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 | 11am | sunday | november 22, 2026

WELCOME

WELCOME ONE ANOTHER

PRELUDE

Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing | arr. John Leavitt
Wes Kassulke, piano & Doug Friend, percussion

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* CALL TO WORSHIP | Jeanne Deinken, liturgist

Come, let us give thanks to the God of all creation!
With joyful hearts, we celebrate God's goodness and grace!
In Jesus Christ, we discover a kingdom of love, peace, and reconciliation.
We give thanks for Christ, whose love makes all things new!
Come, let us worship the ine who calls us to live with gratitude.
With grateful hearts and joyful voices, we praise God!

* GATHERING HYMN

Rejoice the Lord is King | The United Methodist Hymnal No. 715 (verses 1,2,3,4)

Rejoice, the Lord is King! Your Lord and King adore;
mortals, give thanks and sing, and triumph evermore.
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice; rejoice; again I say, rejoice.

Jesus the Savior reigns, the God of truth and love;
when he had purged our stains, he took his seat above.
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice; rejoice; again I say, rejoice.

His kingdom cannot fail; he rules o'er earth and heaven;
the keys of earth and hell are to our Jesus given.
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice; rejoice; again I say, rejoice.

Rejoice in glorious hope! Jesus the Judge shall come,
and take his servants up to their eternal home.
We soon shall hear th'arch angel's voice; the trump of God shall sound, rejoice!

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OPENING PRAYER

Gracious and loving God, with joyful hearts we give you thanks! Thank you for the gift of life, the blessings of community, and the love revealed to us in Jesus Christ. We celebrate your goodness and the grace that surrounds us each day. Open our hearts to the joy of your kingdom. May our gratitude become generosity, our thanksgiving become compassion, and our faith become love in action. Help us share your

goodness with our neighbors and participate in your work of reconciliation and peace. In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

all **We believe in God, the giver of life and the source of every blessing, whose love sustains us and whose grace surrounds us. We believe in Jesus Christ, who welcomes the stranger, extends compassion to those in need, and reveals God's abundant love to all. We believe in the Holy Spirit, who opens our eyes to God's goodness and inspires us to live with grateful hearts. We believe that gratitude is more than a feeling. It is a way of living, a response to God's grace, and a witness to God's love. With thankful hearts, we seek to love generously, serve joyfully, and live faithfully. 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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MUSIC MINISTRY

Bringing in the Sheaves | arr. Jay Althouse
Leigh Neely, soprano

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

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

Growing Together Update

OFFERING

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

MUSIC MINISTRY

We Will Give Thanks | Mark Patterson
Chancel Choir
We will give thanks to the Lord our God, for he has given us everything. We will give thanks and sing. We will give thanks for all God has given. All things on earth and in heaven above. Each tiny stream and each flowing river, these are the gifts of God's love. We will sing praise to the Lord our God, he alone is the mighty king. Lift up your voice and sing. All praise and thanks to God, the Father now be given, the Son and him who reigns with them in highest heaven, the one eternal God,

whom earth and heaven adore; for this it was, and is, and shall be evermore. We will rejoice. We will sing praise. We will give thanks to the Lord. We will give thanks!

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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

Luke 17:11–19 | New Revised Standard Version, updated edition

11 On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. **12** As he entered a village, ten men with a skin disease approached him. Keeping their distance, **13** they called out, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" **14** When he saw them, he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were made clean. **15** Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. **16** He prostrated himself at Jesus's feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. **17** Then Jesus asked, "Were not ten made clean? So where are the other nine? **18** Did none of them return to give glory to God except this foreigner?" **19** Then he said to him, "Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well."

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

MESSAGE

A Kingdom of Gratitude | Pastor Jad Denmark

* HYMN OF COMMITMENT

Now Thank We all our God | The United Methodist Hymnal No. 102 (verses 1,2,3)

**Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices,
who wondrous things has done, in whom this world rejoices;
who from our mothers' arms has blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.**

**O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,
with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us;
and keep us still in grace, and guide us when perplexed;
and free us from all ills, in this world and the next.**

**All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given;
the Son, and him who reigns with them in highest heaven;
the one eternal God, whom earth and heaven adore;
for thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.**

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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

Now Thank We All Our God | arr. Virgil Fox
Chuck Stanley, organ

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please stand in body or spirit.

Join us next Sunday as we begin the new Advent series, *Do You See What I See?* with the message *Seeing Hope*, based on Isaiah 64:1-9.

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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 today in the breezeway.

GIVE BLOOD today | november 22 | 9:30am-12:30pm | christ church parking lot Step aboard the Big Reg Bus and give blood. One donation has the potential to save three lives.

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.

GREENING OF THE CHURCH sunday | november 22 | 1-4pm | sanctuary Deck the halls of the Fort Lauderdale Sanctuary after the 11am worship service on Sunday, November 22. No experience necessary, just willing hands and heart.

