CHRISTCHURCH
DIVERSE INCLUSIVE UNITED METHODIST

*a diverse, inclusive church experiencing and reflecting the love, hope and joy of Jesus Christ to each other and our community*

## WELCOME TO WORSHIP | 9am | sunday | october 25, 2026

## WELCOME

## WELCOME ONE ANOTHER

## * CALL TO WORSHIP

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.**

## * SONG OF WORSHIP

Praise Band led by Praise Leader Zaria Modeste
*Way Maker* | Osinachi Kalu Okoro Egbu

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## 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.**

## * SONG OF WORSHIP

*Battle Belongs* | Brian Johnson & Phil Wickham

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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, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE | Phil Woodard, Director of Student Ministry

## STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

**Growing Together stewardship campaign**

## OFFERING

worshiping through the offering of our lives and gifts.

- Place offerings in the basket or wooden box
- Go to **christchurchfl.org/give**
- Text GIVE to 954.880.3885
- Mail a check to Christ Church, 4845 NE 25th Ave., Fort Lauderdale, FL 33308

Christ Church is a congregationally supported ministry. We thank you for your faithfulness, which helps the church to reflect the love, hope and joy of Jesus to our community. Connect Cards may be placed with your offering.

## * SONG OF WORSHIP

*Healer* | Mike Guglielmucci

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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

7 Be 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. 8 You also must be patient. Strengthen your
hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near. 9 Brothers and sisters, do not grumble against one another, so that you may
not be judged. See, the Judge is standing at the doors! 10 As an example of suffering and patience, brothers and sisters,
take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord. 11 Indeed, 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.
12 Above 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.

13 Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. 14 Are 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. 15 The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up, and anyone who has
committed sins will be forgiven. 16 Therefore 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. 17 Elijah 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. [18] Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain, and the earth yielded its harvest.
[19] My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, [20] you 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

## * CLOSING SONG

*Battle Belongs (reprise)* | Brian Johnson & Phil Wickham

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## WAYS TO CONNECT | christchurchfl.org/ways2connect

Please see below.

## SENDING FORTH

***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**

**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**

**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**