

This Week at CHRIST CHURCH

Sun	10/4	10:00am	Worship & Communion (Sanctuary)
Mon	10/5	7:30am	Men's Longbeach Breakfast (Longbeach Cafe)
		9:00am	Men's Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)
Tues	10/6	9:00am	Mission Partnerships (Palm Room & Zoom)
Wed	10/7	10:00am	Women's Bible Study (Palm Room)
		1:30pm	Session/Deacons Prayer Course (Palm Room)
Thurs	10/8	10:30am	Session/Deacons Prayer Course (Zoom)
		2:00pm	Audit Committee (Palm Room & Zoom)
Fri	10/9	10:00am	Women's Stretching (Narthex)
Sun	10/11	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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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



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October 4, 2026 10:00 a.m.

World Communion Sunday

ORDER OF WORSHIP

October 4, 2026 ~ WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

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

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

Prelude “*How Majestic Is Your Name*” Arr. Dino Kartsonakis
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 108)

One: Our hearts are ready, O Lord,
Our hearts are ready.

All: We will sing and make melody!
We will awaken the dawn!

One: We will give thanks to you, O Lord, among the peoples,
We will sing praises to you among the nations.

All: For your steadfast love is great above the heavens,
And your faithfulness reaches to the clouds.

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

Confession and Forgiveness

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess our failure fully to be the blessing you created us to be. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, and in forgetting your love. By your loving mercy, forgive us, we pray. Guide us to live by your light and abide by your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior. 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

Kristine Bemko, Reader

First Scripture Reading Luke 1: 67-79

Solo “*Just A Closer Walk With Thee*” Arr. Richard Walters
Pam Snauwaert, Soprano

Second Scripture Reading Luke 24: 13.-24

Sermon “A World Ever New” Dr. Piermont

***Hymn #293** “*This Is My Father's World*”

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

Offering

Call for the Offering

Offertory “*Largo No. 7*” 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 #514** “*Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ*”

*** Benediction**

Postlude “*Psalm XIX*” (The Heavens Declare the Glory of God) Benedetto Marcello

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 10/4/2026

The Chancel arrangements are given to the Glory of God
by Debra McKenna in memory of her husband, Jim.

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 available from October thru December.

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.

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.

Women's Bible Study meets on **Wednesdays at 10:00 am** in the Palm Room in Galilee House. On **October 7th** we will begin 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 Bible Study meets on **Mondays at 9:00am!** We will begin our weekly Men's Bible Study starting tomorrow, **October 5**. 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, hum along with the hymns, 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.

When we rehearse: Monday at 7:00pm in the Fellowship Hall

When we sing: Sunday morning at 9:30 AM

Who can join: Everyone

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@christchurchoflfbk.org . **Rehearsals begin October 12**. Come make a joyful sound with us!

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. The first class of the season will be October 2nd. Our motto: Use it or lose it! There is no fee for this class. [Please sign up!](#) Questions: contact beverlyannsutton@yahoo.com.

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.

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 – 3:15 pm. **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.

"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!



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.