



*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 12, 2025

PRELUDE

Glorious Celebration | Cynthia Dobrinski

Handbell Choir

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WELCOME | Pastor Doug Johns

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Please see below.

WELCOME ONE ANOTHER

*** CALL TO WORSHIP |** Jeanne Deinken, liturgist

Come, beloved of God, not to stand still, but to move forward in faith.

We come to walk the path Christ sets before us.

Each step of faith shapes who we are created to be.

We offer our gifts, our hearts, and our will to God's purpose.

When we live with focus and love, the world is changed.

One act of kindness, one word of hope, can ripple through creation.

Come, people of God—join the journey of becoming.

With open hearts and willing spirits, we follow Christ together!

*** GATHERING HYMN**

Lift High the Cross | The United Methodist Hymnal No. 159 (verses 1,2,3,4)

(refrain) **Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim**

till all the world adore his sacred name.

Come, Christians, follow this triumphant sign.

The hosts of God in unity combine. *(refrain)*

**Each newborn servant of the crucified bears
on the brow the seal of him who died.** *(refrain)*

**O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,
as thou hast promised, draw the world to thee.** *(refrain)*

So shall our song of triumph ever be:

Praise to the crucified for victory! *(refrain)*

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* OPENING PRAYER

Gracious God, you call us to follow you into places unknown, to trust your voice even when the way is unclear. So often we cling to what feels safe, and our hearts become tangled by fear or hesitation. Set us free, O God—free from the need to control, free from the weight of doubt, free to embrace your leading with open hearts. Empower us to step into the journey of who we are meant to be, to walk with courage, clarity, and compassion. Lead us not where we want to go, but where you are already at work. May our lives ripple outward—each act of love, each step of faith, each moment of clarity—becoming part of your healing work in the world. Amen.

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe in the God of all Creation, made known to us in Jesus Christ through the Holy Spirit. God's perfect and endless love shows us how to love one another.

We believe in Christ Jesus, God with us, King and Suffering Servant, High Priest and Lamb of God. He is the Bread of Life, The Word made flesh, whose life, death and resurrection redeems and restores us and gives hope to the world.

We believe in the Holy Spirit who inspires, sustains, and purifies us. The Spirit continues to form us into the nature of Christ and transform us with gifts. Binding us into one body, the Spirit calls us to love and serve the world.

We rejoice in our God, who like a faithful mother does not abandon her child. We celebrate our God, who like a loving father welcomes the prodigal home.

In life and death, we belong to you, everlasting God: our Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer.

* 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

Prelude on "Thaxted" | Michel Helman

Handbell Choir

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SCRIPTURE

Mark 10:13-16 | New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition

¹³People were bringing children to him in order that he might touch them, and the disciples spoke sternly to them. ¹⁴But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, "Let the children come to me; do not stop them, for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. ¹⁵Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it." ¹⁶And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

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

MESSAGE

The Ripple Effect | *Focus* | Pastor Doug Johns

OFFERING | Pastor Cathy Johns

worshiping 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

I Must Tell Jesus with Blessed Assurance | arr. Mary McDonald
Chancel Choir

I must tell Jesus all of my trials; I cannot bear these burdens alone. In my distress he kindly will help me; he ever loves and cares for his own. This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long. This is my song!

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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**

Lord, you Gave the Great Commission | BEECHER

**Lord, you give the great commission: "Heal the sick and preach the word."
Lest the church neglect its mission, and the gospel go unheard,
help us witness to your purpose with renewed integrity.**

(refrain) **With the Spirit's gifts empower us for the work of ministry.**

**Lord, you call us to your service: "In my name, baptize and teach."
That the world may trust your promise, life abundant meant for each,
give us all new fervor, draw us closer in community. *(refrain)***

**Lord, you bless with words assuring: "I am with you to the end."
Faith and hope and love restoring, may we serve as you intend
and, amid the cares that claim us, hold in mind eternity. *(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

Tuba Tune | Paul Fey

Chuck Stanley, organ

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

Join us next Sunday as we continue *The Ripple Effect* series with the message *Freedom*, based on Mark 10:17-31.

