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 29, 2026

WELCOME

WELCOME ONE ANOTHER

PRELUDE

Do You Hear What I Hear | arr. Brent Edstrom
Wes Kassulke, piano & Doug Friend, percussion

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* CALL TO WORSHIP | Connie Bookholt, liturgist

In a world longing for hope, where do we turn?
We turn toward the God who comes near.
Come, let us open our hearts to God's renewing grace.
We worship with hope, for God is not finished with us!

* GATHERING HYMN

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus | The United Methodist Hymnal No. 196 (verses 1,2)

Come, thou long expected Jesus, born to set thy people free;
from our fears and sins release us, let us find our rest in thee.
Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth thou art;
dear desire of every nation, joy of every longing heart.

Born thy people to deliver, born a child and yet a king,
born to reign in us forever, now thy gracious kingdom bring.
By thine own eternal spirit rule in all our hearts alone;
by thine all sufficient merit, raise us to thy glorious throne.

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OPENING PRAYER

Gracious God, we rejoice that your love reaches us even in seasons of uncertainty. Open our eyes to the signs of your presence, and renew our hope in the possibilities of your grace. Shape us into people who share that hope with our neighbors through kindness, courage, and love. Amen.

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

all **We believe in God, whose love is greater than our fears, whose grace is already at work among us, and whose promises give us hope. We believe in Jesus Christ, the light of the world, who reveals God's love, brings peace in the midst of division, and invites us into the joy of God's kingdom. We believe in the Holy Spirit, who opens our eyes to see the world as God envisions it and gives us courage to participate in its transformation. Together, we wait in hope, work for peace, rejoice in God's goodness, and share God's love. 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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LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE | Dancer Lyanna Castillo

Readers Audrey and Jorge Castillo

leader The prophet Isaiah cries out to God, longing for heaven and earth to meet, for God to come and make all things new. Even in the midst of uncertainty and brokenness, Isaiah reminds us that we are the work of God's hands.

all **Today, we choose to see hope, trusting that God is present and at work,**
when we cannot see what lies ahead.

leader We light this candle of Hope as a reminder that God's promises endure and that we are called to be signs of hope in the world

CAROL

It Came Upon a Midnight Clear | The United Methodist Hymnal No. 218 (verses 1)

It came upon the midnight clear, that glorious song of old,
From angels bending near the earth to touch their harps of gold.
"Peace on the earth, good will to men, from heaven's all-gracious King."
The world in solemn stillness lay, to hear the angels sing.

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SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Daniel Brian Brucki and Karen Williams present their son for Christian Baptism.
James Michael Brucki | April 22, 2026

To the parents

On behalf of the whole Church, I ask you: Do you renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness, reject the evil powers of this world, and repent of your sin? If so, please say I do.

Do you accept the freedom and power God gives you to resist evil, injustice, and oppression in whatever forms they present themselves? If so, please say I do.

Do you confess Jesus Christ as your Savior, put your whole trust in his grace, and promise to serve him as your Lord, in union with the Church which Christ has opened to people of all ages, nations, and races? If so please say I do.

Will you nurture **James** in Christ's holy Church, that by your teaching and example they may be guided to accept God's grace for themselves, to profess his faith openly, and to lead a Christian life? If so please say I will.

To the congregation

Do you, as Christ's body, the Church, reaffirm both your rejection of sin and your commitment to Christ? **We do.**

Will you nurture one another in the Christian faith and life and include **James** now before you in your care?

all **With God's help we will proclaim the good news and live according to the example of Christ. We will surround him with a community of love and forgiveness, that he may grow in his service to others. We will pray for him, that he may be a true disciple who walks in the way that leads to life.**

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To the congregation
Now it is our joy to welcome our new brother in Christ.

Through baptism you are incorporated by the Holy Spirit into God's new creation and made to share in Christ's royal priesthood. We are all one in Christ Jesus. With joy and thanksgiving, we welcome you as a member of the family of Christ.

