



*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 5, 2025

PRELUDE

Goodness of God | Ben Fielding, Brian Johnson, Ed Cash, Jason Ingram & Jenn Johnson

Carrie Brooke, alto

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WELCOME | Pastor Doug Johns

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Please see below.

WELCOME ONE ANOTHER

*** CALL TO WORSHIP | Judy O'Donnell, liturgist**

Come, people of God, to discover your true purpose.

We come seeking the way of Christ.

The path of greatness is not in climbing higher.

It is found in lifting others up with love.

Jesus said, "I am among you as one who serves."

We will follow Christ's example and walk in His steps.

Let us worship the one who calls us to serve.

With grateful hearts, we lift our voices in praise!

*** GATHERING HYMN**

Christ for the World we Sing | The United Methodist Hymnal No. 568 (verses 1,2,3,4)

Christ for the world we sing, the world to Christ we bring,

with loving zeal; the poor, and them that mourn,

the faint and overborne, sin-sick and sorrow-worn, whom Christ doth heal.

Christ for the world we sing, the world to Christ we bring,

with fervent prayer; the wayward and the lost,

by restless passions tossed, redeemed at countless cost, from dark despair.

Christ for the world we sing, the world to Christ we bring,

with one accord; with us the work to share,

with us reproach to dare, with us the cross to bear, for Christ our Lord.

Christ for the world we sing, the world to Christ we bring,

with joyful song; the newborn souls, whose days,

reclaimed from error's ways, inspired with hope and praise, to Christ belong.

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* OPENING PRAYER

Gracious God, you sent your Son not to be served, but to serve—to walk the path of humility, to lift the brokenhearted, to love without condition. Teach us to follow in his footsteps: to share your love freely, embody your grace boldly, and reflect your humility with joy. Show us the quiet, transformative power of becoming less, so that others may become more—more confident, more whole, more aware of your boundless love. Give us the courage to joyfully embrace the purpose you have placed within us. Mold us into mirrors of Christ's love, so that our lives will be a reflection of Jesus to each other and this community. Amen.

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed | Pastor Monique McBride & Charlotte Castelein

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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OFFERING | Pastor Cathy 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

My God is So High | arr. Benjamin Harlan

Chancel Choir

My God is so high, you can't get over him; he's so low, you can't get under him; he's so wide, you can't get around him. You must come in by and through the Lamb. One day as I was walking, 'round the heavenly road, my Savior spoke unto me and filled my heart with love. I'll take my gospel trumpet, and I'll begin to blow. And if my Savior will have me, I'll blow wherever I go!

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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 | Pastor Monique McBride & Charlotte Castelein

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.

SCRIPTURE

Mark 10:32-45 | New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition

³²They were on the road, going up to Jerusalem, and Jesus was walking ahead of them; they were amazed, and those who followed were afraid. He took the twelve aside again and began to tell them what was to happen to him, ³³saying, "Look, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be handed over to the chief priests and the scribes, and they will condemn him to death; then they will hand him over to the gentiles; ³⁴they will mock him and spit upon him and flog him and kill him, and after three days he will rise again."

³⁵James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." ³⁶And he said to them, "What is it you want me to do for you?" ³⁷And they said to him, "Appoint us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory." ³⁸But Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?" ³⁹They replied, "We are able." Then Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you will drink, and with the baptism with which I am baptized you will be baptized, ⁴⁰but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to appoint, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared."

⁴¹When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. ⁴²So Jesus called them and said to them, "You know that among the gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. ⁴³But it is not so among you; instead, whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, ⁴⁴and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. ⁴⁵For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve and to give his life a ransom for many."

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

MESSAGE

The Ripple Effect | Purpose | Pastor Doug Johns

You may fill out the "How I'm called to serve" form on paper and place it in the basket when you come forward to receive communion. Or you may fill it out online at christchurchfl.org/called-to-serve

THE LORD'S SUPPER

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to you, 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. 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. You delivered us from captivity, made covenant to be our sovereign God, and spoke to us through the prophets.

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.**

Loving and guiding God, you placed a cloud and a pillar of fire in the midst of your people to lead them. Jesus became the light of the world, drawing the lost and forgotten, the hurt and the wounded, the oppressed and the depressed to the wellsprings of life. He changed water into wine, called unheralded workers to be disciples, preached good news to the poor, healed the sick and beckoned people to love their neighbor. By his baptism, suffering, death, and resurrection he revealed the depth of your love and the power of light over darkness.

