



*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 18, 2026

WELCOME

WELCOME ONE ANOTHER

PRELUDE

My Jesus, I Love Thee | David H. Hegarty

Chuck Stanley, organ; Steven Mailloux-Adler, percussion

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

Today we gather as people who do not yet know what tomorrow will bring.

We come trusting that God will walk with us, even when the way is uncertain.

God invites us to live with open hearts, ready to follow wherever the Spirit leads.

We open ourselves to God's guidance, knowing we cannot walk this path alone.

In our uncertainty, God is our steady ground; in our questions, God is our faithful companion.

We acknowledge our dependence on God, who leads us with wisdom and grace.

Let us worship the God who calls us to trust, to hope, and to step forward in faith.

With gratitude and confidence, we place our tomorrows in God's care.

*** GATHERING HYMN**

O God Our Help in Ages Past | The United Methodist Hymnal No. 117 (verses 1,2,3,6)

**O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home!**

**Under the shadow of thy throne, still may we dwell secure;
sufficient is thine arm alone, and our defense is sure.**

**Before the hills in order stood, or earth received her frame,
from everlasting, thou art God, to endless years the same.**

**Our God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come;
be thou our guide while life shall last, and our eternal home.**

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OPENING PRAYER

Loving God, we come before you carrying all that rests on our minds and hearts. Some of us look toward tomorrow with hope and anticipation, while others hold questions, worries, or fears about what may come. Teach us to loosen our hold on what we cannot control and to rest in your faithful leading. Open us to the quiet work of your Spirit. Shape our desires, steady our steps, and attune our ears to your voice. Remind us that faith

is not certainty about the future, but trust in the one who walks with us. Calm our anxious thoughts and give us hearts ready to follow. Lead us into tomorrow with courage, openness, and hope. 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

Amazing Grace | arr. Stephen Nelson
Richard Christobal Harris

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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

Trunk or Treat 2026

OFFERING

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, which helps the church reflect the love, hope and joy of Jesus to our community.

MUSIC MINISTRY

Shepherd of My Soul | Susan & Lee Dengler

Chancel Choir

Shepherd of my soul, keeper of my heart, guardian of each step I take, lead me in your way. Shepherd of my soul, keeper of my heart, author of each plan I make, lead me in your way. The Lord will always be my shepherd. The Lord will always be my guide; he leads me into pleasant places, and keeps me safe by his side. When I am lost, my shepherd finds me and brings me back into the fold; he speaks to me with words of comfort, and shelters me from the cold. Shepherd of my soul, lead me in your way.

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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 4:13–17 | New Revised Standard Version, updated edition

¹³Come now, you who say, "Today or tomorrow we will go to such and such a town and spend a year there, doing business and making money." ¹⁴Yet you do not even know what tomorrow will bring. What is your life? For you are a mist that appears for a little while and then vanishes. ¹⁵Instead you ought to say, "If the Lord wishes, we will live and do this or that." ¹⁶As it is, you boast in your arrogance; all such boasting is evil. ¹⁷Anyone, then, who knows the right thing to do and fails to do it commits sin.

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

MESSAGE

Faith Works | Trusting God with Tomorrow | Pastor Jad Denmark

* HYMN OF COMMITMENT

My Hope is Built | The United Methodist Hymnal No. 368 (verses 1,2,3,4)

My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness.

I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

(refrain) **On Christ the solid rock I stand, all other ground is sinking sand;
all other ground is sinking sand.**

**When darkness veils his lovely face, I rest on his unchanging grace.
In every high and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the veil. *(refrain)***

**His oath, his covenant, his blood support me in the whelming flood.
When all around my soul gives way, he then is all my hope and stay. *(refrain)***

**When he shall come with trumpet sound, O may I then in him be found!
Dressed in his righteousness alone, faultless to stand before the throne! *(refrain)***

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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

March in G | Henry Smart

Chuck Stanley, organ

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

Join us next Sunday, when we conclude the series, *Faith Works*, with the message, *Holding One Another Together*, based on James 5:7–20.

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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.

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 44th 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, 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

FREEWAY SUNDAY NIGHT today | 5-7pm – 5th-8th graders | 6-7pm dinner | 6-8pm high schoolers There's room at the table for all 5th through 12th 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

SERVE

THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO BROUGHT FOOD FOR THE BLESSINGS PANTRY We are grateful for the folks who returned a bag of needed donations to the Blessings Food Pantry, located on the Parkway Campus, 100 NE 44th 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, 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

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

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

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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 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

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

RECOGNIZE SAINTS ON ALL SAINTS SUNDAY **sunday | november 1 | 9am & 11am** On All Saints Sunday, we recognize the saints in our church who have gone before us. We will ring a bell and light a candle for those in our church family who have passed in the preceding 12 months. If you would like to recognize your personal saints, please fill out the form at christchurchfl.org/saints and we will show their names on the screens on All Saints Sunday. If you cannot use the online form, please sign the book in the lobby outside of worship. christchurchfl.org/saints

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 or Pastor Monique, 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 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

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS SERVICE **sunday | november 8 | 9am | lawn** Everyone is invited to bring a friend or neighbor and pets to the Blessing of the Animals service on Sunday, November 8, on the lawn between the sanctuary and the Fellowship Halls. Bring a lawn chair or blanket to sit on, if you like. All pets should be leashed or safely in carriers. We'll sing worship songs and have a message before the pastors bless our animal friends. You can also bring a stuffed animal or picture of a special animal to be blessed. This is a special time of invitation to our community and acknowledgement of God's creation.

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

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

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 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 with your contact information. A Faith Caring Group leader will get back to you.

STUDENTS

FREEWAY EVERY SUNDAY NIGHT every sunday | 5-7pm – 5th-8th graders | 6-7pm dinner | 6-8pm high schoolers There's room at the table for all 5th through 12th 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

SECOND SUNDAYS ARE SERVE SUNDAYS 8am at the Parkway Campus Students in 5th – 12th 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

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

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

MEMORIAL SERVICES | october 24 | fort lauderdale sanctuary

A Celebration of Life will be held at 10am for Patrick Ross, who passed on September 17, 2026.

A Celebration of Life will be held at 2pm for Joann Sherouse, who passed on September 22, 2026.

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

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