

This Week at CHRIST CHURCH

Sun	10/18	10:00am	Worship (Sanctuary)
		11:20am	Connections Conversation (Sanctuary)
Mon	10/19	7:30am	Men's Longbeach Breakfast (Longbeach Cafe)
		9:00am	Men's Bible Study (Palm Room)
		1:00pm	Hope Seeds (Fellowship Hall)
		1:00pm	Deacons (Palm Room)
		7:00pm	Choir Rehearsal (Fellowship Hall)
Tues	10/20	9:00am	Session (Palm Room)
		10:00am	Women's Weight Training (Fellowship Hall)
Wed	10/21	10:00am	Women's Bible Study (Palm Room)
		1:30pm	Session/Deacons Prayer Course (Palm Room)
Thurs	10/22	10:30am	Session/Deacons Prayer Course (Zoom)
Fri	10/23	10:00am	Women's Stretching (Narthex)
Sun	10/25	10:00am	Worship (Sanctuary)

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CHURCH STAFF

Dr. Julia Wharff Piermont, Pastor
Robert S. Romanski, Director of Music
Chris Westfall, Organist
Nancy Prezbindowski, Office Manager
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Growing in Jesus' Name



*Growing
in
Prayer*



October 18, 2026 10:00 a.m.

"GROWING IN PRAYER" Series

ORDER OF WORSHIP

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

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

Prelude “*Prelude in C Major*” J.S. Bach Chris Westfall, Organist

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

Welcome and Announcements Dr. Julia Wharff Piermont, Pastor

Introit “*Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying*” Ken Medema

Call to Worship (from Psalm 118)

One: This is the day that the Lord has made;

All: **Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

One: You are my God, and I will give thanks to you;

All: **You are my God, I will extol you.**

One: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,

All: **For his steadfast love endures forever.**

***Hymn #464** “*Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*”

Confession and Forgiveness

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Gracious and loving God, you invite us to draw near to you in prayer, resting in your presence, yet we confess that we do not always turn to you. We become distracted by the demands of daily life, overwhelmed by our worries, or forgetful of our need for you. Forgive us, O Lord, for these and other ways we turn from you. Renew in us a spirit of prayer that shapes our hearts, guides our actions, and deepens our love for our neighbors. In the name of Jesus, who taught us to pray and showed us the way of faithful love. 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

Vilia Johnson, Reader

First Scripture Reading Genesis 24: 12-14

Second Scripture Reading Psalm 135: 1-3; 13-14

Choral Anthem “*Here I Am, Lord*” Schutte/Schrader

Third Scripture Reading Acts 4:24-31

Sermon “A Doorway and a Silence”
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Dr. Piermont

***Hymn #459** “*Father, We Praise Thee*”

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

Offering

Call for the Offering

Offertory “*Aria*” G.F. Handel

***Doxology** tune: OLD HUNDREDTH original rhythm (#591)

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.

***Prayer of Dedication of Gifts and Offerings**

Prayers of the People

Pastoral Prayer

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

*** Hymn** (on screen) “*As the Deer*”

*** Benediction**

Choral Response “*Go Now In Peace*” Besig/Price

Postlude “*Fugue in C Major*” J.S. Bach

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.