



CHRIST CHURCH  
VERO BEACH

**March 30, 2025**  
*The Fourth Sunday in Lent*

A Faith Community rooted in Scripture, Sacraments, and the Holy Spirit

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*The Lord is full of compassion and mercy: O come, let us adore him.*

(BCP Pg. 30)

## **THE WORD OF GOD**

**Voluntary**

*Just as I am*

Dale Wood

### **Call to Worship**

Come set Your rule, and reign  
in our hearts again.  
Increase in us, we pray.  
Unveil why we're made.  
Come set our hearts ablaze with hope,  
like wildfire in our very souls;  
Holy Spirit, come, invade us now.  
We are Your church;  
We need Your pow'r in us.

We seek Your kingdom first.  
We hunger and we thirst;  
refuse to waste our lives,  
for You're our joy and prize.  
To see the captives' hearts released;

the hurt, the sick, the poor at peace.  
We lay down our lives for heaven's cause.  
We are Your church;  
we pray, revive this earth.

*Refrain:      Build Your kingdom here.  
                  Let the darkness fear.  
                  Show Your mighty hand.  
                  Heal our streets and land.  
                  Set Your church on fire.  
                  Win this nation back.  
                  Change the atmosphere.  
                  Build Your kingdom here, we pray!*

Unleash Your kingdom's pow'r,  
reaching the near and far.  
No force of hell can stop  
Your beauty, changing hearts.  
You made us for much more than this;  
awake the kingdom seed in us.  
Fill us with the strength and love of Christ.  
We are Your church;  
we are the hope on earth. *(Refrain)*

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## Processional Hymn

1. Sing praise to God who reigns above,  
the God of all creation,  
the God of power, the God of love,  
the God of our salvation;  
with healing balm my soul he fills,  
and every faithless murmur stills:  
to God all praise and glory.
2. What God's almighty power hath made,  
his gracious mercy keepeth;  
by morning glow or evening shade  
his watchful eye ne'er sleepeth.  
Within the kingdom of his might,  
lo! all is just and all is right:  
to God all praise and glory.
3. Let all who name Christ's holy Name  
give God all praise and glory;  
let all who know his power proclaim  
aloud the wondrous story!  
Cast each false idol from its throne,  
the Lord is God, and he alone:  
to God all praise and glory.

words: Johann Jacob Schütz (1640-1690); tr. Frances Elizabeth Cox (1812-1897), alt.  
music: *Mit Freuden zart*, melody from "Une pastourelle gentille," 1529;  
adapt. *Pseaumes cinquante de David*, 1547, and *Kirchengeseng darinnen die Heubtartikel des Christlichen Glaubens gefasset*,

1566

## Penitential Rite

*All standing, the Celebrant says*

Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

**People:** *His mercy endures for ever.*

## The Collect of Purity

*Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

## The Decalogue

*Celebrant* God spoke these words and said: I am the LORD your God. You shall have no other gods but me.

**People** *Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.*

*Celebrant* You shall not make for yourself any idol.

**People** *Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.*

*Celebrant* You shall not take the Name of the LORD your God in vain.

**People** *Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.*

*Celebrant* Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy.

*People*                    *Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.*

*Celebrant*                Honor your father and your mother.

*People*                    *Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.*

*Celebrant*                You shall not murder.

*People*                    *Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.*

*Celebrant*                You shall not commit adultery.

*People*                    *Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.*

*Celebrant*                You shall not steal.

*People*                    *Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.*

*Celebrant*                You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

*People*                    *Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.*

*Celebrant*                You shall not covet.

*People*                    *Lord, have mercy upon us, and write all these, your laws, in our hearts, we beseech you.*

EXODUS 20:1-17T; DEUTERONOMY 5:6-21T

## Confession and Absolution

All who truly and earnestly repent of your sins, and seek to live in love and charity with your neighbors, and intend to lead the new life, following the commandments of God, and walking in his holy ways: draw near with faith and make your humble confession to Almighty God.

*Most 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; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.*

*The Celebrant pronounces the Absolution over the People*

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who in his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who sincerely repent and with true faith turn to him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## **Comfortable Words**

Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to him. Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. *Matthew 11:28*

God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. *John 3:16*

The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. *1 Timothy 1:15*

If anyone sins, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world. *1 John 2:1-2*

## Hymn of Penitence

4. Just as I am: thou wilt receive;  
wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve,  
because thy promise I believe,  
O Lamb of God, I come.

words: Charlotte Elliott (1789-1871); music: *Woodworth*, William Batchelder Bradbury (1816-1868)

## Collect of the Day

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* ***And with your spirit.***

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

## First Reading

**Isaiah 65:17-25**

17. “For behold, I create new heavens  
and a new earth,  
and the former things shall not be remembered  
or come into mind.

