



*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 | december 14, 2025

*** OPENING SONG**

Praise Band led by Zaria Modeste, Praise Band Leader

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

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WELCOME | Pastor Doug Johns

WELCOME ONE ANOTHER

WAYS TO CONNECT | christchurchfl.org/ways2connect

Please see below.

*** SONG OF WORSHIP**

Do It Again | Chris Brown, Mack Brock, Matt Redman & Steven Furtick

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MUSIC MINISTRY | Dancers Bree Castelein, Charlotte Castelein & Leighton Stone

O Come O Come Emmanuel | Chris Tomlin

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

In the midst of our waiting and longing for God to make the world right again, we cling to the truth that God has saved, God is saving, and God will save. So today, we join our voices with the prophet Isaiah, who calls us to live in the joy of the truth of God's salvation.

all We choose to believe that the day is coming when "the ransomed of the Lord shall return and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away." (Isaiah 35:10)

We light this candle of joy as a sign of the Truth that sets us free to live in joy as we wait and work for the day when all creation will flourish together.

CAROL

God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen

From God our heavenly Father

A blessed angel came

And unto certain shepherds

Brought tidings of the same

How that in Bethlehem was born

The Son of God by name

O tidings of comfort and joy

Comfort and joy

O tidings of comfort and joy

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SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Matt McCloskey and Jessica Holley present their daughter for Christian Baptism.

Madeline Leigh McCloskey | July 4, 2020

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.

*** SONG OF WORSHIP**

I Am Not Alone | Austin Davis, Ben Davis, Dustin Sauder, Grant Pittman, Kari Jobe, Marty Sampson & Mia Fieldes

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MORNING 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.

ENCHANTED TREE ANNOUNCEMENT | Connie Bookholt

SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 41:8-10 | New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition

⁸But you, Israel, my servant,

Jacob, whom I have chosen,

the offspring of Abraham, my friend;

⁹you whom I took from the ends of the earth

and called from its farthest corners,

saying to you, "You are my servant;

I have chosen you and not cast you off";

¹⁰do not fear, for I am with you;

do not be afraid, for I am your God;

I will strengthen you; I will help you;
I will uphold you with my victorious right hand.

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

MESSAGE

A Christmas Carol Revisited | Claiming the Future | Pastor Doug Johns

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SENDING FORTH

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

Join us next Sunday for a special service, *Gloria Christmas Angels*, based on Luke 2:8-20.

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 for coffee and conversation outside the kitchen window in the gym lobby.

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.

BLESSINGS FOOD PANTRY Today as you leave worship, pantry volunteers will offer you a bag with a shopping list of items needed to stock the pantry. Please take one and bring it back next Sunday with some of the items. The pantry is experiencing increased demand, and your donations help families get enough to eat. You can donate to the pantry at any time. 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 notes field, or make out a check to Christ Church and write Blessings Pantry on the memo line. Learn more at christchurchfl.org/blessings

GAMES FOR TEDDER deadline today | december 14 We're just over 50 games short of the new games we're collecting for children at Tedder Elementary, the neighborhood school of the Parkway Campus. Our mission is to collect 600 games, one for each child, so they can choose a board game to take home and play with their family over the Christmas holiday. You can bring games to today's Family Christmas Concert and place them in the donation boxes in the sanctuary lobby. Learn more at christchurchfl.org/games

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. This service will be livestreamed at christchurchfl.org/live, Facebook @[@christchurchfl](https://www.facebook.com/christchurchfl) and YouTube @[@christchurchfl](https://www.youtube.com/christchurchfl)

CCS ART SHOW **tuesday | december 16 | 5-7pm** Artwork by the children of Christ Church School will be on display in the Fellowship Halls during this festive holiday showing. Add some light and color to your holiday season with this free show.

GLORIA CHRISTMAS ANGELS **sunday | december 21 | 9am & 11am** Learn about the significance of angels through readings by lay readers and Christmas carols in this unique service. The nursery will be open to children 3 and younger. Live-streamed at christchurchfl.org/live, Facebook @[@christchurchfl](https://www.facebook.com/christchurchfl) and YouTube @[@christchurchfl](https://www.youtube.com/christchurchfl)

ENCHANTED TREE **sunday | december 21 | all services** This Christmas let us 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 21, 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.
christchurchfl.org/enchanted

CHRISTMAS EVE | wednesday | december 24

5pm child-led worship

7pm traditional worship with lessons & carols

11pm traditional worship with holy communion

SERVE

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

MARCH IN THE MLK DAY PARADE **monday | january 19, 2026** Join Christ Church and walk in the King Holiday Parade in Fort Lauderdale. It's an opportunity to honor the legacy of civil rights leader Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. By promoting unity, celebrating diversity, and showing commitment to justice, equality and civil rights. The parade route is about one mile. Details are yet to come. If you are interested, contact Paige Darnell, pdarnell@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 | fellowship hall 1** 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 through church membership, Pastor Cathy Johns will offer the class, United Methodist 101, on Sunday, March 8, at 2pm. Email Pastor Cathy Johns to let her know you're interested, cjohns@christchurchfl.org

GROW

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 & FAMILIES

YOUTH MINISTRY LEADER SOUGHT deadline for applications: december 31 Christ Church is seeking a part-time youth ministry leader to lead, inspire and grow the faith of students in 6th –12th grades. If you have a passion for leading young people to serve the church and community, to learn about God, and to lead in worship services, learn more at christchurchfl.org/jobs

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. 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

THANK YOU TO OUTGOING CHURCH COUNCIL MEMBERS Please extend gratitude to Amanda Carrion-Romero and Craig Wilson, who completed their terms on the church council this month.

CHURCH PARSONAGE BIDS DUE tuesday | december 16 | 5pm The parsonage at 2105 NE 63rd St., Fort Lauderdale is for sale. Christ Church and Christ Church School families are being offered the first opportunity to bid on the property. Serious bids should be sent to trustees@christchurchfl.org by 5pm December 16, 2025. A datasheet about the house is available in the lobby and in the Midweek Update.

JANUARY COUNCIL MEETING monday | january 5 | 6:30pm | fellowship halls The next Church Council meeting will be Monday, January 5, at 6:30pm.