SERVE

GIFTS FOR FOSTER CHILDREN due at the church by thursday | december 3 Help ensure that foster children in Broward County receive a gift for Christmas. Choose a child and be sent a wishlist for that child, purchase a gift, wrap

it then attach the special tag, and bring it to the church by December 3. This is a joint project with Christ Church School. Find the link to select a child at **christchurchfl.org**

POINSETTIA DEDICATIONS by sunday | December 6 You are invited to make a donation, $10 per plant, and have a poinsettia dedicated in memory or in honor of someone special in your life. The lists will appear on the screens on Sunday, December 13, and in the Midweek Update that week. Please make your donation and dedication online at **christchurchfl.org/events**.

CALLING ALL BAKERS! Christ Church's hospitality team will host a reception after the Christmas Concert on December 13. Thanks in advance for donations of homemade cookies; we expect a few hundred people will attend the concert. Please bring your cookie donations by 12:30pm on Sunday, December 13. Thank you for helping us extend amazing hospitality to our guests!

GAMES FOR TEDDER bring to the church by sunday | december 13 We want to give students at Tedder Elementary School, the school closest to the Parkway Campus, a choice of a new game to take home and play over the Christmas break. You'll find a list of suggested games and an Amazon link at christchurchfl.org/games If you'd like us to do the shopping, make a donation at christchurchfl.org/give and write Tedder in the comments field.

ESTIMATE YOUR GIVING FOR 2027 Please prayerfully consider your commitment to Christ Church for the coming year. Your faithful giving makes our shared ministry possible and helps us continue to share the love of Jesus Christ with our congregation, our community, and beyond. Through your faithfulness, we continue *Growing Together* in faith, hope and love. You may place your completed pledge card in the offering or estimate your giving for 2027 online at christchurchfl.org/pledge

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

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

BROTHERHOOD: SEE & DISCUSS Tuesday | November 24 | 6pm | savor cinema ***B****rotherhood* is a cinematic musical about two neighbors, one white lifelong American citizen, the other a Mexican who has been waiting ten years for processing of his asylum application. Come watch the film with others in our community and participate in a meaningful conversation. The Anti-Racism Task Force of Christ Church is hosting the movie at the Savor Cinema, 503 SE Sixth St., Fort Lauderdale. Free parking is available at the county courthouse parking garage, just west of the theater. Fliers to share with friends and co-workers will be available on tables as you leave worship. Tickets are free, but advance registration is requested so we can accommodate everyone. Sign up using the QR code on the flier or go to **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**. 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 ICE CREAM THANK YOU sunday | december 6 | 5-7pm – 5th-8th graders | 6-7pm dinner | 6-8pm high schoolers We'll take a break November 22 and 29, and come back December 6 for ice cream. We will celebrate all students who serve various ministries at Christ Church. We invite you to invite others too. Fifth-graders through middle school students meet 5-7pm; high schoolers, 6-8pm. Both groups come together for dinner at 6pm. Questions? Contact Mr. W, director of student ministry, at **pwoodard@christchurchfl.org**

CHILDREN & FAMILIES

DANCE THE CANDLES OF ADVENT INTO WORSHIP 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**

SING IN WORSHIP WITH MR. W sunday | december 6 | 9-11:15am All children are invited to sing "Do you Hear What I Hear?" with Mr. W during the 9am service. Between services, children will decorate a Christmas ornament to take home and enjoy yummy treats. Then children will sing at the beginning of the 11am service. It will be a fun morning of Advent worship.

PAINT YOUR OWN NATIVITY sunday | december 6 | 4:30-6:30pm Bring 3 dozen of your favorite nut-free Christmas cookies to share (store bought or homemade), plus a tray or container to take home your cookies. The event costs $25 per family for the paintable wooden nativity, with a limit of 20 families. Sign up at **christchurchfl.org/events**

BE PART OF THE FAMILY CHRISTMAS CONCERT sunday | december 13 | 4pm All children of Christ Church and Christ Church School are invited to participate in this holiday tradition. 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 grades 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 also invited to sing a Christmas song they've been learning with Mr. Woodard and join in as *Joy to the World* is sung by all. Sign up at **christchurchfl.org/events**

SERVE AT THE CHILD-LED CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE thursday | december 24 | 5pm Children are invited to serve as ushers, greeters, readers, musicians and candle lighters at this special Christmas eve service. Families will have seats reserved for them. Sign up at **christchurchfl.org/events**

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

CHRIST CHURCH THANKSGIVING CLOSURE The Fort Lauderdale Campus will be closed Wednesday-Friday, November 25-27 for the Thanksgiving holiday. The Parkway Campus will be closed Thursday and Friday. Have a blessed Thanksgiving!

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 benefits, including Christ Church tuition remission, and how to apply, go to **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**