Members of the household of God, I commend this person to your love and care.
Do all in your power to increase his faith, confirm his hope, and perfect him in love.

all **We give thanks for all that God has already given you, and we welcome you in Christian love. As members together with you in the body of Christ and in this congregation of The United Methodist Church, we renew our covenant faithfully to participate in the ministries of the Church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service and our witness, that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.**

God Claims You
(*refrain*) **James, James, God claims you, God helps you, protects you and loves you too.**
1. **We this day do all agree a child of God you'll always be.** (*refrain*)
2. **We are here to say this day that we will help you on your way.** (*refrain*)

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MUSIC MINISTRY

Great is Thy Faithfulness | arr. Lleyton Denmark
Lleyton Denmark, guitar

Thomas Obediah Chisholm | William Marion Runyan | © words & music: public domain | CCLI License # 487103

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

Community Thanksgiving meal at Parkway

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

Glorious Day | David Angerman
Chancel Choir
Glorious day, it's a great joy in the morning; the promise now is near, sing, rejoice, sing alleluia. Prepare for the day, come now and make straight the way, the glorious day of the Lord. Glorious day, the Messiah soon is coming, redemption day is near. Come Lord, prepare a place down in my heart. Prepare a holy place and cleanse every part. Come gentle Spirit, teach us to trust and obey, so that we might be ready, Lord; so that we can sing on that glorious day – the glorious day of 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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SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 64:1-9 | New Revised Standard Version, updated edition

1 O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your
presence— **2** as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil— to make your name known to
your adversaries, so that the nations might tremble at your presence! **3** When you did awesome deeds that we
did not expect, you came down; the mountains quaked at your presence. **4** From ages past no one has heard,
no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who works for those who wait for him. **5** You meet
those who gladly do right, those who remember you in your ways. But you were angry, and we sinned; because
you hid yourself we transgressed. **6** We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds
are like a filthy cloth. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. **7** There is no one who
calls on your name or attempts to take hold of you, for you have hidden your face from us and have delivered
us into the hand of our iniquity. **8** Yet, O Lord, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we
are all the work of your hand. **9** Do not be exceedingly angry, O Lord, and do not remember iniquity forever.
Now consider, we are all your people.

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

MESSAGE

Do You See What I See? | *Seeing Hope* | Pastor Jad Denmark

* HYMN OF COMMITMENT

Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates | The United Methodist Hymnal No. 213 (verses 1,2,3,4)

Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates; behold, the king of glory waits;
the king of kings is drawing near; the Savior of the world is here!

Fling wide the portals of your heart; make it a temple, set apart
from earthly use for heaven's employ, adorned with prayer and love and joy.

Redeemer, come, with us abide; our hearts to thee we open wide;
let us thy inner presence feel; thy grace and love in us reveal.

Thy Holy Spirit lead us on until our glorious goal is won;
eternal praise, eternal fame be offered, Savior, to thy name!

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Please see below.

* SENDING FORTH

* RESPONSE

O Little Town of Bethlehem | The United Methodist Hymnal No. 230 (verse 1)

O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie;
above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by.
Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting light;
the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.

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MUSIC FOR CLOSING

Postlude on "Savior of the Nations, Come" | Robert M. Thompson
Chuck Stanley, organ

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

Join us next Sunday as we continue the Advent series, *Do You See What I See?* with the message *Seeing Peace*, based on Isaiah 40:1–11.

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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.

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. 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.

SERVE

GIFTS FOR FOSTER CHILDREN Those who chose a foster child to shop for are asked to please bring the wrapped gifts to the church by Thursday, December 3. This is a joint project with Christ Church School.

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**.

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.

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!

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 **swells@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 **swells@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 **swells@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. 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, stop by the tech booth and talk with Ty and Nathaniel about your interest. Or 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 tr**i**via. 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

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're on break today, November 29, but we'll be 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.

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 festive 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 introducing the musical performances and telling 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 of participants 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**

CHRISTMAS AT CHRIST CHURCH | christchurchfl.org/christmas

FAMILY CHRISTMAS CONCERT sunday | december 14 | 4pm Sing carols and enjoy the harmonies of the musicians of the church and Christ Church School. Children introduce each song and read the Christmas story as a live nativity forms. It's a special Christmas tradition bringing together Christ Church, Christ Church School and all of our friends and neighbors.

ENCHANTED TREE sunday | december 20 | all services This Christmas let's give our best gift to Jesus by taking the amount we spend on the most expensive gift we purchased, add $1 to that amount and on Sunday morning, December 20, place that amount in a gift bag (that will be provided that morning) and hang it on the bare trees in worship. Giving our best gift to Jesus, we take bare trees and turn them into Enchanted Trees! Our perfect gift to Jesus Christ will be a blessing to us and to our community.
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CHRISTMAS EVE | thursday | december 24
5pm child-led worship
7pm traditional worship with lessons & carols
11pm traditional worship with holy communion

CHURCH BUSINESS

DECEMBER COUNCIL MEETING monday | december 7 | 6:30pm The next Church Council meeting will be Monday, December 7, at 6:30pm in fellowship halls 2-4.

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**