



*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 | october 11, 2026**

**WELCOME** | Connie Bookholt, liturgist

## **WELCOME ONE ANOTHER**

## **PRELUDE**

*Just a Closer Walk* | arr. John F. Wilson

Wes Kassulke, piano; Doug Friend, percussion

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## **\* CALL TO WORSHIP**

We gather today seeking the wisdom that comes from God.

**May that wisdom shape the way we live and the way we love.**

Where others are hurting or struggling,

**Let us be people of mercy and compassion.**

Where differences threaten to divide us,

**Let us build bridges of understanding and grace.**

Today we worship the one who forms us into a beloved, Christlike community.

**With gratitude and hope, we worship the God who makes us one.**

## **\* GATHERING HYMN**

*Maker, in Whom We Live* | The United Methodist Hymnal No. 88 (verses 1,2,3,4)

**Maker, in whom we live, in whom we are and move,  
the glory, power, and praise receive for thy creating love.**

**Let all the angel throng give thanks to God on high,  
while earth repeats the joyful song and echoes to the sky.**

**Incarnate Deity, let all the ransomed race  
render in thanks their lives to thee for thy redeeming grace.  
The grace to sinners showed ye heavenly choirs proclaim,  
and cry, "Salvation to our God, salvation to the Lamb!"**

**Spirit of Holiness, let all thy saints adore  
thy sacred energy, and bless thine heart-renewing power.  
No angel tongues can tell thy love's ecstatic height,  
the glorious joy unspeakable, the beatific sight.**

**Eternal, Triune God, let all the hosts above,  
let all on earth below record and dwell upon thy love.**

**When heaven and earth are fled before thy glorious face,  
sing all the saints thy love hath made thine everlasting praise.**

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## **OPENING PRAYER**

**Gracious God, we come before you today grateful for your love and for the gift of this community of faith. You call us to live with humility, gentleness, and care for one another. Shape us into a church where people can experience the love of Christ—not only in the words we speak, but in how we treat one another. Teach us to see our differences not as things that divide us, but as opportunities to listen, to learn, and to grow together. May the way we live together reflect the love of Christ and offer others a glimpse of the beloved community you call us to be. Amen.**

## **\* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

*all* **We believe in God,  
Creator and giver of every good gift,  
whose grace surrounds us  
and is always at work within us.**

**We believe in Jesus Christ,  
God's love made known among us,  
who calls us to a faith made visible  
in love, mercy, justice, and service.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,  
who gives us wisdom,  
strength for the journey,  
and grace to grow.**

**We believe faith is meant to be lived:  
in the words we speak,  
the choices we make,  
and the way we love our neighbors.**

**We do not live this way to earn God's love.  
We live this way because we are already loved.**

**By the grace of God,  
may the faith we proclaim  
become the faith we practice,  
and may our lives bear witness  
to the love of Christ.  
Amen.**

## **\* 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

*There are Angels Hov'rin' 'Round* | arr. Uzee Brown, Jr.  
Mel White, bass

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## PASTORAL 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.**

## STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

Worship Workshop – Holy Communion

## OFFERING

worshipping through the offering of our lives and gifts

- Place offerings in the plates or wooden boxes
- Give online at [christchurchfl.org/give](http://christchurchfl.org/give)
- Text GIVE to 954.880.3885
- Mail a check to Christ Church, 4845 NE 25<sup>th</sup> 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, which helps the church reflect the love, hope and joy of Jesus to our community.

## MUSIC MINISTRY

*God, Grant Me to Be Silent* | Mark Hill  
Chancel Choir

*God grant me to be silent before you, that I may hear you; God grant me to be at rest in your, that you may work in me; God grant me to be open to you, that you may enter; God grant me to be empty before you, that you may fill me. Let me be still, and know you are my God. Amen.*

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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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## PRAYER BEFORE SCRIPTURE READING

Gracious God, as I open these pages, open my heart to you. Give me wisdom to hear your voice, courage to trust your grace, and strength to live what I believe. Shape my words, my choices, and the way I love my neighbors. May the faith you have planted in me bear fruit in a life of compassion, mercy, justice, and love. Make my faith alive and active, so that through me, others may experience the love of Christ. Amen.

## SCRIPTURE

**James 3:13–4:10** | New Revised Standard Version, updated edition

<sup>13</sup> Who is wise and knowledgeable among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. <sup>14</sup> But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be arrogant and lie about the truth. <sup>15</sup> This is not wisdom that comes down from above but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. <sup>16</sup> For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. <sup>17</sup> But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. <sup>18</sup> And the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace.

