



*a diverse, inclusive church experiencing and reflecting the love, hope and joy of Jesus Christ  
to each other and our community*

## **WELCOME TO WORSHIP | 11am | sunday | january 18, 2026**

### **PRELUDE**

*This is the Day to Rejoice Medley* | arr. Mark Hayes

Wes Kassulke, piano

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**WELCOME** | Brian McComb, lay servant

### **WELCOME ONE ANOTHER**

**WAYS TO CONNECT** | [christchurchfl.org/ways2connect](http://christchurchfl.org/ways2connect)

Please see below.

### **TRIBUTE TO REV. DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.**

video by Dr. Tameka Hobbs, regional manager,

**\* CALL TO WORSHIP** | Richard Sheffield, liturgist

Come, all who carry burdens too heavy to name.

**We come seeking the one who offers rest and renewal.**

Come, all who feel worn down, wounded, or weary.

**We come to the one who binds up the broken and lifts the lowly.**

Come, for the Spirit is moving among us with compassion and power.

**We come with hope, trusting that in God's hands nothing is beyond repair.**

Let us worship the God who restores, renews, and makes all things whole.

**With open hearts, we worship the God who heals.**

### **\* GATHERING HYMN**

*A Mighty Fortress is Our God* | The United Methodist Hymnal No. 110 (verses 1,2,3,4)

**A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing;**

**our helper he amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing.**

**For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe;**

**his craft and power are great, and armed with cruel hate, on earth is not his equal.**

**Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing,**

**were not the right man on our side, the man of God's own choosing.**

**Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is he;**

**Lord Sabaoth, his name, from age to age the same, and he must win the battle.**

**And though this world, with devils filled, should threaten to undo us,**

**we will not fear, for God hath willed his truth to triumph through us.**

**The Prince of Darkness grim, we tremble not for him;**

**his rage we can endure, for lo, his doom is sure; one little word shall fell him.**

**That word above all earthly powers, no thanks to them, abideth;  
the Spirit and the gifts are ours, through him who with us sideth.  
Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also; the body they may kill;  
God's truth abideth still; his kingdom is forever.**

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## **\* OPENING PRAYER**

**Holy and gracious God, you gather us today with the promise that no wound is too deep, no story too tangled, no life too fractured for your restoring love. Thank you for the promise that nothing in our lives is beyond your healing touch. When we cannot see the way forward, remind us that your Spirit is at work. Teach us to trust your timing and your wisdom, especially when the answers to our prayers are not what we expected. As we worship today, do your mending work within us. Bind up what is broken, restore what has been lost, and renew our strength for the journey. Send us forth knowing that, under your care, we are being made whole. Amen.**

## **\* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

**We believe in God, maker of heaven and earth. God shattered the darkness with light, setting in the sky a radiant sun. God transformed the night sky with brilliant stars. God overcomes every darkness with glorious light. God placed a star in the sky to guide people near and far to Jesus, The Christ-Child.**

**We believe in Jesus Christ, the Light of the World. He brings hope to those filled with grief and sorrow. He brings healing and strength to the weak. He brings direction and purpose to those who have lost their way. Through his life, death, and resurrection, Jesus revealed the depths of God's love for all people.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit who activates the light of Christ within us, calling us to be the hands and feet of Jesus. The Spirit shapes all who follow Jesus into the image and likeness of Christ, equipping us to serve one another in his name. We believe that Christ's light still shines in the darkness and the darkness will not overcome it.**

## **\* GLORIA PATRI**

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.**

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## **SCRIPTURE**

**Isaiah 61:1** | New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition

<sup>1</sup>The spirit of the Lord God is upon me  
because the Lord has anointed me;  
he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed,  
to bind up the brokenhearted,  
to proclaim liberty to the captives  
and release to the prisoners,

**Matthew 11:28-29** | New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition

<sup>28</sup>"Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. <sup>29</sup>Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.

**Luke 4:18** | New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition

<sup>18</sup>"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,  
because he has anointed me  
to bring good news to the poor.

He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives  
and recovery of sight to the blind,  
to set free those who are oppressed,

These are the words of God for us, the people of God. **Thanks be to God**

## MESSAGE

*Nothing Broken Beyond Repair* | Rev. Eddie Barber

## MUSIC MINISTRY

*Precious Lord, Take My Hand* | Thomas Dorsey

Melvin White, bass

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## OFFERING | Connie Bookholt

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Connect cards may also be placed with your offering.

