



*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 4, 2026

WELCOME | Pastor Jad Denmark

WELCOME ONE ANOTHER

PRELUDE

Morning Has Broken | Yusuf Islam

Leigh Neely, soprano; Carrie Brooke, guitar; Wes Kassulke, piano

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

Today we gather at Christ's table with people around the world, from many nations, cultures, languages, and traditions.

We are many, yet we belong to one body, gathered by the love of Christ.

At this table, we remember that our words matter. Words can wound or heal, divide or reconcile, tear down or build up.

May our words reflect the grace we have received.

Come to this table—not because we are perfect, but because we are loved.

We come ready to receive grace and ready to share it.

Around this table, there is room for all.

Around this table, we are one in Christ. Let us worship God together.

*** GATHERING HYMN**

O Church of God, United | The United Methodist Hymnal No. 547 (verses 1,2,3,4)

**O church of God, united to serve one common Lord,
proclaim to all one message, with hearts in glad accord.**

**Christ ever goes before us; we follow day by day
with strong and eager footsteps along the upward way.**

**From every land and nation the ordered ranks appear;
to serve one valiant leader they come from far and near.
They chant their one confession, they praise one living Lord,
and place their sure dependence upon his saving word.**

**Though creeds and tongues may differ, they speak, O Christ, of thee;
and in thy loving spirit we shall one people be.
Lord, may our faithful service and singleness of aim
proclaim to all the power of thy redeeming name.**

**May thy great prayer be answered that we may all be one,
close bound, by love united in thee, God's blessed son:
to bring a single witness, to make the pathway bright,
that souls which grope in darkness may find the one true light.**

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* OPENING PRAYER

Gracious God, we give thanks for this table and for the people gathered around it today. We remember that this table is larger than our congregation. It reaches across borders and cultures, across languages and traditions, bringing your people together as one family in Christ. Make us mindful that the communion we receive is not only a gift but a calling—to reflect Christ's love in every conversation, every encounter, every place we go. Strengthen us to be people whose words carry grace, whose lives bear witness to your peace, and whose hearts remain open to the work you are doing in us and through us. Amen.

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. Suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; the third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended to heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence he will come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. 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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STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

The Arise and Shine Kironya Empowerment Group, Kenya, part of Zoe Empowers

OFFERING

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- 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

One World, One Communion | Pepper Choplin

Chancel Choir

One world, one communion, one faith in Christ, the Son. One world, one communion, and there is room for everyone. Wherever people gather to share the bread and cup, though we are many, we are one in love. So much we have in common, though we are miles apart, through the Holy Spirit, we are one in heart. Wherever bread is broken and where the cup is poured, brothers and sisters, we are one in the Lord. Though many things divide us, with great diversity, through the power of love we will find unity. There is room for all, for all who come.

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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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SCRIPTURE

James 3:1–12 | New Revised Standard Version, updated edition

¹Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will face stricter judgment. ²For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is mature, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. ³If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. ⁴Or look at ships: though they are so large and are driven by strong winds, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. ⁵So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits.

How great a forest is set ablaze by a such a small fire! ⁶And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of life, and is itself set on fire by hell. ⁷For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, ⁸but no one can tame the tongue—a restlessevil, full of deadly poison. ⁹With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse people, made in the likeness of God. ¹⁰From the same mouth comes a blessing and a curse. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. ¹¹Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? ¹²Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

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

MESSAGE

Faith Works | The Power of Words | Pastor Jad Denmark

THE LORD’S SUPPER

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, creator of heaven and earth. In the beginning your Spirit moved over the face of the waters. You formed us in your image and breathed into us the breath of life. When we turned away, and our love failed, your love remained steadfast. Your Spirit came upon prophets and teachers, anointing them to speak your Word.