18. But be glad and rejoice forever  
in that which I create;

for behold, I create Jerusalem to be a joy,  
and her people to be a gladness.

**19.** I will rejoice in Jerusalem  
and be glad in my people;  
no more shall be heard in it the sound of weeping  
and the cry of distress.

**20.** No more shall there be in it  
an infant who lives but a few days,  
or an old man who does not fill out his days,  
for the young man shall die a hundred years old,  
and the sinner a hundred years old shall be accursed.

**21.** They shall build houses and inhabit them;  
they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit.

**22.** They shall not build and another inhabit;  
they shall not plant and another eat;  
for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be,  
and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands.

**23.** They shall not labor in vain  
or bear children for calamity,  
for they shall be the offspring of the blessed of the Lord,  
and their descendants with them.

**24.** Before they call I will answer;  
while they are yet speaking I will hear.

**25.** The wolf and the lamb shall graze together;  
the lion shall eat straw like the ox,  
and dust shall be the serpent's food.

They shall not hurt or destroy  
in all my holy mountain,"  
says the Lord. (ESV)



*Reader*        The Word of the Lord.

*People*        *Thanks be to God.*

**Psalm 34:1-8** (*said responsively*)

1 I will always give thanks unto the Lord; \*  
*his praise shall ever be in my mouth.*

2 My soul shall make its boast in the Lord; \*  
*the humble shall hear this and be glad.*

3 O praise the Lord with me, \*  
*and let us magnify his Name together.*

4 I sought the Lord, and he heard me; \*  
*he delivered me out of all my fears.*

5 They looked unto him, and were made glad, \*  
*and their faces were not ashamed.*

6 Look, the poor man cries, and the Lord hears him, \*  
*and saves him out of all his troubles.*

7 The angel of the Lord camps round about those who fear him, \*  
*and delivers them in time of need.*

8 O taste and see how gracious the Lord is; \*  
*blessed is the one who trusts in him.*

**Epistle**

**2 Corinthians 4:13-18**

**13.** Since we have the same spirit of faith according to what has been written, “I believed, and so I spoke,” we also believe, and so we also speak, **14.** knowing that he who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus and bring us with you into his presence. **15.** For it is all for your sake, so that as grace extends to more and more people it may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

**16.** So we do not lose heart. Though our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day. **17.** For this light momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, **18.** as we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen. For the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal. (ESV)

*Reader*      The Word of the Lord.

*People*      ***Thanks be to God.***

## Sequence Hymn

The eyes of the blind will be opened,  
the ears of the deaf will hear,  
the chains of the lame will be broken,  
streams will flow in deserts of fear.

*Refrain:*      *Your kingdom come, Your will be done,  
now that we are Your daughters and sons.  
Let the prayer of our hearts daily be:  
God, make us Your family.  
God, make us Your family.*

The ransomed of the Lord will return,  
the islands will sing God's song at last.  
The chaff from the wheat will be burned,  
God's kingdom on earth, it will come to pass. (*Refrain*)

## Holy Gospel

Matthew 6:5-13

*Deacon* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

*People* *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

5. “And when you pray, you must not be like the hypocrites. For they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, that they may be seen by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. 6. But when you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you. 7. “And when you pray, do not heap up empty phrases as the Gentiles do, for they think that they will be heard for their many words. 8. Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him. 9. Pray then like this:

“Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name.

10. Your kingdom come,  
your will be done,

on earth as it is in heaven.

11. Give us this day our daily bread,

12. and forgive us our debts,  
as we also have forgiven our debtors.

13. And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil. (ESV)

*After the Gospel is read, the people respond as follows:*

*Deacon* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

*Sequence resumes*

The nations will see their shame,  
the one true God will be adored.  
They'll turn from their fortune and fame,  
God's holy mountain will be restored. (*Refrain*)

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**Sermon**

**Fr. Keith Allen**

**Nicene Creed** (*People stand*)

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, visible and invisible. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. *Amen.*

## **Prayers of the People** *(Please be seated unless you desire to remain standing)*

*Following each petition:*

*Litanist* Lord, in your mercy,  
*People* ***hear our prayer***

### **Concluding Prayer**

*Celebrant* Heavenly Father, grant these our prayers for the sake of Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

### **Peace**

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
*People* ***And with your spirit.***

*Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

### **Announcements**

**Offertory** *Hear the call of the Kingdom* arr. James Koerts

## Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise him, all creatures here below.  
Praise him above, ye heavenly host:  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

*Celebrant* All things come from you, O Lord,  
*People* *And of your own have we given you.*

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

### Great Thanksgiving *(Remain standing)*

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.  
*People* *And with your spirit.*  
*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.  
*People* *We lift them up to the Lord.*  
*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
*People* *It is right to give him thanks and praise.*

*The Celebrant continues*

It is right, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. You bid your faithful people cleanse their hearts, and prepare with joy for the Paschal feast; that, fervent in prayer and in works of mercy, and renewed by your Word and Sacraments, they may come to the fullness of grace which you have prepared for those who love you.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name.