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## MUSIC MINISTRY

*How Marvelous are the Works* | David Angerman

Chancel Choir

*How marvelous are the works of the Lord. How excellent are his ways. How wonderful is his glory and fame, ever the same, great is the name of the Lord. Great is the God of Israel, and great are the works of his hands. He alone is the king of kings. Creation bows at his command. Great is the God of Abraham, and perfect is his law. In majesty and in holiness, he rules, Lord of all. Praise the Lord!*

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## \* 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. Amen.**

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## MORNING PRAYER

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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, the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

## \* HYMN OF COMMITMENT

*Leaning on the Everlasting Arms* | The United Methodist Hymnal No. 133 (verses 1,2,3)

**What a fellowship, what a joy divine,  
leaning on the everlasting arms;  
what a blessedness, what a peace is mine,  
leaning on the everlasting arms.**

*(refrain)* **Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms;  
leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms.**

**O how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way,  
leaning on the everlasting arms;  
O how bright the path grows from day to day,  
leaning on the everlasting arms. *(refrain)***

**What have I to dread, what have I to fear,  
leaning on the everlasting arms?  
I have blessed peace with my Lord so near,  
leaning on the everlasting arms. *(refrain)***

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## \* SENDING FORTH

### \* RESPONSE

*Spirit Song* | The United Methodist Hymnal No. 347

**O let the Son of God enfold you with his Spirit and his love.  
Let him fill your heart and satisfy your soul.  
O let him have the things that hold you, and his Spirit like a dove  
will descend upon your life and make you whole.**

**Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill your lambs.  
Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill your lambs.**

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## MUSIC FOR CLOSING

*March* | A. Valenti

Chuck Stanley, organ

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**\* *please stand in body or spirit.***

Join us next Sunday for the message *Have You Ever Been Thirsty?* based on Psalm 63: 1–5.

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## TODAY

**CONNECT CARDS** We want to know how you're doing. Please fill out a Connect Card, to tell us that you are here, how we can pray for you, and which ministries you're called to. We'd love to hear your ideas also. You'll find paper Connect Cards in the worship space and digital cards at **[christchurchfl.org/connectcard](http://christchurchfl.org/connectcard)**.

**HOLY GROUNDS COFFEE TIME** On Sundays, coffee and snacks are available before the 9am and 11am services. Join your friends for coffee and conversation outside the kitchen window in the gym lobby.

**AT THE TABLE today | 10:05am | fellowship hall 1** *At the Table* is a time to explore the scripture of the day and meet new people as you do. Invite friends and newcomers to join you. Plan to stay after the 9am service or come early for the 11am service; you don't need to hear the day's message to participate in the conversation. Holy Grounds will be open, so plan to grab a snack and coffee, and join us.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATIONS TO BLESSINGS FOOD PANTRY** If you brought donations for the Blessings Food Pantry, thank you. The pantry is serving about 800 families a month, making all donations extremely valuable. If you forgot your donation bag from last Sunday, just bring it next Sunday. All donations are gratefully accepted. The following items would be greatly appreciated: canned tuna or chicken, canned or boxed soups, cereals, instant potatoes, tomato sauce, rice, pasta, mac-and-cheese, canned beans, canned vegetables, jelly, peanut butter, coffee/tea, canned fruit, canned ravioli, canned meat such as Spam, and cereal bars. If you'd like us to do the shopping, donations can be made at [christchurchfl.org/give](http://christchurchfl.org/give), with Blessings Pantry in the notes field, or make out a check to Christ Church and write Blessings Pantry on the memo line. Learn more at [christchurchfl.org/blessings](http://christchurchfl.org/blessings)

## SERVE

**MARCH IN THE MLK DAY PARADE monday | january 19 | 8:45am** Join Christ Church and walk in the King Holiday Parade in Fort Lauderdale. It's an opportunity to honor the legacy of civil rights leader Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. by promoting unity, celebrating diversity, and showing commitment to justice, equality and civil rights. The parade route is about one mile. Go to the website, [christchurchfl.org/events](http://christchurchfl.org/events) for a map that shows where we'll be lining up, plus information about free parking and shuttles. Sign up at [christchurchfl.org/events](http://christchurchfl.org/events) to receive real-time information from Outreach Coordinator Paige Darnell before the parade.

