



*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 9, 2025

*** OPENING SONG**

Goodness of God | Ben Fielding, Brian Johnson, Ed Cash, Jason Ingram & Jenn Johnson

I love You Lord Oh Your mercy never fails me

All my days I've been held in Your hands

From the moment that I wake up Until I lay

my head I will sing of the Goodness of God

All my life You have been faithful

All my life You have been so, so good

With every breath that I am able

I will sing of the Goodness of God

I love Your voice You have led me through the fire

In darkest nights You are close like no other

I've known you as a father

I've known you as a friend

I have lived in the goodness of God

All my life You have been faithful

All my life You have been so, so good

With every breath that I am able

I will sing of the Goodness of God

Your goodness is running after It's running after me

Your goodness is running after It's running after me

With my life laid down I'm surrendered now

I give You everything Your goodness is running after It's running after me

Your goodness is running after It's running after me

Your goodness is running after It's running after me

With my life laid down I'm surrendered now

I give You everything Your goodness is running after It's running after me

All my life You have been faithful

All my life You have been so, so good

**With every breath that I am able
I will sing of the Goodness of God**

**All my life You have been faithful
All my life You have been so, so good
With every breath that I am able
I will sing of the goodness of God**

I will sing of the goodness of God

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WELCOME | Pastor Monique McBride

WAYS TO CONNECT | christchurchfl.org/ways2connect

Please see below.

WELCOME ONE ANOTHER

*** SONGS OF WORSHIP**

Butterfly Song | Brian M. Howard

**If I were a butterfly
I'd thank you Lord for giving me wings
If I were a robin in a tree
I'd thank you Lord that I could sing
If I were a fish in the sea
I'd wiggle my tail and I'd giggle with glee
But I just thank you Father for making me, me**

**For you gave me a heart and you gave me a smile
You gave me Jesus and you made me your child
And I just thank you Father for making me, me**

**If I were an elephant
I'd thank you Lord by raising my trunk
If I were a kangaroo
you know I'd hop right up to you
If I were an octopus
I'd thank you Lord for my fine looks
But I just thank you Father for making me, me**

**If I were a wiggly worm
I'd thank you Lord that I could squirm
If I were a fuzzy, wuzzy bear
I'd thank you Lord for my fuzzy, wuzzy hair**

**If I were a crocodile I'd thank you Lord for my great smile
But I just thank you Father for making me, me**

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Jesus Loves Me / Good Good Father

**Jesus loves me this I know for the Bible tells me so.
Little ones to him belong they are weak but he is strong.**

**You're a good good father; who you are, who you are, who you are
And I'm loved by you; who I am, who I am, Who I am**

**Jesus loves me this I know for the Bible tells me so.
Little ones to him belong they are weak but he is strong.**

**You're a good good father; who you are, who you are, who you are
And I'm loved by you; who I am, who I am, Who I am**

**You are perfect in all of Your ways,
you are perfect in all of Your ways,
you are perfect in all of Your ways to us.**

**You're a good good father; who you are, who you are, who you are
And I'm loved by you; who I am, who I am, Who I am**

**Jesus loves me this I know for the Bible tells me so.
Little ones to him belong they are weak but he is strong.
Yes Jesus loves me, Yes Jesus loves me,
Yes Jesus loves me, the bible tells me so.**

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THE CALLING OF THE CREATURES | By Ian W. Riddell

Come hoof and trunk and tail and horn
and paw and wing and claw;
Come bird and reptile, mammal born
all full of nature's law.

Bring bark and crow and ribbit, too
and silent stare and hiss;
Bring purr and trill and warble, too
and voice no ear can miss.

We gather here each life and all
to celebrate and sing
to honor creature large and small
'Tis holiness we bring.

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.

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 | Pastor Monique McBride

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.

BENEDICTION AND INVITATION TO BLESSING

* CLOSING MUSIC

What a Friend We have in Jesus | Charles Crozat Converse, Colin Webster & Joseph Medlicott Scriven
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* *please stand in body or spirit.*

Join us next Sunday when we begin the series *Things Jesus Never Said*, with the message *Everything Happens for a Reason*, based on Isaiah 9:2, 6-7.

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. 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 this week in the breezeway 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.

SERVE

BLESSINGS FOOD PANTRY The pantry is serving an increasing number of people each week, and we need your help to keep the shelves stocked. Please take a bag with a list as you leave worship today. 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

INTERFAITH PRAYER VIGIL sunday | november 23 | 4-5pm Join us on the Fort Lauderdale Campus for an interfaith prayer vigil in solidarity with the vigil held at the Everglades Detention Center. Persons of faith and conscience lift their voices for justice and care of our immigrant neighbors. Sponsored by the Anti-Racism Task Force. Questions? Email Susan Spragg, sspragg@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.

GREENING OF THE CHURCH sunday | november 23 | 1-4pm | sanctuary Deck the halls of the Fort Lauderdale Sanctuary after the 11am worship service on Sunday, November 23. No experience necessary, just willing hands and heart.

SERVE AT THE TEDDER BOOK FAIR december 1-5 | 9:30am-1:50pm | Tedder Elementary | 4157 NE 1st Terrace | Deerfield Beach Tedder Elementary plans a Scholastic Book Fair December 1-5, at Tedder Elementary. It's an event that children get excited about, and we've been asked to provide volunteers for those days. **Email Val Proffer to sign up**

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**

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

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 22, 2026 | 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

MEMBERSHIP CLASS PLANNED **sunday | march 8, 2026 | 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

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 Children kindergarten and older with their moms are invited to 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. Limited to 30 families. 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

CROSSWALK COOKIE EXCHANGE & FAMILY PARTY sunday | december 7 | 10am Families are invited to gather at 10am Sunday, December 7. Bring 4 dozen of one kind of Christmas cookies to trade and a container to bring your cookies home. RSVP to Lisa Jones. ljones@christchurchfl.org

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. Sign up at christchurchfl.org/events

HAVE A ROLE IN THE FAMILY CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE wednesday | december 24 | 5pm Children and students are invited to be readers, greeters and ushers at the 5pm Christmas Eve service. Email Pastor Monique if you would like to take a role. mmcbride@ccsfl.org

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

CHARGE CONFERENCE monday | november 17 | 6:30pm | fellowship halls 1-3 A charge conference will be held to vote on the sale of the parsonage at 2105 NE 63rd St., Fort Lauderdale All church members have a voice at a charge conference; the church council has a voice and vote.

CHURCH COUNCIL FOR 2026 The following members were elected for 2026 at the annual Charge Conference on Sunday, November 2.

Staff Parish Relations Committee: Holly Aragon Jones, chair; Linda Bajkowsky; Malia Goodwin; Matt Till

Finance: Laura Bailey, chair; Mark Harris; Lucas Styron

Trustees: Connie Booth, chair; Dick Behn; Norliza Batts

Treasurer: Connie Bookholt

Chair of Council: Nathan Hickman

Church Lay Leader: Patty Goff