



*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 25, 2026

WELCOME

WELCOME ONE ANOTHER

PRELUDE

O Great God | arr. Joey Hoelscher
Ensemble

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*** CALL TO WORSHIP | Brian McComb, liturgist**

We gather today remembering that faith is never a solitary path.

God forms us into a people who walk, serve, and grow together.

In Christ, we are bound to one another—strengthening the weary, lifting the fallen,
and celebrating every sign of hope.

We come ready to share one another's burdens and to carry one another with compassion.

The Spirit knits us into a community where no one is left to face life alone.

We open our hearts to the God who holds us together and teaches us to hold one another.

Come, let us worship the one who calls us into a life of deep connection and shared purpose.

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

*** GATHERING HYMN**

In Unity We Lift Our Song | The Faith We Sing Hymnal No. 2221 (verses 1,2,3,4)

**In unity we lift our song
of grateful adoration,
for brothers brave and sisters strong.**

**What cause for celebration!
For those whose faithfulness
has kept us through distress,
who've shared with us our plight,
who've held us in the night,
the blessed congregation.**

**For stories told and told again
to every generation,
to give us strength in time of pain,
to give us consolation.**

**Our spirits to revive
to keep our dreams alive,
when we are far from home**

**and evil seasons come;
how firm is our foundation.**

**For sacred scriptures handed down,
a blessed trust and treasure,
which give us hope when hope is gone
and make us weep with pleasure.
And when our eyes grow blind
and death is close behind,
we shall recite them still
whose words our hearts can fill
with hope beyond all measure.**

**For God our way, our bread, our rest,
of all these gifts the giver.
Our strength, our guide, our nurturing breast
whose hand will yet deliver.
Who keeps us till the day
when night shall pass away,
when hate and fear are gone
and all our work is done,
and we shall sing forever.**

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OPENING PRAYER

Loving God, thank you for bringing us together as a community of faith. Remind us that we are not meant to make our way through life on our own. We need the encouragement, compassion, and support that comes from sharing life together. Open our eyes to those around us who may be struggling, feeling alone, or carrying burdens that have become too heavy. Teach us to be a church where no one has to face life's challenges alone, where we celebrate one another's joys, share one another's sorrows, and offer grace when the journey becomes difficult. Shape us into a community that reflects the love of Christ in the way we care for one another and in the way we reach out to those beyond these walls. 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

Be Not Afraid | Taylor Davis
Ensemble

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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

Growing Together stewardship campaign

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

Many Gifts, One Spirit | Allen Pote
Chancel Choir

Many gifts, one spirit, many songs, one voice. Many reasons, one promise, many questions, one choice. O God, we pray for unity, give guidance from above. In our differences unite us in the circle of your love. O God, remind us we are not alone.

Though we move on different pathways, we are walking to your throne. Help us learn to love each other, show us ways to understand we are members of one family, growing strong by joining hands. Take our many ways of working, blend the colors of each soul into the beauty of a rainbow, give us life, Lord, make us whole.

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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 5:7–20 | New Revised Standard Version, updated edition

⁷Be patient, therefore, brothers and sisters, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. ⁸You also must be patient. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near. ⁹Brothers and sisters, do not grumble against one another, so that you may not be judged. See, the Judge is standing at the doors! ¹⁰As an example of suffering and patience, brothers and sisters, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord. ¹¹Indeed, we call blessed those who showed endurance. You have heard of the endurance of Job, and you have seen the outcome that the Lord brought about, for the Lord is compassionate and merciful.

¹²Above all, brothers and sisters, do not swear, either by heaven or by earth or by any other oath, but let your “Yes” be yes and your “No” be no, so that you may not fall under condemnation.

¹³Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. ¹⁴Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. ¹⁵The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up, and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. ¹⁶Therefore confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. ¹⁷Elijah was a human like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. ¹⁸Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain, and the earth yielded its harvest.

¹⁹My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, ²⁰you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner’s soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

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

MESSAGE

Faith Works | Holding One Another Together | Pastor Jad Denmark

*** HYMN OF COMMITMENT**

O Christ, We Trust Your Promise | LANCASHIRE

**O Christ, we trust your promise that we are not alone,
for God still dwells among us to make in us a home.**

**God gives the Holy Spirit to teach us how to be
a loving, faithful people, a new community.**

**We find a real assurance within the peace you give;
the Advocate God sends us now shows us how to live.
When we're afraid or anxious, when sin is all we see,
the Spirit builds among us a new community.**

**Your love is your commandment — both old and also new.
In this world's pain, it's urgent that we live love for you.
We're called to love and welcome the poor, the refugee —
to serve with them, creating a new community.**

**So when we seek direction, remind us what is true:
the Advocate is with us to help us follow you.
Christ, guided by the Spirit, may we your people be
A loving, faithful witness in this community.**

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WAYS TO CONNECT | 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

They'll Know We are Christians by Our Love | arr. Lani Smith

Chuck Stanley, organ

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

Join us next Sunday, when we begin the new series, *Three Simple Rules*, with the message, *Do No Harm*, based on Romans 12:9-21.

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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.

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

GIVE BLOOD tuesday | november 3 | 8am-2pm| big red bus Give the gift of life by donating blood. The Big Red Bus will be on campus on election day. You can schedule a time to give blood at christchurchfl.org/events

FOOD FOR THE BLESSINGS PANTRY More and more people are turning to the Blessings Food Pantry, on the Parkway Campus, 100 NE 44th St., Deerfield Beach, 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

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

CITIZENSHIP CLINIC: INVITE & VOLUNTEER **saturday | november 14 | 9:30am-2:30pm | fellowship halls 2-4** The Anti-Racism Task Force will host a South Florida citizenship clinic to help lawful permanent residents (LPRs) on their journey to U.S. citizenship. If you know anyone who is 18 years old, has been a legal resident for five years or married to a U.S. citizen for three years, invite them to come learn how they can become a citizen. If you are a citizen, your help is welcomed as a volunteer. You will receive training to help guide applicants through the process and assist them with their applications. This is a meaningful opportunity to give back, connect with your community, and make a positive impact. If hospitality is your gift, this is a great place to share. The Citizenship Clinic is sponsored by Nova Southeastern University's Shepard Broad College of Law, the Florida Immigrant Coalition, and the New Americans Campaign. Questions? Contact Linda Bajkowsky or ARTF leader Susan Spragg, sspragg@christchurchfl.org Fliers to invite permanent residents and a link to sign up to volunteer can be found at christchurchfl.org/events

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. Lodok 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. You can help care for pets looking for their forever home by bringing dog and cat food, old towels and blankets, to worship through November 8, when items will be donated to Abandoned Pet Rescue.

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. 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 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

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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

CLUSTER CHARGE CONFERENCE today | 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.

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