



*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 19, 2025

PRELUDE

The Child in Each of Us (medley) | arr. Marilyn Ham

Wes Kassulke, piano; Doug Friend, percussion

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WELCOME | Pastor Cathy Johns

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WELCOME ONE ANOTHER

*** CALL TO WORSHIP** | Leigh Neely, liturgist

Come, people of God, for the Giver of every good gift calls us together.

We come ready to celebrate the gifts we have been given.

Each of us has been blessed with talents, time, and treasures.

We offer them freely, for the glory of God and the good of the Kingdom.

Let us not hide what God has entrusted to us.

Let us discover, develop, and dedicate our gifts to God's work.

Come, let us worship the Giver of all good things.

With joy and gratitude, we come with open hands and willing hearts.

*** GATHERING HYMN**

God, Whose Love is Reigning o'er Us | The United Methodist Hymnal No. 100 (verses 1,2,4,5)

God, whose love is reigning o'er us, source of all, the ending true;

hear the universal chorus raised in joyful praise to you:

Alleluia, Alleluia, worship ancient, worship new.

Word of God from nature bringing springtime green and autumn gold;

mountain streams like children singing, ocean waves like thunder bold:

Alleluia, Alleluia, as creation's tale is told.

Covenant, new again in Jesus, Starchild born to set us free;

sent to heal us, sent to teach us how love's children we might be.

Alleluia, Alleluia, risen Christ, our Savior he!

Lift we then our human voices in the songs that faith would bring;

live we then in human choices lives that, like our music, sing:

Alleluia, Alleluia, joined in love our praises ring!

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*** OPENING PRAYER**

Gracious and Generous God, we give you thanks for the many gifts and blessings you have poured into our lives—our time, our talents, our resources, and every gift that shapes who we are. Empower us to be faithful stewards of all you’ve entrusted to us. Give us courage to use our gifts boldly, wisdom to use them well, and love to use them for the building of your kingdom. Remind us that no offering is too small to become part of your great work of love. Open our eyes to the places where our unique gifts meet the needs of your world and the mission of your Church. May our commitments today reflect hearts that are free, and lives that are centered in your grace. 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

Be Thou My Vision | arr. Nathan Pacheco

Richard Christobal Harris, tenor

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SCRIPTURE

Mark 10:17-31 | New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition

¹⁷As he was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him and asked him, “Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?” ¹⁸Jesus said to him, “Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. ¹⁹You know the commandments: ‘You shall not murder. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not bear false witness. You shall not defraud. Honor your father and mother.’” ²⁰He said to him, “Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth.” ²¹Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, “You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.” ²²When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

²³Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, “How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!” ²⁴And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, “Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! ²⁵It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.” ²⁶They were greatly astounded and said to one another, “Then who can be saved?” ²⁷Jesus looked at them and said, “For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible.”

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³¹ But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first."

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

MESSAGE

The Ripple Effect | Freedom | Pastor Cathy Johns

OFFERING | Pastor Doug 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

Offertory | John Ness Beck

Chancel Choir

With what shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before Him with burnt offerings, shall I come before Him with yearling calves? Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousand rivers of oil? Shall I give Him my first-born for my transgressions, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul? He has shown you, O man; He has shown you what is good. And what does the Lord require of you but to do justice and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

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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

Take my Life, and Let it be | The United Methodist Hymnal No. 399 (verse 1,2,3)

Take my life, and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee.

Take my moments and my days, let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands, and let them move at the impulse of thy love.

Take my feet, and let them be swift and beautiful for thee.

Take my voice, and let me sing always, only, for my King.

**Take my lips, and let them be filled with messages from thee.
Take my silver and my gold; not a mite would I withhold.
Take my intellect, and use every power as thou shalt choose.**

**Take my will, and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy royal throne.
Take my love, my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure store.
Take myself, and I will be ever, only, all for thee.**

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*** 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 Voluntary in D Major | John Stanley
Chuck Stanley, organ

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

Join us next Sunday as we begin the new series *Unstuck* with the message *Take the Initiative*, based on Luke 19:1-10.

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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.

WELCOME BRUNCH today | october 19 | 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

AT THE TABLE sunday | 10:05am | 2nd floor conference room *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. You can reach the conference room via the elevator in the office lobby. The room is just across the hall from the elevator on the 2nd floor.

SERVE

A DAY OF CARING SATURDAY | NOVEMBER 8 | 11am-4pm | parkway campus Be a part of A Day of Caring at the Parkway Campus on Saturday, November 8. In partnership with The Fruitful Field and the South Florida Wellness Network, our Parkway Campus is hosting this day dedicated to care, support, and compassion for our neighbors. This event will provide free food and care, including medical services, clothing, hygiene products, wellness education, and homeless outreach. Volunteers are needed to help share the love, hope and joy of Jesus with our community. We are looking for volunteers to greet and welcome those who attend, pray with and for our neighbors, and joyfully represent the church with love. If you are interested in serving in this way, there are two shifts: 11am-1pm and 1pm-4pm. Contact Paige Darnell, outreach coordinator, for more information. pdarnell@christchurchfl.org

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.

BLESSINGS FOOD PANTRY 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

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

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS sunday | november 9 | 9am | christ church lawn Bring your friendly pets on a leash or contained. Bring a photo of an animal precious to you. Bring a blanket to sit on too. 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.

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY sunday | november 2 | 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.

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

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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**. 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

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.

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