**TOWN HALL MEETING ABOUT MIDDLE SCHOOL wednesday | january 21 | 8:30am** As Christ Church and Christ Church School move toward meeting the educational needs of middle schoolers, a town hall is planned for interested persons to learn more and to ask questions: Wednesday, January 21, at 8:30am in the Fellowship Halls. You can pick up a copy of the January 2026 update from the Building Committee on the tables outside of worship. For answers to some frequently asked questions, go to the church website. [christchurchfl.org/FAQ](http://christchurchfl.org/FAQ)

**ANTI-RACISM TASK FORCE sunday | april 12 | 12:15pm | fellowship halls** The mission of the Anti-Racism Task Force is to confront the sin of racism in ourselves, our church, and in the world. Join us as we work toward a church community that reflects the beautiful diversity of the Kingdom of God. ARTF meets quarterly after the 11am Traditional Worship Service, around 12:15pm. Questions? Contact Susan Spragg, leader of the Anti-Racism Task Force, [artf@christchurchfl.org](mailto:artf@christchurchfl.org)

**ZOE EMPOWERS** Please pick up a prayer card for a family that's part of the Arise and Shine Kironya Empowerment Group, our Zoe Empowers group. We will be supporting this group of 24 orphaned and abandoned teens and young adults as they learn the skills to be self-supporting and join in community through Zoe Empowers. Our partnership with them runs through December 2027. The skills taught by Zoe will help each young adult support themselves and their families in their context. You can learn more at [christchurchfl.org/zoe](http://christchurchfl.org/zoe)

**PREPARE BREAKFAST FOR PARKWAY** The Parkway community breakfast is prepared in the Fort Lauderdale kitchen early Sunday morning. This is a great opportunity for families to serve together, wrapping and heating breakfast sandwiches. Students can earn service hours. Send an email to Outreach Coordinator Paige Darnell, [pdarnell@christchurchfl.org](mailto:pdarnell@christchurchfl.org) if you, your family or group can help.

**HEAT DINNERS FOR PARKWAY** On Wednesdays, we're preparing Christ Church's famous and tasty meatloaf and side dishes in the Fort Lauderdale kitchen for our guests on the Parkway Campus. Flex volunteer time 2-4pm. This is a great opportunity for families to serve together after school. Students can earn service hours. If you are interested, please send an email to Outreach Coordinator Paige Darnell, [pdarnell@christchurchfl.org](mailto:pdarnell@christchurchfl.org).

**JOIN THE WELCOME TEAM** Do you enjoy greeting your church family and welcoming guests? The Welcome Team would be a great place for you to serve. Welcome Team members also help serve communion and collect the offering. Some welcome team members serve as ushers and greeters for memorial services and other special events. Michele Apple and Jeanne Deinken lead this team. Serving with the Welcome Team is a great way to get to know your church family. Sign up at [christchurchfl.org/serve](http://christchurchfl.org/serve)

**BE PART OF THE WORSHIP TECH TEAM** Put your tech skills to work for God. If you would like to be part of the team that helps run the cameras and visuals for worship, send an email to [info@christchurchfl.org](mailto:info@christchurchfl.org)

## CONNECT

### **CREATIVE SPIRIT PAINTING CLASS FOR WOMEN & CHILDREN** sunday | january 25 | 4-7pm

Join Pastor Monique for the next Creative Spirit painting class and time of devotion. Open to women and children kindergarten and up, this class will be a time of painting a beautiful positive and negative space art using shapes that bring joy and positivity for the new year. This class will be Sunday, January 25, 4-7pm. Cost is \$15 per person and includes one canvas and all materials needed. A-L last names, bring something savory to share. M-Z last names, bring something sweet to share. RSVP by Wednesday, January 21, to Pastor Monique, [mmcbride@ccsfl.org](mailto:mmcbride@ccsfl.org). Limit 50 people.

**SHARED MEALS** You are invited to share a meal and community twice each week on the Parkway Campus. On Wednesday, 4:30-6pm, dinner is served to all who come. On Sunday, breakfast is shared 9-10am. This is a great way to build community with our neighbors. The Parkway Campus is located at 100 NE 44<sup>th</sup> Street, Deerfield Beach.

**CHRIST CHURCH AT TRIVIA NIGHT** mondays | 7:30pm | **Funky Buddha Brewery** Join us as we play trivia. It's an informal gathering of folks who have fun trying to answer the questions and catching up on one another's lives. Look for the Christ Church team at the Funky Buddha, 1201 NE 38<sup>th</sup> Street, Oakland Park, on Monday nights.