<sup>4</sup> Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? <sup>2</sup> You want something and do not have it, so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it, so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have because you do not ask. <sup>3</sup> You ask and do not receive because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures. <sup>4</sup> Adulterers! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world becomes an enemy of God. <sup>5</sup> Or do you suppose that the scripture speaks to no purpose? Does the spirit that God caused to dwell in us desire envy? <sup>6</sup> But God gives all the more grace; therefore it says,

"God opposes the proud  
but gives grace to the humble."

<sup>7</sup> Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. <sup>8</sup> Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. <sup>9</sup> Lament and mourn and weep. Let your laughter be turned into mourning and your joy into dejection. <sup>10</sup> Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will exalt you.

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

## MESSAGE

*Faith Works | Wisdom from Above* | Rev. Emily Denmark McGee

### \* HYMN OF COMMITMENT

*They'll Know We are Christians* | The Faith We Sing Hymnal No. 2223 (verses 1,2,3)

**We are one in the spirit, we are one in the Lord.**

**We are one in the spirit, we are one in the Lord.**

**And we pray that all unity will one day be restored.**

*(refrain)* **And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love.**

**Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.**

**We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand.  
We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand.  
And together we'll spread the news that God is in our land. (refrain)**

**We will work with each other, we will work side by side.  
We will work with each other, we will work side by side.  
And we'll guard human dignity and save human pride. (refrain)**

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

Please see below.

### **\* 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**

*Trumpet Tune in D* | Paul Fey

Chuck Stanley, organ

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

Join us next Sunday, when we continue the series, *Faith Works*, with the message, *Trusting God with Tomorrow*, based on James 4:13–17.

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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 so we can help you get connected. 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** Coffee and snacks are available between 8:45 and 10:45am. Join your friends for coffee and conversation outside the kitchen window in the gym lobby.

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

**TAKE A LIST OR BAG FOR THE BLESSINGS PANTRY** It's the second Sunday of the month, time to take a bag or list with needed items and shop for donations to the Blessings Food Pantry, located on the Parkway Campus, 100 NE 44<sup>th</sup> St., Deerfield Beach. More and more people are turning to the Blessings Food Pantry to feed their families. Your donations help keep up with the growing needs of our neighbors. Here are the most-needed items: canned tuna and chicken, canned or boxed soups, cereals, instant potatoes, tomato sauce, rice, pasta, mac-and-cheese, canned beans, saltine crackers, jelly, peanut butter, coffee/tea, canned fruit, canned ravioli, and cereal bars. If you'd like us to do the shopping, donations can be made at [christchurchfl.org/give](https://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](https://christchurchfl.org/blessings)

**ARTF GATHERING today | october 11 | 12:15pm | fellowship halls 2-4** The Anti-Racism Task Force, a group focused on bringing an end to racism within and outside the church, will gather at 12:15pm today in Fellowship Halls 2-4 to plan events for the next couple of months. All are welcome to come learn about the initiative and plan ways to share with others. For more information, email ARTF leader Susan Spragg, [sspragg@christchurchfl.org](mailto:sspragg@christchurchfl.org)

**FREEWAY SUNDAY NIGHT today | 5-7pm – 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> graders | 6-7pm dinner | 6-8pm high schoolers** There's room at the table for all 5<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> graders every Sunday evening. Fifth-graders through middle school students meet 5-7pm; high schoolers, 6-8pm. Both groups come together for dinner at 6pm. Bring a friend or two. Questions? Contact Mr. W, director of student ministry, at [pwoodard@christchurchfl.org](mailto:pwoodard@christchurchfl.org)

## SERVE

**TRUNK OR TREAT saturday | october 17 | 5-7:30pm | christ church field** Help welcome thousands of guests to the giant party on the field. This is Christ Church's largest outreach ministry of the year. Please bring lots and lots of individually wrapped candy, which will be given to the young ghouls and goblins that night. Also needed: lots of volunteers for that night. Perhaps you'd like to decorate a car and give out candy. Check out all of the ways you can help with this outreach event at [christchurchfl.org/TrunkorTreat](https://christchurchfl.org/TrunkorTreat)

**ZOE EMPOWERS** We support the Arise and Shine Kironya Empowerment Group of 24 orphaned and abandoned teens and young adults as they learn skills to be self-supporting 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](https://christchurchfl.org/zoe)

**SERVE A MEAL AT PARKWAY sundays 8:30-10:30am | wednesdays 4-6pm** You are invited to share the joy of serving a hot meal to our neighbors and friends on the Parkway Campus. You'll serve alongside more experienced volunteers, serving food, welcoming guests, and helping to clean up after the meal. Students who serve can receive service hours. If you are interested, please send an email to [info@christchurchfl.org](mailto:info@christchurchfl.org)

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**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. Students can earn service hours. Send an email to [info@christchurchfl.org](mailto:info@christchurchfl.org) if your family or group can help.

