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 8, 2026

WELCOME

WELCOME ONE ANOTHER

PRELUDE

Great is the Lord | arr. Marilynn Ham
Wes Kassulke, piano; Doug Friend, percussion

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* CALL TO WORSHIP | Leigh Neely, liturgist

We gather in the presence of God, who calls us not only to believe, but to live our faith with courage and compassion.
We come ready to be shaped by grace and moved by love.
John Wesley taught that faith becomes real when it transforms our choices—when we refuse to harm, when we do good, and when we stay close to God.
We long for a faith that reaches beyond these walls and into the world God loves.
The Spirit invites us to embody goodness in our words, our work, and our witness.
We open our hearts to the Spirit's leading, trusting that God can change us from the inside out.
Let us worship the God whose love sends us out to live differently.
Let us commit ourselves to a faith that cannot stay within the sanctuary.

* GATHERING HYMN

There are Many Ways of Sharing | HYMN TO JOY

There are many ways of sharing, but God's Spirit gives each one.
There are different ways of caring; it's one Lord whose work is done.
God, whose gifts are overflowing, may we hear you when you call;
Keep us serving, keep us growing for the common good of all.

We've been baptized in the waters! We've been given work to do.
When you call your sons and daughters, you give gifts for serving you.
God, we join in celebration of the talents you impart.
Bless each baptized one's vocation; give each one a servant's heart.

All are blest by gifts you give us; some are set apart to lead.
Give us Jesus' love within us as we care for those in need.
Give us faith to make decisions; give us joy to share your word.
Give us unity and vision as we serve your church and world.

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OPENING PRAYER

Gracious God, you have gathered us today not only to hear your word, but to be changed by it. You call us to a faith that is alive—one that refuses to harm, one that seeks to do good, and one that keeps us grounded in your presence. As we worship, shape our desires, sharpen our awareness, and strengthen our resolve. Let your Spirit stir in us a holy restlessness, so that what we proclaim in this place becomes the way we live beyond it. Send us out as people who embody your goodness—in our neighborhoods, workplaces, conversations, and choices. May our faith be visible, tangible, and life-giving. And may the world come to know your love because your love is at work in us. Amen.

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

all **We believe in God, whose love created us, whose grace sustains us, and whose mercy calls us to love one another.**
We believe in Jesus Christ, who shows us the way of compassion, forgiveness, justice, and peace.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, who strengthens us, guides us, and empowers us to put our faith into action.
By God's grace, we commit ourselves to three simple rules:
We will do no harm, choosing words and actions that bring healing rather than hurt.
We will do good, seeking opportunities to serve, love, and stand alongside those in need.
We will stay in love with God, through prayer, worship, fellowship, and lives of faithful discipleship.
Together, we will follow Jesus, love our neighbors, and share God's transforming grace with the world.
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

Joy Down in My Heart | arr. Mary McDonald
Leigh Neely, soprano; Carrie Brooke, alto & Mel White, bass

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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 | Nathan Hickman

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 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

Let Your Light Shine | Craig Courtney
Chancel Choir; Wes Kassulke, piano
You are the light of the world. Let your light shine before all people. Let your light shine in all the earth that they might see in your good works and glorify your Father in heaven. You are the salt of the earth, but if salt loses its flavor, it is good for nothing. You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hidden, a lamp cannot be covered, but shines for all to see. You are the light of the world.

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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 10:25-37 | New Revised Standard Version, updated edition
25 An expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he said, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" **26** He said to him, "What is written in the law? What do you read there?" **27** He answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind and your neighbor as yourself." **28** And he said to him, "You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live."
29 But wanting to vindicate himself, he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" **30** Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and took off, leaving him half dead. **31** Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. **32** So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. **33** But a Samaritan while traveling came upon him, and when he saw him he was moved with compassion. **34** He went to him and bandaged his wounds, treating them with oil and wine. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. **35** The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, 'Take care of him, and when I come back I will repay you whatever more you spend.' **36** Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?" **37** He said, "The one who showed him mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

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

MESSAGE

Three Simple Rules | *Do Good* | Pastor Jad Denmark

* HYMN OF COMMITMENT

Forth in Thy Name, O Lord, I go | The United Methodist Hymnal No. 338 (verses 1,2,3,4)
Forth in thy name, O Lord, I go,
my daily labor to pursue;
Thee, only thee, resolved to know
in all I think or speak or do.