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TODAY

CONNECT CARDS We want to stay in touch. 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 at the kitchen window in the gym lobby for coffee and conversation.

AT THE TABLE sunday | 10:05am | fellowship halls 1-3 You are invited to At the Table next Sunday. *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

TRUNK OR TREAT saturday | october 19 | 5-7:30pm We are getting ready for Christ Church's giant party on the field, Trunk or Treat. There are many ways to help get ready -- and to serve the night of the party. Here are some of them:

VOLUNTEER We want every guest to feel welcome, and that takes lots of people! There are many opportunities to serve and have fun together.

DONATE CANDY Candy is the star of the night. And we give away lots of it. Donations of individually wrapped candy can be sent or brought to the church.

DECORATE A TRUNK Church and school families are invited to decorate a trunk and give out candy, after all, that's what Trunk or Treat is all about! If you're a business, you too can decorate a trunk and give away candy that you provide, as well as approved marketing materials.

DONATE SOFT DRINKS & SPORTS DRINKS Trunk or treating can make one thirsty. Donate cans of Coke, Diet Coke, Sprite and LaCroix and individual-size bottles of Gatorade.

BE A SPONSOR Help make sure our thousands of guests have a great time. A few prime sponsorships remain. For all of the details about this exciting night, go to our website. christchurchfl.org/boo

BLESSINGS FOOD DRIVE If you forgot to bring food for the Blessings Food Pantry this morning, rest assured that we'll be glad to have it next Sunday as well. The pantry is serving an increasing number of people each week, and we need your help to keep the shelves stocked. 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 comment field, or make out a check to Christ Church and write Blessings Pantry on the memo line. Learn more at christchurchfl.org/blessings

BLOOD DRIVE sunday | november 23 | 9:30am-12:30pm | fort lauderdale campus Plan to serve and worship on the same morning, November 2. The Big Red Bus for blood donations will be on the Fort Lauderdale Campus, 9:30am-12:30pm. Did you know a single blood donation can save three lives? Sign up opportunities will be open soon.

ANTI-RACISM TASK FORCE sunday | january 11, 2026 | 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 on the first Sunday 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 will run 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. Linda Bajkowsky coordinates the team and would love your help. 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

WELCOME BRUNCH sunday | october 19 | 10am | fellowship hall 1 If you or someone you sit next to during worship is new to Christ Church, we'd love to get acquainted at the next Welcome 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 | november 2 | 2pm | 2nd floor conference room 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 to church membership, Pastor Cathy Johns will offer the class, United Methodist 101, on Sunday, November 2, at 2pm. Email Pastor Cathy Johns to let her know you're interested, cjohns@christchurchfl.org

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS **sunday | november 9 | 9am | christ church lawn** Bring your pets. Bring your stuffed animals. Bring a photo of an animal precious to you. During the 9am worship service on Sunday, November 9, our pastors will bless the animals in our lives. You will receive a certificate documenting this special day also. Save the date now!

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.

GROW

GREAT BOOKS DISCUSSION | *Joy to the World: How Christ's Coming Changed Everything and Still Does*
thursday | december 4 | 1:30pm & 5:30pm You are invited to join Pastor Cathy for a book discussion on the impact of Christ's birth in the world, then and now. Take a deep dive into a story that is both familiar and extraordinary. Explore the biblical and historical context of the birth of Christ as best-selling author Scott Hann unpacks how a baby born in Bethlehem, surrounded by a star, shepherds, angels, an emperor, and animals changed the world forever. We'll discuss the book at 1:30pm at a location to be named and 5:30pm at Christ Church. Participants will acquire their own books; it is also available online with Kindle and audiobook options. Child care is available with advance reservation for the evening option; email 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

i9 SPORTS AT CHRIST CHURCH Soccer, flag football, basketball and multi-sport programs are open for children age 3 and up. January sessions are now open. 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

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING **monday | november 3 | 6:30pm | fellowship halls 1-3**

CLUSTER CHARGE CONFERENCE **sunday | november 2 | 4pm | first coral springs** Join churches from throughout the area for a joint worship service and annual business meeting. First Coral Springs is located at 8650 W. Sample Road, Coral Springs 33065.