



CHRIST CHURCH
VERO BEACH

We Are On The Move

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As we transition to our new church home, many aspects of our parish life will remain unchanged, while some will be modified/changed to accommodate a new campus and better align with our Mission and Vision Statements. We know that change often raises questions and concerns. Therefore, we want to reassure all members of our parish family that your Clergy, Staff, Vestry, and several committees have invested much time and thoughtful consideration into how our mission and ministry will be lived-out in our new facilities. Please feel free to call the office or approach your Clergy if you have any additional questions not addressed below.

Frequently Asked Questions

Are we going to have a Memorial Garden?

Yes, we will have a beautiful and tastefully landscaped Memorial Garden beneath a cluster of live oak trees on the strip of land between our twin lakes. At present, we anticipate the Garden will be complete sometime during the fall.

When will the ashes of our departed loved one be interred?

We are still deciding on when we will begin to inter the cremains of our loved ones that have been reverently stored at Christ Church during our years at Majestic Plaza. Once the Memorial Garden has been properly prepared, family members will have an opportunity to choose between having a private service, or participating in a corporate service, for the interment of their loved one's ashes.

Why did we keep the name 9.23 Community Center?

Although the physical address of our Community Center was at 923 14th Lane, 9.23 was specifically incorporated into the Center's name to reflect Jesus' proclamation in Mark 9:23, *Everything is possible for him who believes*. We believe it is that Lord's desire that our Community Center continue to be a place that declares His message of expectant hope to a culture challenged by ever-present problems.

Why do we need another contemporary service when we already have a modern service?

While our Modern Service has been very successful in attracting new people to Christ Church, it is geared toward those who have had limited exposure to Jesus and His Church and no foreknowledge of our Anglican roots. The goal of our new contemporary service,

Encounter, will be to embrace our ancient Anglican heritage with a fresh approach to Scriptural teaching for both long-time churchgoers and newcomers alike.

What will the new 9:00 am service be like?

The 9:00 AM service, *Classic Worship*, will be expressed through the traditions of the Anglican Church and the rich text of the *Book of Common Prayer* Holy Communion liturgy. Music selection, including standard hymns, diverse choral anthems, and well-known praise songs, will be led by organ and the choir. All the traditional elements of our present 10:00 am service will be incorporated into this classic Anglican worship experience.

What will the new 11:00 am service be like?

We envision the 11:00 am service, *Encounter*, to be a simple and engaging form of worship expressed through contemporary praise music and a more accessible liturgical experience. Although centered on the Scripture, the Sacrament, and the Spirit, some of the more formal elements of traditional Anglican worship such as vestments, a choir, and ushers will be absent. Trained Prayer Intercessors and a Welcome Ministry Team will be present to serve throughout the service and easily identified by customized shirts displaying the *Encounter* logo.

Have you considered a Saturday evening service?

Yes, the possibility of a Saturday evening service has been evaluated. While such a service often gains traction in large, metropolitan areas, with dense population and significant generational overlap, it is generally less fruitful in smaller locales. In the latter setting, a Saturday evening service tends to give those already established in a church the option to worship ahead of the Sabbath, thereby freeing up their Sunday for activities other than worship. Furthermore, the un-churched still have a mindset that “church” occurs on Sunday morning sometime between 10 am and noon.

Where and when will the choir rehearse on Sunday mornings?

Located to either side of the main Worship Center are two multi-purpose, conference/classrooms. The room on the south side of the Worship Center has been designated for Choir Training. Situated directly across the hall from that room is the Choir Robing area. Sunday morning Choir Rehearsal will begin at approximately 8:30 am.

Where and when will Adult Sunday School take place?

Adult Sunday School will occur between services, beginning at 10:15 am and ending at approximately 10:50 am. Depending on the number of curricula offered, the classes will be held in the Conference/Classroom on the north side of the Worship Center and one of the classrooms in the Children’s Ministry Area. Smaller groups could potentially meet in the Hospitality Room or Prayer Room, both adjacent to the main doors of the Worship Center.

What is going to happen to the Coffee Hour?

Coffee Hour is going to be better than ever! It will be centered around our awesome Coffee Bar located on the north end of the Welcome Area (Narthex for Anglophiles).

Will we still have parish luncheons after church services? Where?

Yes. When a parish luncheon is planned on a Sunday, such as our Annual Tailgate Party, it will be held in the Welcome/Coffee Bar Area or the Community Center.

What is our seating capacity?

Since we will be using portable chairs in the Worship and the Community Centers, seating capacity is variable. Maximum seating capacity for Sunday worship is approximately 300 in the Worship Center and 180 in the Community Center. We anticipate that the Community Center will accommodate 150 at tables for a meal.

What are the responsibilities of the Sexton?

The duties of our new Sexton, Mike Pitman, will be to maintain our new parish campus, including landscaping, housekeeping, minor repairs to the interior/exterior of the facility, and set-up/tear down in relation to weekly programming. Please be advised that Mike works under the supervision of the Parish Administrator, James Regan, who is responsible for overseeing Mike's daily work schedule. For this reason, we ask that you approach James with **any** requests for Mike to assist with a ministry or project. Also, please note that Mike attends Christ Church on Sunday not as our Sexton but as a member of Christ Church. Sunday is Mike's day to worship and serve in the AV booth at the Modern Worship Service. Except in an emergency, please do not approach Mike about his sexton duties on Sundays.

Will there be childcare at the 9 and 11 am services?

Yes, we are planning to provide childcare for all three services on Sunday morning.

Is the 10:30 am service still a part of Christ Church or is it a separate church?

Those who attend the 10:30 am Modern Worship Service (moving to 11 am in the new church) are very much a part of our extended parish family. However, just like those who presently attend the 8 am or 10 am services have established a greater and more intimate rapport with those parishioners with whom they worship weekly, the same dynamic is in play among those who worship together weekly at the 10:30 am service. Throughout the year, various parish activities will be planned to gather all of us together to celebrate and enjoy our oneness in Christ Jesus.

Where will the weekly Bible Studies meet?

Depending on scheduling demands, weekly Bible Studies will be held in the Conference/Classrooms, Community Center, Teen Center, Welcome Area and Worship Center.

Is the upcoming Friday Celebration Event a worship service or a program?

Our Friday Night Celebration, tentatively scheduled for June 16 at 5:30 pm, will be a time of prayer, praise, and testimony in thanksgiving for God's gracious provision of a new church home. Music will be led by the choir and our two praise bands—something for everyone! Following the service, we will gather in the Community Center for a festive meal hosted by our talented Fellowship Team. You won't want to miss this night.

Who designed the Rose Window above the altar?

Our stained-glass Rose Window was designed and constructed by world-renowned Conrad Pickel Studio located on Route 60 right here in Vero Beach! In addition to its breathtaking beauty, the window boldly proclaims a central message of the Reformation movement, *Soli Deo Gloria* (To God's Glory Alone), constantly reminding all who worship and serve at Christ Church that we do so to the glory of our Lord and Him alone!