



*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 | november 2, 2025

PRELUDE

I Have Decided to Follow Jesus | arr. Raluca Bojor

Wes Kassulke, piano; Doug Friend, percussion

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WELCOME | Pastor Cathy Johns

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Please see below.

WELCOME ONE ANOTHER

*** CALL TO WORSHIP** | Connie Booth, liturgist

We gather today in the company of saints—those who walked before us, those who walk beside us, and those yet to come.

We celebrate the saints, known and unknown, whose lives were testimonies of God's love and faithfulness.

From every nation, tribe, and tongue, they have run the race and finished well.

We give thanks for their examples of faith, hope, and love.

They were ordinary people who trusted an extraordinary God.

We are inspired by the faithful lives of the saints, who trusted in God's power to renew and restore.

We, too, are called to be saints—set apart, yet bound together in the unity of Christ.

**Let us worship with joy, for we are part of the great communion of saints—
called, beloved, and sent.**

*** GATHERING HYMN**

For All the Saints | The United Methodist Hymnal No. 711 (verses 1,2,3,5)

**For all the saints, who from their labors rest,
who thee by faith before the world confessed,
thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.**

(refrain) Alleluia, Alleluia!

**Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might;
thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight;
thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light. *(refrain)***

**O may thy soldiers, faithful, true, and bold,
fight as the saints who nobly fought of old,
and win with them the victor's crown of gold. (*refrain*)**

**And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long,
steals on the ear the distant triumph song,
and hearts are brave again, and arms are strong. (*refrain*)**

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*** OPENING PRAYER**

God of every generation, on this day we give thanks for those who walked the path of faith before us—for believers whose trust in you held firm, even in the midst of trial. We remember with love the saints we have known: grandparents, parents, friends, and mentors, whose quiet faith and steadfast love revealed your grace in everyday moments. As we honor their journey, call us to walk our own journey with courage. Shape us into a community of your saints in this world who boldly shares the love, hope, and joy of Jesus Christ to all we encounter. Amen.

*** AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

The Apostles' Creed | Pastor Monique McBride

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 Doug 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

Highway to Heaven/I'll Fly Away | arr. Don Marsh

Chancel Choir

It's a highway to heaven; none can walk up there but the pure in heart. I am walking up the king's highway. My way is brighter, my load is lighter, walking up the king's highway. There's joy in knowing with him I'm going

walking up the king's highway. If you're not walking, start while I'm talking. There'll be a blessing you'll be confessing, walking up the king's highway. Some glad morning when this life is over, I'll fly away in the morning to a home on God's celestial shore, I'll fly away. When I die, hallelujah, by and by, I'll fly away. Just a few more weary days and then I'll fly away to a land where joys shall never end. I'll fly away on that highway to heaven!

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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

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE | Pastor Monique McBride

SCRIPTURE

Romans 8:31-35 and 37-39 | New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition

³¹ What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? ³² He who did not withhold his own Son but gave him up for all of us, how will he not with him also give us everything else? ³³ Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. ³⁴ Who is to condemn? It is Christ who died, or rather, who was raised, who is also at the right hand of God, who also intercedes for us. ³⁵ Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will affliction or distress or persecution or famine or nakedness or peril or sword?

³⁷ No, in all these things we are more than victorious through him who loved us. ³⁸ For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹ nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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

MESSAGE

Unstuck | Claiming our Belovedness | Pastor Cathy Johns

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 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 are to be praised for the women and men whose faithful witness to your love inspires each generation of your people:

Abraham and Sarah, who believed Your promise and trusted you to lead them to a new land

Isaiah and Jeremiah who held fast to your promise that a Messiah would come to save and redeem your people.

Paul of Tarsus, who was beaten and shipwrecked while carrying the Gospel to many nations;

Mary and Joseph, who by faith awaited your promise until the birth of Jesus, our Savior.

And the saints from this congregation who have gone before us and now dwell in God's glorious kingdom:

READING OF THE ROLL OF THE VICTORIOUS

John Brown

Anne Cary

Elizabeth "Betsy" Cornforth

Thomas "Tom" Hamilton

Harry Hatters

Joan Jett

Raulise "Raul" Romero

Essie Tackis

Patricia "Pat" Ziegler

All friends and family of Christ Church United Methodist

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.

... 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.

Renew our communion with all your saints, the great cloud witnesses. Strengthen us to run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith.

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 might be for the world the body of Christ redeemed by his blood. 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 forever. **Amen.**

And now as the children of God, we pray together:

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.

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

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**

Rejoice in God's Saints | The United Methodist Hymnal No. 708 (verses 1,2,3,4)

**Rejoice in God's saints, today and all days;
a world without saints forgets how to praise.
Their faith in acquiring the habit of prayer,
their depth of adoring, Lord, help us to share.**

**Some march with events, to turn them God's way;
some need to withdraw, the better to pray.
Some carry the gospel through fire and through flood;
our world is their parish; their purpose is God.**

**Rejoice in those saints, unpraised and unknown,
who bear someone's cross or shoulder their own.
They share our complaining, our comforts, our cares;
what patience in caring, what courage, is theirs!**

**Rejoice in God's saints, today and all days;
a world without saints forgets how to praise.
In loving, in living, they prove it is true:
the way of self-giving, Lord, leads us to you.**

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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

When We All Get to Heaven | Emily D. Wilson

Chuck Stanley, organ

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

Join us next Sunday as we conclude the series *Unstuck* with the message *When Plan "B" is Plan "A,"* based on Luke 15:11-32.

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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 today | 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.

MEMBERSHIP CLASS PLANNED today | 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**

CLUSTER CHARGE CONFERENCE today | 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.

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 **sunday | november 23 | 4-5pm | fort lauderdale sanctuary** In solidarity with the interfaith prayer vigils held at the Everglades Detention Camp, an interfaith vigil will be held in the Christ Church Fort Lauderdale Sanctuary on Sunday, November 23, at 4pm. 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.

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS **sunday | november 9 | 9am | christ church lawn** Bring your leashed or contained pets and come to worship on the Christ Church Lawn next Sunday. Bring a blanket to sit on also. During the 9am worship service that day, 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

PARTICIPATE IN THE FAMILY CHRISTMAS CONCERT sunday | december 14 | 4pm It's time to prepare for the Family Christmas Concert! Children are welcome to volunteer for various roles in this special tradition of Christ Church. Children PK4- first grade are invited to dress as the people of the Christmas story and stand on the altar steps as the story of Christmas is read. Costumes are provided. Children second through eighth grade are invited to be readers and introduce the musical performances and tell the Christmas story in rhyme. Christmas best attire is requested for readers. All children are invited to sing as *Joy to the World* is sung by all.

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 monday | november 3 | 6:30pm | fellowship halls 1-3