and disobedient to your call.

Strengthen our trust in your Spirit who can create in us the church you call us to be. Give us courage and creativity in our witness, boldness in our lives of service, and humility as we face the challenges to be your disciples in these tumultuous times. Amen.

(a time for silent confession)

Assurance of Forgiveness

*** Congregational Response** (#223)

O my soul, bless your Redeemer;

All within me bless God’s name;

Bless the Savior, and forget not

All God’s mercies to proclaim.

Prayer for Illumination

Patrick Roach, Reader

First Scripture Reading Philippians 4: 1-9

Solo “*My Life Is In Your Hands*” Troccoli & Montvilo

Pam Snauwaert, Soprano

Second Scripture Reading Matthew 22: 1-5a; 8-10

Sermon “The Good, The Bad, The Ugly”

Rev. Dr. Chuck Moffett

***Hymn #298** “*There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy*”

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

Offering

Call for the Offering

Offertory “*Meditation*” David N. Johnson

***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 #516** “*Lord, We Have Come at Your Own Invitation*”

*** Benediction**

Postlude “*Postlude in G Major*” 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 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: 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.

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 10/11/2026

The Chancel arrangements are given to the Glory of God in honor of the choir returning and Pastor appreciation.

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!*

We welcome our guest preacher, the Rev. Dr. Chuck Moffett, PC (USA) minister who serves as chaplain for Bay Village (Continuing Care Retirement Community) in Sarasota.

"Connections Conversation" Sunday, 10/18, 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 sign up at the Activity Tables or at the Welcome Desk. "Connections Conversations" are held following worship on the second Sunday of each month.

Information: Kristine Bemko, [248-808-4409](tel:248-808-4409); kbemko@aol.com.

20-Day Prayer Journey for October/November:



Reset: 20 Ways to a Consistent Prayer Life by Bob Sorge (96 pages, Oasis House, 2018). On your own or with a friend, you are invited to take the 20/20 challenge: to commit 20 minutes/day to prayer for 20 days, with guidance and prompts for reflection provided by each day's reading. Each day's reading is four small pages. Bob Sorge is a Christian author and teacher, with Christian leadership experience in a variety of settings, including Elim Bible College (Lima, NY). *Reset* is our "Growing in Prayer" emphasis for October and November, a way for us to be united in prayer even when many are still "up north" and elsewhere. Books are available for \$8 at church or easily found at your favorite bookseller. Let us know what day you choose to start your 20 days, so we may keep you in prayer! Thank you!



Gordon Lenci Memorial Service- The family of Gordon Lenci thanks you for your many kindnesses following the loss of our beloved partner, father and grandfather. We would be honored to have you join us for a celebration of Gordon's life on Saturday, November 7th at 11:00. Lunch will follow in Fellowship Hall.

Women's Bible Study meets on **Wednesdays at 10:00 am** in the Palm Room in Galilee House. On **October 7th** we began a new study, "Tame Your Thoughts" by Max Lucado. In this 6 week video study we will learn how to renew our minds and break free from negative thoughts by replacing them with the truth of God's Word. **Please sign up!** An option to attend by Zoom is available. For information, contact Vivian Chester at vivianchester10@yahoo.com or (941) 961-8659.

Men's Longbeach Breakfast group is meeting every Monday at Longbeach Cafe in Whitney Plaza at 7:30am. If you have any questions please contact Bill Johnson 941-993-8123.

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 at 865-384-0569. Open dates are available from October thru December.

Men's Bible Study meets on **Mondays at 9:00am!** We have begun our weekly Men's Bible Study. Our new study is about the book of Ephesians. We are using a study guide on this topic: "Ephesians, The Inheritance We Have In Christ", written by Dr. David Jeremiah (part of the Jeremiah Bible Study Series). For more information please contact Tom Crawford.

Men's Club Breakfast starts its season on **Monday, Nov. 2** in Fellowship Hall. This is a Fellowship opportunity for all men in our community. It begins with coffee and conversation at **8am**, followed by a hearty breakfast and concludes with a presentation on "Faith, DUIs and TV Legal Advertising" given by Brent Piersma. If you plan to attend, **Please sign up!**

Lift Your Voice in Song: Join the Church Choir!

Do you love to sing, or share a joyful noise? The church choir is welcoming new members for the upcoming season, and we would love for you to join us! No professional experience or formal audition is required—just a willing heart and a love for music ministry. Everyone is welcome! We rehearse on Mondays at 7:00pm in the Fellowship Hall and meet on Sunday morning at 9:30 AM (before 10am worship). If you are interested or have any questions, please speak with our Music Director, Robert Romanski, after the service, or contact the church office at info@christchurchoflbk.org . **Rehearsals begin tomorrow, October 12.** Come make a joyful sound with us!

Women's Light Weight Training Class. Tuesdays: 10 - 10:45. Join us for light weight resistance training to help promote and preserve bone density and to ward off muscle loss. The first class of this season will be October 20th. There is no fee for this class. **Please sign up!** Sample weights will be available for you to determine the right weight for you. Questions: contact beverlyannsutton@yahoo.com.

Women's Stretching and Balancing Class. Fridays: 10 - 11. Join us for 20 minutes of seated stretching, 20 minutes of standing stretching and balance work and 20 minutes of (optional) mat work. Our motto: Use it or lose it! There is no fee for this class. **Please sign up!** Questions: contact beverlyannsutton@yahoo.com.

Bikes for Turning Points: Many of the people they help have no other means of transportation so a bike can make a world of difference. If you have a bike you no longer use, please bring it to the church or I can pick it up. If it's not working, that's not a problem as they have bike mechanics who can put it in working order. Thank you! Questions: Sally Rauch (941) 920-7310

PRAY for our Hope Seeds Packing Event - Monday, Oct. 19 1:00 – 3:15pm. **JOIN US** in a meaningful time of **SERVICE** as we come together and **package vegetable seeds TO FEED** hungry families around the world. **Please sign up!** or contact Ann Quackenbush 941-383-1731 **WE LOVE** our at home labelers - let us know if you can help.

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.

Our Daily Bread: Please help us restock by bringing donations to **Fellowship Hall.** **Needed Items:** canned meats, tuna, chicken, dry pasta, ramen noodles, cereal, condiments, jelly, soup, canned fruit. Your gift—large or small—blesses those who rely on this ministry.

FRIED CHICKEN POTLUCK & SUNSET VESPERS SERVICE

**October 14 - 5:00 pm in Fellowship Hall
with beachside sunset service to follow.**

Join us for an evening of food, fellowship and worship!

Just bring a side dish or salad and we will provide the rest. After dinner, join Pastor Julia for a beautiful Sunset Vesper Service on the beach.

Cost: \$5 per person. Please sign up! by Sunday, October 11th.

Bring a friend!

Questions? Contact Karen Jennings: karenjennings1239@gmail.com
or 610-733-9755

If you need help getting to the beach, contact Karen and we will make arrangements for you.