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 | 9am | sunday | november 8, 2026

WELCOME | Pastors Jad Denmark & Monique McBride

WELCOME ONE ANOTHER

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Beloved All of God's creatures are blessed
And all our pet's bless us!
We worship the creator who calls us to Do Good
May we be filled with Joy, to Do Good

* OPENING SONG

The Lord's Prayer (It's Yours) | Bryan Fowler, Jacob Sooter, and Matt Maher

Father let your kingdom come, father let your will be done
On Earth as in Heaven, right here in my heart

Give us this day our daily bread, forgive us forgive us
As we forgive the ones who sinned, against us forgive them
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one
Let your kingdom come

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On Earth as in Heaven, right here in my heart

Give us this day our daily bread, forgive us forgive us
As we forgive the ones who sinned, against us forgive them
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one
Let your kingdom come

It's yours it's yours, all yours all yours
The kingdom the power, the glory are yours

It's yours it's yours, all yours all yours
Forever and ever, the kingdom is yours

Father let your kingdom come, father let your will be done
On Earth as in Heaven, right here in my heart

On Earth as in Heaven
Right here in my heart

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PRAYER

Loving God, thank you for the gift of your creation, for the beauty of this world, and for the animals who bring joy, comfort, and companionship into our lives. Teach us to care for all that you have made, to show kindness to every living thing, and to do good wherever we can. Open our hearts to the needs of others, guide our hands in acts of love, and help us to be a blessing to all creation. In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

* SONGS OF WORSHIP

What a Friend We Have in Jesus | Charles Crozat Converse & Jordan Butcher

What a friend we have in Jesus
All our sins and griefs to bear
What a privilege to carry
Everything to God in prayer
Oh what peace we often forfeit
Oh what needless pain we bear
All because we do not carry
Everything to God in prayer

Have we trials and temptations
Is there trouble anywhere
Jesus Savior is our refuge
Take it to the Lord in prayer
Are we weak and heavy-laden
Cumbered with a load of care
Jesus knows our every weakness
Take it to the Lord in prayer

Oh what a friend
O what a friend in Jesus

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STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

Growing Together, Nathan Hickman

SCRIPTURE

Genesis 1:20-31 | Common English Bible
20 God said, "Let the waters swarm with living things, and let birds fly above the earth up in the dome of the sky." **21** God created the great sea animals and all the tiny living things that swarm in the waters, each according to its kind, and all the winged birds, each according to its kind. God saw how good it was. **22** Then God blessed them: "Be fertile and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let the birds multiply on the earth."

23 There was evening and there was morning: the fifth day.

24 God said, "Let the earth produce every kind of living thing: livestock, crawling things, and wildlife." And that's what happened. **25** God made every kind of wildlife, every kind of livestock, and every kind of creature that crawls on the ground. God saw how good it was. **26** Then God said, "Let us make humanity in our image to resemble us so that they may take charge of the fish of the sea, the birds in the sky, the livestock, all the earth, and all the crawling things on earth."

27 God created humanity in God's own image,
in the divine image God created them,
male and female God created them.

28 God blessed them and said to them, "Be fertile and multiply; fill the earth and master it. Take charge of the fish of the sea, the birds in the sky, and everything crawling on the ground." **29** Then God said, "I now give to you all the plants on the earth that yield seeds and all the trees whose fruit produces its seeds within it. These will be your food. **30** To all wildlife, to all the birds in the sky, and to everything crawling on the ground—to everything that breathes—I give all the green grasses for food." And that's what happened. **31** God saw everything he had made: it was supremely good.

There was evening and there was morning: the sixth day.

Matthew 6:25-27 | Common English Bible
25 "Therefore, I say to you, don't worry about your life, what you'll eat or what you'll drink, or about your body, what you'll wear. Isn't life more than food and the body more than clothes? 26 Look at the birds in the sky. They don't sow seed or harvest grain or gather crops into barns. Yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Aren't you worth much more than they are? 27 Who among you by worrying can add a single moment to your life?"

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

MESSAGE

Supremely Good: In Praise of the Goodest Ones | Pastor Monique McBride

OFFERING

worshiping through the offering of our lives and gifts.

- Place offerings in the basket or wooden box
- Go to **christchurchfl.org/give**
- Text GIVE to 954.880.3885
- Mail a check to Christ Church, 4845 NE 25th Ave., Fort Lauderdale, FL 33308

Christ Church is a congregationally supported ministry. We thank you for your faithfulness, which allows us to reflect the love, hope and joy of Jesus to our community.
Connect Cards may be placed with your offering.

INVITATION TO BLESSING

* CLOSING MUSIC

Lean on Me | Bill Withers
Phil Woodard, piano

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BENEDICTION

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.

WAYS TO CONNECT | christchurchfl.org/ways2connect

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, go to christchurchfl.org/events. To sign up to volunteers, 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**