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, holy, holy Lord,

God of power and might,

heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Holy are you, and blessed is your son Jesus Christ. At his baptism in the Jordan your Spirit descended upon him and declared him your beloved son. With your Spirit upon him he turned away the temptations of sin. Your Spirit anointed him to preach good news to the poor, to proclaim release to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, and to announce that the time had come when you would save your people. He healed the sick, fed the hungry, and ate with sinners. By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection, you gave birth to your Church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit. When the Lord Jesus ascended, he promised to be with us always, baptizing us with the Holy Spirit and with fire, as on the Day of Pentecost.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving, as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died;

Christ is risen;

Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and cup. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood and empowered by the gifts of the Spirit.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet. Through your son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

And now with the confidence of the children of God, let us pray together:

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by 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.

You do not need to be a member of Christ Church or a United Methodist to come to the table. Christ himself is host and welcomes all. If you cannot come forward, please know that someone will bring the bread and cup to you.

GATHERING AT THE LORD'S TABLE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

all Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*** HYMN OF COMMITMENT**

Let There be Peace on Earth | The United Methodist Hymnal No. 431

Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me;

let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be.

With God our creator, children all are we.

Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony.

**Let peace begin with me; let this be the moment now.
With every step I take, let this be my solemn vow:
to take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally.
Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.**

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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

Festival of Praise | Phil Lehenbauer

Chuck Stanley, organ

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

Join us next Sunday, when we continue the series, *Faith Works*, with the message, *Wisdom from Above*, based on James 3:13-4:10.

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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.

WORSHIP WORKSHOP today | october 4 | 10am | fellowship halls 2-4 Today is World Communion Sunday, when we join Christians around the world in celebrating Holy Communion and remember that we are one in Christ, no matter our background, language or culture. Join us in Fellowship Halls 2-4 to share food from our family heritage and learn more about Holy Communion practices. Children will have an opportunity to make peanut butter and jelly sandwiches for our neighbors.

FREEWAY SUNDAY NIGHT today | september 27 | 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 will 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

TRUNK OR TREAT saturday | october 17 | 5-7:30pm | christ church field Help welcome thousands of guests to the giant party on the field. This is Christ Church's largest outreach ministry of the year. Please bring lots and lots of individually wrapped candy, which will be given to the young ghouls and goblins that night. Also needed: lots of volunteers for that night. Perhaps you'd like to decorate a car and give out candy. Check out all of the ways you can help with this outreach event at christchurchfl.org/TrunkorTreat

ARTF GATHERING sunday | october 11 | 12:15pm | fellowship halls 2-4 The Anti-Racism Task Force, a group focused on bringing an end to racism within and outside the church, will gather at 12:15pm on Sunday, October 11, to plan events for the next couple of months. All are welcome to come learn about the initiative and plan ways to share with others. For more information, email ARTF leader Susan Spragg, sspragg@christchurchfl.org

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

BLESSINGS FOOD PANTRY 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

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

DECISION 2026: BE READY TO VOTE saturday | october 10 | 10am | fellowship halls 2-4 Invite your friends and neighbors to join you for this nonpartisan voter education event on Saturday, October 10. Learn how to confirm your voter registration information and where you can vote for the November 3, 2026, election. Learn about the state, county and municipal issues on the November ballot, and ways to educate yourself further about each issue. Decision 2026 is co-presented by the Christ Church Anti-Racism Task Force and the League of Women Voters of Broward, a nonpartisan organization supporting voter rights. The United Methodist Church affirms the right to vote as a basic human right for adult citizens. Mark your calendar now for this important gathering.

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

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. Today, At the Table is taking a break so all can take part in the Worship Workshop. 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.

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

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 GAME ON! SUNDAY NIGHT **sunday | september 27 | 5-6pm – 5th-8th graders | 6-7pm dinner & band rehearsal | 7-8pm high schoolers** Mr. W has some group games planned for each gathering, plus dinner and rehearsal. Bring a friend or two. Questions? Contact Mr. W, director of student ministry, at 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 **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