*Celebrant and People sing*

*Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of power and might, (repeat)  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.*

*Hosanna in the highest*

*Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.*

*Hosanna in the highest.*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and when we had sinned against you and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent your only Son Jesus Christ into the world for our salvation. By the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary he became flesh and dwelt among us. In obedience to your will, he stretched out his arms upon the Cross and offered himself once for all, that by his suffering and death we might be saved. By his resurrection he broke the bonds of death, trampling Hell and Satan under his feet. As our great high priest, he ascended to your right hand in glory, that we might come with confidence before the throne of grace.

On the night that he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat; this is my Body, which is given for you: Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, Jesus took the cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, “Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the forgiveness of sins: Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me.”

Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Celebrant and People*

*Christ has died.*

*Christ is risen.*

*Christ will come again.*

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, and we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Word and Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Sanctify us also, that we may worthily receive this holy Sacrament, and be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us and we in him. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us with all your saints into the joy of your heavenly kingdom, where we shall see our Lord face to face.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. *Amen.*

And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray:



*Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever and ever. Amen.*

## **The Fraction**

*Celebrant* Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

*People* *Therefore let us keep the feast.*

## **The Prayer of Humble Access**

*We do not presume to come to this your table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your abundant and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table. But you are the same Lord, whose character is always to have mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.*

## **Agnus Dei** *(said responsively)*

*Celebrant* Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;

*People* *have mercy on us.*

*Celebrant* Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;

*People*     *have mercy on us.*

*Celebrant*     Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;

*People*     *grant us your peace.*

## **The Ministration of Communion**

The gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

*All baptized persons are welcome to receive Holy Communion.*

## **Communion Music**

### **1.**

Amazing grace! how sweet the sound,  
that saved a wretch like me!

I once was lost but now am found,  
was blind but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,  
and grace my fears relieved;  
how precious did that grace appear  
the hour I first believed!

The Lord has promised good to me,  
his word my hope secures;  
he will my shield and portion be  
as long as life endures.

Through many dangers, toils, and snares,  
I have already come;  
'tis grace that brought me safe thus far,  
and grace will lead me home.

When we've been there ten thousand years,  
bright shining as the sun,  
we've no less days to sing God's praise  
than when we'd first begun.

words: John Newton (1725-1807), alt.; st. 5 from A Collection of Sacred Ballads, 1790;  
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music: *New Britain*, from Virginia Harmony, 1831;  
adapt. att. Edwin Othello Excell (1851-1921)

## 2.

Though the nations rage, kingdoms rise and fall,  
there is still one King reigning over all.  
So, I will not fear for this truth remains  
That my God is the Ancient of Days

*Refrain:      None above Him, none before Him.  
                 All of time in His hands.  
                 For His throne, it shall remain and ever stand.  
                 All the power, all the glory, I will trust in His name.  
                 For my God is the Ancient of days.*

Though the dread of night overwhelms my soul,  
He is here with me. I am not alone.  
O, His love is sure and He knows my name.  
For my God is the Ancient of Days. (*Refrain*)  
Though I may not see what the future brings,

I will watch and wait for the Savior King.  
Then, my joy complete, standing face to face  
in the presence of the Ancient of Days. (*Refrain*)

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## **The Post-Communion Prayer**

*Celebrant* Standing, let us pray.

*Heavenly Father, We thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal Kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.*

## **The Blessing**

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always.  
*Amen.*

## Closing Hymn

1. God of grace and God of glory,  
on thy people pour thy power;  
crown thine ancient Church's story;  
bring her bud to glorious flower.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
for the facing of this hour.
2. Lo! the hosts of evil round us  
scorn thy Christ, assail his ways!  
From the fears that long have bound us  
free our hearts to faith and praise:  
grant us wisdom, grant us courage  
for the living of these days.
3. Cure thy children's warring madness,  
bend our pride to thy control;  
shame our wanton, selfish gladness,  
rich in things and poor in soul.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
lest we miss thy kingdom's goal.