On the night he gave himself up, Jesus gathered with friends. He took bread, blessed it, broke it and gave it to his followers saying, "Take, eat: This is my body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

Likewise, he took the cup, blessed it, and gave it to his disciples saying: "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 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.

Strengthen us to follow where you lead, serving you and our neighbor in a spirit of joy, 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 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.

GATHERING AT THE LORD'S TABLE

You may place your How I'm Called to Serve forms in the basket when you come forward to receive communion.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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**

The Voice of God is Calling | LANCASHIRE

The voice of God is calling its summons in our day;

Isaiah heard in Zion, and we now hear God say:

"Whom shall I send to succor my people in their need?

Whom shall I send to loosen the bonds of shame and greed?

**We heed, O Lord, your summons, and answer: Here are we!
Send us upon your errand, let us your servants be.
Our strength is dust and ashes, our years a passing hour;
but you can use our weakness to magnify your power.**

**From ease and plenty save us; from pride of place absolve;
purge us of low desire; lift us to high resolve;
take us, and make us holy; teach us your will and way.
Speak, and behold! we answer; command, and we obey!**

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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

Festival of Praise | Phil Lehenbauer

Chuck Stanley, organ

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

Join us next Sunday as we continue *The Ripple Effect* series with the message *Focus*, based on Mark 10:13-16.

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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**.

WORSHIP WORKSHOP today | october 5 | 10am | fellowship halls 1-3 Join us in the Fellowship Halls to celebrate World Communion Sunday and the unity and diversity of the universal Christian community. Come enjoy dishes from our heritage, opportunities to learn and serve. We are combining *At the Table* and Holy Grounds with the Worship Workshop so we can all celebrate together.

ANTI-RACISM TASK FORCE today | october 5 | 12:15pm | gym lobby 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**

SERVE

TRUNK OR TREAT saturday | october 19 | 5-7:30pm We are getting ready for Christ Church's giant party on the field, Trunk or Treat. There are many ways to help get ready -- and to serve the night of the party. Here are some of them:

BE A SPONSOR Help make sure our thousands of guests have a great time. A few prime sponsorships remain.

DECORATE A TRUNK Church and school families are invited to decorate a trunk and give out candy, after all, that's what Trunk or Treat is all about! If you're a business, you too can decorate a trunk and give away candy that you provide, as well as approved marketing materials.

DONATE CANDY Candy is the star of the night. And we give away lots of it. Donations of individually wrapped candy can be sent or brought to the church.

DONATE SOFT DRINKS & SPORTS DRINKS Trunk or treating can make one thirsty. Donate cans of Coke, Diet Coke, Sprite and LaCroix and individual-size bottles of Gatorade.

MOST OF ALL, VOLUNTEER We want every guest to feel welcome, and that takes lots of people! There are many opportunities to serve and have fun together.

For all of the details about this exciting night, go to our website. christchurchfl.org/boo

BLESSINGS FOOD DRIVE Today when you leave worship, volunteers at the Blessings Food Pantry will offer you a bag and list of needed food items. The pantry is serving an increasing number of people each week, and we need your help to keep the shelves stocked. You can fill your bag and bring it to worship next Sunday. 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

BLOOD DRIVE sunday | november 2 | 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.

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

HOLY GROUNDS COFFEE TIME Next Sunday, coffee and snacks will be available before the 9am and 11am services. Join your friends at the kitchen window in the gym lobby for coffee and conversation.

WELCOME BRUNCH **sunday | october 19 | 10am | fellowship hall 1** If you or someone you sit next to during worship is new to Christ Church, we'd love to get acquainted at the next Welcome 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

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.

GROW

LAY SERVANT CLASSES **saturday | october 11 | 7:30am-6pm** Go deeper in your service to the church by exploring Lay Servant Ministries. We will offer the Basic Course for being a certified Lay Servant within the United Methodist Church, as well as two advanced classes that count toward becoming a certified Lay Speaker: Dancing with Words and Leading Public Prayer. Course fee is \$50 and includes course materials, light breakfast and lunch. For more information, contact Connie Bookholt, cbookholt@nationalgroup.com Find the link to sign up for the courses at christchurchfl.org/events

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

AT THE TABLE returning next sunday | 10:05am | fellowship halls 1-3 Although we're all coming together for the Worship Workshop today, you are invited to At the Table next Sunday. *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.

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

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING tuesday | october 7 | 6:30pm | fellowship halls 1-3

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.