The task thy wisdom hath assigned,
O let me cheerfully fulfill;
in all my works thy presence find,
and prove thy good and perfect will.

Thee may I set at my right hand,
whose eyes mine in-most substance see,
and labor on at thy command,
and offer all my works to thee.

For thee delightfully employ
what e'er thy bounteous grace hath giv'n;
and run my course with even joy,
and closely walk with thee to heav'n.

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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

Fanfare on "Lyons" | Dan R. Edwards
Chuck Stanley, organ

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please stand in body or spirit.

Join us next Sunday, when we conclude the series, *Three Simple Rules*, with the message, *Stay in Love With God*, based on John 15:1-11.

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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 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.

FREEWAY SUNDAY NIGHT today | 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 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

CITIZENSHIP CLINIC: INVITE AND SERVE saturday | november 14 | 9:30am-2:30pm | fellowship halls 2-4 The Anti-Racism Task Force will host a South Florida citizenship clinic to help lawful permanent residents (LPRs) on their journey to U.S. citizenship. If you know anyone who is 18 years old, has been a legal resident for five years or married to a U.S. citizen for three years, invite them to come learn how they can become a citizen. If you are a citizen, your help is welcomed as a volunteer. You will receive training to help guide applicants through the process and assist them with their applications. This is a meaningful opportunity to give back, connect with your community, and make a positive impact. If hospitality is your gift, this is a great place to share. The Citizenship Clinic is sponsored by Nova Southeastern University's Shepard Broad College of Law, the Florida Immigrant Coalition, and the New Americans Campaign. Questions? Contact Linda Bajkowsky or ARTF leader Susan Spragg, **sspragg@christchurchfl.org** For fliers you can download to invite friends and neighbors and to sign up to volunteer, go to **christchurchfl.org/events**

THANKSGIVING MEAL FOR PARKWAY NEIGHBORS saturday | november 21 | parkway campus On Saturday, November 21, we're inviting the neighborhood around the Parkway Campus for a Thanksgiving meal, after which attendees will be given groceries to make their own holiday meal. There are many ways you can help with this community event -- from providing paper goods to bringing desserts to helping serve and praying with guests. We've invited the children and families of Tedder Elementary School, and we're planning for 300 guests. If you would like to help, please sign up. Volunteer shifts start at 8am. Meal is 11am - 1pm. Sign up to serve at **christchurchfl.org/events**

GIVE BLOOD sunday | 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. To schedule a time to give, go to **christchurchfl.org/events**

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.

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

INTERFAITH THANKSGIVING SERVICE thursday | november 19 | 7pm | united church of christ Pastor Jad Denmark will participate in an interfaith Thanksgiving service hosted by the United Church of Christ, 2501 NE 30th St., Fort Lauderdale. All are invited to worship with other persons of faith in our community.

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

ESTIMATE YOUR GIVING FOR 2027 sunday | november 15 | both services In the coming days, please prayerfully consider your financial 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. We ask that you bring your completed pledge card to church on November 15 or before. You may also estimate your giving for 2027 online at **christchurchfl.org/pledge**

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 EVERY SUNDAY NIGHT every sunday | 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 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**

CHILDREN & FAMILIES

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**

CREATIVE SPIRIT NATIVITY PAINTING & COOKIE EXCHANGE 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**

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

VETERANS DAY wednesday | november 11 Christ Church offices and the Parkway Campus will be closed Wednesday, November 11, in observance of Veterans Day. The offices and campus will reopen on Thursday, November 12.

MEMORIAL SERVICES
A service for Robert Krinkie will be held at 11am Saturday, November 14, in the sanctuary.
A service for Barbara Fossa will be held at 1pm Sunday, November 15, in the sanctuary.

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**