**HEAT DINNERS FOR PARKWAY** On Wednesdays, we prepare 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 [info@christchurchfl.org](mailto:info@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](https://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

**PASTOR APPRECIATION MONTH** October is the month when United Methodists express gratitude to their pastors for their spiritual guidance and leadership. If you would like to say thank you to Pastors Jad Denmark and Monique McBride, look for boxes outside of worship with notecards nearby. Write a note and drop it in the box. Or send emails to Pastor Jad at [jdenmark@christchurchfl.org](mailto:jdenmark@christchurchfl.org) or Pastor Monique, [mmcbride@ccsfl.org](mailto:mmcbride@ccsfl.org). The Staff Parish Relations Committee will host receptions for the pastors on Sunday, November 1, at 10am and 12noon in Fellowship Halls 2-4. Mark your calendar and plan to be there.

**SHARED MEALS** You are invited to share a meal and community twice each week on the Parkway Campus. On Wednesday, 4:30-5:30pm, 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.

## GROW

**LAY SERVANT TRAINING** **saturday | october 24 | 7:30am-6pm** United Methodists from across the South East District are invited to take part in Lay Servant training that will be offered Saturday, October 24, 7:30am-6pm, in Fellowship Halls 2-4. Three courses will be offered: the Lay Servant Ministry Basic Course; Living Our Beliefs: The United Methodist Way, a lay speaker course; and The Spirit and Art of Conflict Transformation. The Basic Course, designed to equip new church leaders and renew current leaders, is the foundation for other

leadership training. It covers leadership, caring and communication. Sign up through the link at [christchurchfl.org/events](http://christchurchfl.org/events)

**WOMEN OF FAITH noon wednesdays on zoom** Women of all ages are invited to join Women of Faith. This lunch hour group welcomes all who want to learn and pray together. If you're interested, contact group leader Cynthia Metzger Phipps, [cmetzgerphipps@christchurchfl.org](mailto:cmetzgerphipps@christchurchfl.org)

**MORNING PRAYERS** Join your church family for morning prayers Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 7:30am 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.

## HEALING

**ALL SAINTS SUNDAY november 1 | 9am & 11am** Christ Church will recognize all those in our church family who have passed on during the previous 12 months on All Saints Sunday, November 1, 2026. We will also remember loved ones of our members on the screens during the services. If you would like to remember a loved one who has gone on to be with Jesus, please write their name/s at [christchurchfl.org/saints](http://christchurchfl.org/saints) You may also pin a bell to the bell banner, in the narthex of the sanctuary. The bell banner will be carried forward during the 11am service on All Saints Sunday.

**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.

## STUDENTS

**FREEWAY EVERY SUNDAY NIGHT every sunday | 5-7pm – 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> graders | 6-7pm dinner | 6-8pm high schoolers** There's room at the table for all 5<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> graders every Sunday evening. Fifth-graders through middle school students meet 5-7pm; high schoolers, 6-8pm. Both groups come together for dinner at 6pm. Bring a friend or two. Questions? Contact Mr. W, director of student ministry, at [pwoodard@christchurchfl.org](mailto:pwoodard@christchurchfl.org)

**SECOND SUNDAYS ARE SERVE SUNDAYS 8am at the Parkway Campus** Students in 5<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grades are invited to meet Mr. W, aka Student Ministry Leader Phil Woodard, at the Parkway Campus, where students can help prepare for and serve a community breakfast. It's a great way to serve our neighbors and earn service hours. Questions? Contact Mr. W, [pwoodard@christchurchfl.org](mailto:pwoodard@christchurchfl.org)

## CHILDREN & FAMILIES

**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](http://i9sports.com)**

## **CHURCH BUSINESS**

**CLUSTER CHARGE CONFERENCE** **sunday | october 25 | 4-6pm | cason umc** Clergy and lay persons of the church are invited to the Cluster Charge Conference on Sunday, October 25, at 4pm at Cason United Methodist Church, 342 N. Swinton Ave., Delray Beach. It will be a time of worship and fellowship with other area United Methodists and include the church's annual business meeting.

**DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION** Christ Church is seeking a collaborative, relational, and highly organized Director of Administration to provide leadership for the administrative and operational life of our church. Learn more about the position and how to apply at **[christchurchfl.org/jobs](http://christchurchfl.org/jobs)**

**PART-TIME CUSTODIAN** Christ Church is seeking a dependable, flexible, and conscientious Part-Time Custodian to help maintain clean, safe, welcoming, and well-prepared spaces at Christ Church & Christ Church School in Fort Lauderdale and the Parkway Campus, home of our food pantry, in Deerfield Beach. Learn more about the position and how to apply at **[christchurchfl.org/jobs](http://christchurchfl.org/jobs)**