



*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 25, 2026

PRELUDE

Soon and Very Soon | arr. Linda Scholes

Wes Kassulke, piano

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WELCOME | Pastor Monique McBride

WELCOME ONE ANOTHER

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Please see below.

*** CALL TO WORSHIP** | Connie Booth, liturgist

In every season of life, our hearts search for the presence of God.

We come, yearning for the one who gives life its true meaning.

When our spirits feel dry, God meets us with strength and renewal.

When we feel empty, God fills us with grace that sustains and restores.

God's love is richer than anything this world can provide.

Our hearts respond with praise, and our lives are lifted in joy.

Come, let us worship the one who satisfies our deepest hunger.

Let us praise the God who fills us and sustains us!

*** GATHERING HYMN**

Come, Christians, Join to Sing | The United Methodist Hymnal No. 158 (verses 1,2,3)

Come, Christians, join to sing: Alleluia! Amen!

loud praise to Christ our king: Alleluia! Amen!

Let all, with heart and voice, before his throne rejoice;

praise is his gracious choice. Alleluia! Amen!

Come, lift your hearts on high: Alleluia! Amen!

Let praises fill the sky: Alleluia! Amen!

He is our guide and friend; to us he'll condescend;

His love shall never end: Alleluia! Amen!

Praise yet the Lord again: Alleluia! Amen!

Life shall not end the strain: Alleluia! Amen!

On heaven's blissful shore his goodness we'll adore,

singing forevermore: Alleluia! Amen!

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*** OPENING PRAYER**

Loving God, we gather today with hearts that yearn for your presence. You know the places within us that feel empty, tired, or stretched thin. Meet us here with the fullness of your grace. Let your love steady us, your strength uphold us, and your goodness renew our hope. Fill us with the assurance that you are near—closer than our breath and faithful beyond our understanding. Pour your Spirit into the empty spaces of our hearts. Shape our lives so that our words and actions reflect the joy of belonging to you. 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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MUSIC MINISTRY

Precious Jesus | Jay Althouse
Leigh Neely, soprano

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SCRIPTURE

Psalms 63:1–5 | New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition

¹ O God, you are my God; I seek you;
my soul thirsts for you;
my flesh faints for you,
as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.

² So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary,
beholding your power and glory.

³ Because your steadfast love is better than life,
my lips will praise you.

⁴ So I will bless you as long as I live;
I will lift up my hands and call on your name.

⁵ My soul is satisfied as with a rich feast,
and my mouth praises you with joyful lips

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

MESSAGE

Have You Ever Been Thirsty? | Rev. Brian Carr, director of church relations for Residing Hope

OFFERING

worshipping through the offering of our lives and gifts

- Place offerings in the plates or wooden boxes
- Give online at **christchurchfl.org/give**
- Text GIVE to 954.880.3885
- Mail a check to Christ Church, 4845 NE 25th Ave., Fort Lauderdale, FL 33308

Connect cards may also be placed with your offering.

Christ Church is a congregationally supported ministry. We thank you for your faithfulness as we reflect the love, hope and joy of Jesus to our community.

MUSIC MINISTRY

Come to the Water | arr. Lynda Hasseler

Chancel Choir

O let all who thirst; let them come to the water. And let all who have nothing, let them come to the Lord: without money, without price. Why should you pay the price, except for the Lord? And let all who seek, let them come to the water. And let all who have nothing, let them come to the Lord: without money, without strife. Why should you spend your life, except for the Lord? And let all who toil, let them come to the water. And let all who are weary, let them come to the Lord: all who labor, without rest. How can your soul find rest, except for the Lord? And let all the poor, let them come to the water, bring the ones who are laden, bring them all to the Lord: bring the children without might. Easy the load and light: come to 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

Great is Thy Faithfulness | The United Methodist Hymnal No. 140 (verses 1,2,3)

**Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
there is no shadow of turning with thee;
thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;
as thou hast been, thou forever wilt be.**

(refrain) **Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!**

**Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed thy hand hath provided;
great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!**

**Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
join with all nature in manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. *(refrain)***

**Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! *(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

Maestoso | Dietrich Wierczeyko

Chuck Stanley, organ

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

Join us next Sunday for the message, *What awaits you? Embracing God's Promise Through Renewal*, based on 1 Corinthians 3:6-13

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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.

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.

SERVE

LEARN ABOUT MIDDLE SCHOOL PLANS As Christ Church and Christ Church School move toward meeting the educational needs of middle schoolers, you can keep up with the plans by picking 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

EXPLORE WAYS TO HELP JAMAICA AFTER HURRICANE MELISSA sunday | february 15 | 10am | fellowship hall 4 When Hurricane Melissa struck Jamaica in September, it was the strongest storm to hit the island in modern history, leaving dozens dead and many areas devastated by high waters and strong winds. Join Pastor Doug Johns and Alecia Folkes for a conversation about how Christ Church can help our island neighbors recover from this disastrous hurricane.

DONATE TO THE BLESSINGS FOOD PANTRY 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, 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

ANTI-RACISM TASK FORCE sunday | april 12 | 12:15pm | fellowship halls 1-3 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

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

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 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.

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

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

CONNECT

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 44th 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 38th 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

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

GROW

DISTRICT TRAINING EVENT **sunday | february 1 | 4-6pm | new horizons umc** *Change with Conviction* is the focus of this year's leadership training in the South East District of the Florida Conference of the United Methodist Church. Goals for the gathering are leading for transformation, aligning values and action, and turning pushback into progress. All clergy and laity in leadership roles -- lay leaders, lay ministers/speakers, council chairs, chairs of Staff Parish Relations Committees, trustees, finance, children's ministry, youth ministry, missions, congregational care, nominations, worship and all other ministries. New Horizons UMC is located at 5741, S Flamingo Road, Southwest Ranches FL 33330. If you are unable to attend the February 1 training, another training will be held Sunday, February 15, at 4pm at United Methodist Church of the Palm Beaches, 900 Brandywine Road, West Palm Beach FL 33409. Sign up for the training at christchurchfl.org/events

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.

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 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 5th grade. Come for dinner of pizza, salad and dessert, only \$7 per person. Sign up at 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

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

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**

CHURCH BUSINESS

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