**WELCOME BRUNCH** sunday | february 22 | 10am | **fellowship hall 1** If you are new to Christ Church, we'd love to get acquainted at the next Welcome brunch. If you sit next to someone new, please walk with them to the brunch. This is an opportunity to learn more about the church and meet others. If you're interested or have questions, please send an email to [welcome@christchurchfl.org](mailto:welcome@christchurchfl.org)

**MEMBERSHIP CLASS PLANNED** sunday | march 8 | 2pm | **fellowship hall 1** Everyone is welcome to participate in the life of the church, as servants, musicians, in bible studies and more. If you are interested in deepening your participation through church membership, Pastor Cathy Johns will offer the class, United Methodist 101, on Sunday, March 8, at 2pm. Email Pastor Cathy Johns to let her know you're interested, [cjohns@christchurchfl.org](mailto:cjohns@christchurchfl.org)

## GROW

**ASH WEDNESDAY** february 18 | 8-8:30am **imposition of ashes** | 7pm **worship with imposition of ashes and communion** Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent, a season of introspection and preparation. It is a time for repentance and reflection. And it is, ultimately, a journey that leads us to Holy Week, preparing us for the death and resurrection of Jesus, our Lord and Savior. We will start the Lenten journey together with imposition of ashes at 8-8:30am and a service of music, prayer, imposition of ashes and Holy Communion at 7pm, all in the Fort Lauderdale Sanctuary.

**GREAT READ** sunday | march 15 | 2pm | **fellowship halls & tuesday | march 17 | 1:30pm | John Knox Village** You are invited to join Pastor Cathy for a discussion of the book *The Celtic Way of Prayer: The Recovery of Religious Imagination*. Readers will discover the history, folklore, and liturgy of the Celtic people. The author, Esther deWaal, a world-renowned Celtic scholar, leads readers on a journey of monastic prayer and praise -- the foundation stone of Celtic Christianity -- early Irish litanies, medieval Welsh praise poems, and the wealth of blessings derived from an oral tradition that made prayer a part of daily life. Secure your own book and read before the discussion; audio versions are

available online. Child care for the Sunday discussion is available by advance reservation to Lisa Jones, [ljones@christchurchfl.org](mailto:ljones@christchurchfl.org).

**MORNING PRAYERS** Join your church family for morning prayers Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 7:30am. Begin the day praying with your church family on the Christ Church Facebook page, [@christchurchfl](https://www.facebook.com/christchurchfl). If you can't be online at 7:30, a recording of morning prayers is available on Facebook. Morning prayers take a break on church and federal holidays.

## HEALING

**FAITH CARING GROUP** **mondays | 1pm** The Faith Caring Group reflects and addresses the need for caring and assistance as well as grief support. The group meets on Zoom every Monday of the month, except the second Monday when members have lunch at H2Ocean, 5975 N Federal Hwy #103, Fort Lauderdale. For more information, send an email to [info@christchurchfl.org](mailto:info@christchurchfl.org) with your contact information. A Faith Caring Group leader will get back to you.

## CHILDREN & FAMILIES

**LEGO LENT EVENT** **wednesday | february 18 | 5:30pm | fellowship halls 1-3** Calling all master builders! Plan to come help build the Old City of Jerusalem on the first day of Lent, Ash Wednesday. This family event is for children PreK-4 through 5<sup>th</sup> grade. Come for dinner of pizza, salad and dessert, only \$7 per person. Sign up at [christchurchfl.org/events](https://christchurchfl.org/events)

**ADHD & ME** **sunday | march 1 | 10am | walkway room** Pastor Monique McBride, pastor of school & families, leads this free seminar, ADHD & ME: Our Family Journey with Learning & Behavioral Differences, on Sunday, March 1, at 10am in the Walkway Room. As the parent of a young person with ADHD, Pastor Monique says she most certainly doesn't have all the answers. Yet, she believes her family adventures with ADHD are common and worth sharing with others. Come hear her story as she shares a little bit of what she has learned along the way while parenting a child with learning and behavioral differences. Child care is available in the nursery. RSVP by Thursday, February 26, with the number of adults and children attending at [christchurchfl.org/events](https://christchurchfl.org/events)

**LEAD THE LORD'S PRAYER & APOSTLES CREED** **first sundays** Children are invited to lead the Lord's Prayer and the Apostles Creed in the 9am and 11am services on the first Sunday of each month. Email Pastor Monique to volunteer, [mmcbride@ccsfl.org](mailto:mmcbride@ccsfl.org)

**i9 SPORTS AT CHRIST CHURCH** Soccer, flag football, basketball and multi-sport programs are open for children age 3 and up. i9 is a community-based program devoted to helping children succeed. Learn about all of the opportunities on the i9 website. [i9sports.com](https://i9sports.com)

## CHURCH BUSINESS

**FEBRUARY COUNCIL MEETING** The next Church Council meeting will be Monday, February 2, at 6:30pm in Fellowship Halls 1-3.