4. Save us from weak resignation  
to the evils we deplore;  
let the gift of thy salvation  
be our glory evermore.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
serving thee whom we adore.

words: Harry Emerson Fosdick (1878-1969), alt., Used by permission of the author.  
music: *Cwm Rhondda*, John Hughes (1873-1932)

## Dismissal

*Celebrant* Let us bless the Lord.  
*People* ***Thanks be to God.***

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## Worship Team

*Ushers:* Jim Reamy, III, Tim Longden, Fred Malik, Jr., Chuck Shippee  
*Lector:* Andy Bowler  
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# CHURCH LEADERSHIP

*Jesus Christ Lord - Savior and Chief Shepherd*

*Ministers - Every Member of Christ Church*

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# Announcements and Information

## March 30<sup>th</sup> – April 5<sup>th</sup>

### CONNECT WITH CHRIST CHURCH

Use the Connect and RSVP cards to provide updates and sign up for events, request information, or contact the clergy. Please place them in the offering plate or leave them with an usher. The Communicator is our parish newsletter sent via email; let us know if you wish to subscribe. For other ways to connect with our parish family and find a place to belong, contact Deacon Deb at [DGordon@christchurchvero.org](mailto:DGordon@christchurchvero.org).

### CHRISTIAN FORMATION:

1. **Sunday School** is held at 9am, in the Comm. Ctr. for adults. Join us in February “*For the Life of the World*” (FLOW), that corresponds to our Life Groups and sermon series. Catechesis of the Good Shepherd is held for children.
2. **Adult Bible Study:** Our study of *Hebrews* resumes weekly on Thurs’s at 7:30am, now held in the Comm. Ctr.
3. **Women’s Bible Study:** *The book of Psalms*, taught by Dcn. Kim, Wed’s at 9:30am, through April 9 in the Comm. Center.

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

**April 4: *Calling all Women!*** Deacon Kim is leading a group of women to attend the Aspire event at 7 pm on Fri., April 4, at Community Baptist Church in Sebastian. The entertaining evening includes teaching from Melissa Spoelstra, comedy by Kay Dodd, and music by Lindsay McCaul. Advance tickets are \$30, or \$25 with a group of 10 or more. Contact Deacon Kim to sign up.

**April 4: *Christ Church Beach Barbeque:*** Friday, 5-7pm. Located at South Beach Park. All are welcome to attend! Meat and buns provided, please bring a side dish to share. RSVP by 3/31, Registration is in the narthex; see Fr. Hunter for more information.

**April 6: *Parish Lunch: Spring Break!*** We will enjoy a Springtime Brunch menu of breakfast and lunch items. Immediately follows church service; held in the Community Center. Please sign up in the narthex to bring food and/or eat.

**Through April 9:** In keeping a holy Lent, you are invited to join us for *Lenten Prayer*, Wednesdays at 12 pm in the Nave through April 9. We will begin with a song, the Great Litany, a devotional homily, and include time for your own personal prayers and thanksgivings. Morning Prayer is at 8:30 am Monday through Thursday in the Nave.

**Through April 13: *40 Days for Life.*** Help save lives in Ft. Pierce. You can protect mothers and children by joining this worldwide mobilization to pray and fast for an end to abortion! Prayer Vigil. Vigil location: Outside: Woman’s World Center. 503 S 12th St Fort Pierce, FL. For more information, contact Katherine Booth at: (386) 506-9477.

**Through-Apr. 14: *GriefShare*** is a 13-week program of hope and healing, lead by Shari von Liebler on Mon’s at 2:00-3:30pm. Contact Shari at [svlieblier@christchurchvero.org](mailto:svlieblier@christchurchvero.org) for more information.



**Through April 20:** Our parish *Lenten Project* is to raise funds for a disaster relief trailer that will be stored on-site and used for mission projects with [Anglican Relief Development Fund](#) (ARDF.org) when we are mobilized to help others in need. Funds above the \$5,000 trailer purchase will be used to stock the trailer with emergency supplies and fund transportation costs as needed. Give in person or online through April 20 at [www.christchurchvero.churchcenter.com/giving](http://www.christchurchvero.churchcenter.com/giving).

### **2025 ALTAR FLOWERS DEDICATIONS:**

To donate altar flowers as a dedication, please contact Shari in the Church Office, including the date, honoree, and any flower preferences (subject to availability). People may sponsor the altar flower arrangements on specific Sundays for a suggested donation of \$35. The funds are used by the Flower Guild to purchase the supplies and flowers needed each week. To make your donation, dedication, and payment, or for more information, contact Shari.

