



*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 26, 2025

PRELUDE

Shall We Gather at the River | John Carter

Wes Kassulke, piano; Doug Friend, percussion

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WELCOME | Brian McComb

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Please see below.

WELCOME ONE ANOTHER

*** CALL TO WORSHIP** | Richard Sheffield, liturgist

Come, all who feel unseen or unworthy — Jesus sees you and calls you by name.

We come, drawn by a love that reaches beyond our failures and fears.

In Christ, the lost are found and the outcast are welcomed home.

God's grace lifts us up and sets our feet on a new path.

Those who encounter Jesus are never the same again.

Hearts are changed, lives are renewed, and purpose is restored.

Come, people of God, and open your hearts to transformation.

We come to worship the one who redeems us and sends us to serve.

*** GATHERING HYMN**

Ask Ye What Great Things I Know | The United Methodist Hymnal No. 163 (verses 1,2,3,4)

**Ask ye what great thing I know,
that delights and stirs me so?**

What the high reward I win?

Whose the name I glory in?

Jesus Christ, the crucified.

Who defeats my fiercest foes?

Who consoles my saddest woes?

Who revives my fainting heart,

healing all its hidden smart?

Jesus Christ, the crucified.

**Who is life in life to me?
Who the death of death will be?
Who will place me on his right,
with the countless hosts of light?
Jesus Christ, the crucified.**

**This is that great thing I know;
this delights and stirs me so:
faith in him who died to save,
him who triumphed o'er the grave:
Jesus Christ, the crucified.**

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*** OPENING PRAYER**

Loving God, we thank you for the incredible gift of your Son, Jesus Christ, who transforms our lives. We acknowledge that each of us has known what it means to be lost. We feel too small, too broken, too unworthy to be noticed. Yet you, O Lord, are the God who sees. You are the one who calls us by name. Thank you for choosing us—not because we had it all together, but precisely because we didn't. We celebrate the transforming power of your love—love that doesn't just accept us as we are, but invites us to become more than we imagined. As you change us from the inside out, empower us to serve others with the same radical grace we have received. 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

Lord of the Small | Dan Forrest

Jerry Ferguson, bass

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SCRIPTURE

Luke 19:1-10 | New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition

¹ He entered Jericho and was passing through it. ² A man was there named Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was rich. ³ He was trying to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was short in stature. ⁴ So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to see him, because he was going to pass that way. ⁵ When Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, hurry and come down, for I must stay at your house today." ⁶ So he hurried down and was happy to welcome him. ⁷ All who saw it began to grumble and said, "He has gone to be the guest of one who is a sinner." ⁸ Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, "Look, half of my possessions, Lord, I will give to the poor, and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I will pay back four times as much." ⁹ Then Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because he, too, is a son of Abraham. ¹⁰ For the Son of Man came to seek out and to save the lost."

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

MESSAGE

Unstuck | *Are We Lost or Found?* | Connie Bookholt

OFFERING

worshipping 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

Invitation to Praise | Joseph M. Martin

Chancel Choir

Come, all people; lift your voices. Come before God with shouts of cries and joy! Bring to the Lord your gifts of praise. Sing to the Lord a new song. Let everything that hath a voice sing! Make unto God a joyful noise! All people make a joyful noise! Come before God with music and song. Come before God with shouts of acclamation. Give to the Lord a heart of thanksgiving. Sing to the Lord, for God alone is worthy of praise. Let us rejoice with music and dance. Offer to God the works of your hands. Let us rejoice with drama and art. Let us rejoice with mind, soul and heart. Let us rejoice with spoken word! Let us rejoice with poetry and verse. Let us rejoice with acts of grace. Let us rejoice with love's embrace. Let every gift and talent magnify the Lord, let every gift be lifted high, each life a living sacrifice. Come all people; lift your voices. Alleluia! Let every gift and talent be raised! Great is the Lord and worthy of praise! Let all your gifts praise the Lord!

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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

I Have Decided to Follow Jesus

I have decided to follow Jesus

I have decided to follow Jesus

I have decided to follow Jesus

No turning back. No turning back.

Though I may wonder still I will follow

Though I may wonder still I will follow

Though I may wonder still I will follow

No turning back. No turning back.

I have surrendered my all to Jesus

I have surrendered my all to Jesus

I have surrendered my all to Jesus

No turning back. No turning back.

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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

Praise Him! Praise Him! | arr. Mary McDonald

Chuck Stanley, organ

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

Join us next Sunday as we continue the series *Unstuck* with the message *Claiming our Belovedness*, based on Romans 8:31-35 and 37-39.

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TODAY

PASTOR APPRECIATION October is Pastor Appreciation Month. Please write a note of thanks to the Christ Church pastors. You'll find notes near a box as you enter the worship space.

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. 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 hall 1 *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

COMMIT FOR 2026 We are still in our season of commitment to Christ Church for 2026. On the seats next you, you will see commitment cards. Please prayerfully fill one out and place it in the offering plate later in the service. Please print your name next to your signature. If you need additional time, you may pledge online at christchurchfl.org/pledge

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

INTERFAITH PRAYER VIGIL today | october 26 | 5-6pm | merrell united methodist In solidarity with the interfaith prayer vigils held at the Everglades Detention Camp, an interfaith vigil will be held at Merrell United Methodist, 3900 N. State Road 7, Lauderdale Lakes, on Sunday, October 26. All persons of faith and conscience are invited to share in this time of prayer for our neighbors who are living in fear and detention.

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

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.

WELCOME BRUNCH **sunday | february 8 | 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

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

LEAD THE LORD'S PRAYER & APOSTLES CREED first sundays Students 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

CREATIVE SPIRIT | paint a wooden nativity set | sunday | november 16 | 4-7pm Join Pastor Monique for a special time of painting your own wooden nativity set. Cost is \$30 per family to cover supplies, with a check to Christ Church or cash. A-L last names bring a savory treat to share. M-Z, a sweet treat to share. Space is limited. RSVP with an email to Pastor Monique. mmcbride@ccsfl.org

ADVENT DANCING Girls are invited to dance in the candles of Advent into worship services at 9am and 11am on the four Sundays of Advent and at the 5pm service on Christmas Eve. Dresses are provided for this special opportunity. Dancers are welcome to sign up for one or more dates and times. Sign up at christchurchfl.org/events

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