### **CHILDREN'S MINISTRY:**

The Children's Ministry area is open at 9:00 a.m. on Sunday mornings for nursery care. During the 10:30 a.m. Sunday service, we offer Catechesis of the Good Shepherd for ages 3-6 years in addition to nursery care for the first part of the service, after which the children may join their families in the Nave for Holy Communion. Please see Fr. Hunter or Stephanie Van Wagenen for more information. Children age 7 and older are encouraged to worship with their family.

### **NURSERY CARE:**

Nursery care opens on Sundays at 8:45 am for ages 2 and under. The Atrium is open for ages 3-6 from 8:45-10:15 am. Children ages 3 and up will worship with their families at 10:30 am and be excused for a children's lesson during the sermon. Parents who need to tend to a child's needs during the service are welcome to use the cry room in the back where you can still watch and hear the service; the room is accessed from the narthex.

### **ANGLICANS FOR LIFE:**

Anglicans for Life offers resources about ethical dilemmas for end-of-life care: National Catholic Bioethics Center provides emergency consultations at (215) 877-2660; fact sheets are available at [halovoice.org](http://halovoice.org); and a BBC documentary about protecting the elderly and disabled is at <https://www.christchurchvero.org/Anglicans-for-Life.html>

### **RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION:**

All baptized Christians are welcome to the Table of Christ to receive Holy Communion. Ushers will guide your row to the altar rail, and a wafer will be placed in your hand; you may intinct (dip) the edge of the wafer into the wine chalice, or sip from the common cup, or abstain. Anyone wishing to not receive the sacrament is welcome to come forward for a spoken blessing only, signified by crossing your arms over your chest.

### **CONTACT US:**

The parish office hours are 8:00 am to 5:00 pm, Monday through Thursday. The church office is closed on Friday. Please note, the telephone number for Christ Church has changed. Please visit us or call 772-646-0920 during these hours if we may help you. Staff and clergy email information may be found at [ChristChurchVero.org](http://ChristChurchVero.org) under the "What We Do" tab, or via the Church Center app directory. The number for CCA has also been changed to 772-646-9650.

## WORSHIP SCHEDULE

**SUNDAY** 10:30am, Eucharist Service  
**MONDAY-THURSDAY** 8:30am, Morning Prayer

### BAPTISMS AND MARRIAGES

Contact the Parish Secretary 60 days in advance of the Baptism to set up an appointment with the Rector and at least four months in advance of your proposed wedding date to set up an appointment with a Priest.

### Prayers for the sick

Christ Church continues to pray for all those that are sick and hurting and ask that through the week, you continue to pray by saying: We humbly ask you, gracious Lord, to comfort and strengthen all those who, in this earthly life are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity, especially:

Fran Barnard  
Al Daniels  
Garry Edwards  
Curtis Hatch  
Ann Hogan  
Ed & Barbara Jeffreys

Bill & Judith Lund  
Mary Beth Malik  
Bishop John Miller  
Paul Miller  
Chuck & Kat Shippee  
Debra Watkins

### Prayers for Missionaries

Christ Church actively sponsors the following International Missionaries. We invite your continuing prayers in support of their faithful ministry in our Lord's name:

*Bp. Andudu, Sudan*  
*Alison Barfoot, Uganda*  
*Marcia Baugh, Uganda*  
*Loren & Linda, Asia*  
*Becky Locuson, AFM Mobilizer*  
*Will & Becky, SE Asia*

*Matt & Katie, France*  
*Luke & Abby, North Africa*  
*Maggie & Etzer Thomas, Haiti*  
*Ahmed & Amira, Middle East*  
*Zachariah & Alissa, Iraq*

Christ Church prays for the safety of the men and women serving on active duty to protect and defend our nation against terrorism. We have listed below the names of those persons known to us who are serving in this role. We ask for your special prayers for them and for their families, both at our Sunday services and throughout the week. Because the list is lengthy, we will not pray for each person by name out loud during the services, but they and their families are included in our prayers:

Chris Boltz  
Matthew Buehrig  
\*\*\*\*Jonathan Clement  
Vetson Derisse  
Doug Fritz  
Michael Gallahue  
Gracie Gordon  
Caleb Guthmann  
Biz Guthmann

Joseph Guthmann  
Brian Hart  
Regan Jones  
Martha Kester  
\*\*\*Dale Kridlo  
Garrett Kulczycki  
Richmond McCloud  
\*Trane McCloud  
David Rosanes

Bryce Saint-Vincent  
Aaron Spera  
Ben Spera  
G Joshua White  
George Voyles  
Keith Zeuner  
Alex Zook

\*Died in the war zone in Iraq, December, 2006.

\*\*Died in the war zone in Afghanistan, 2008.

\*\*\*Died in the war zone in Afghanistan, November, 2010.

\*\*\*\*Died in training, July 2018



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