



*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 | february 1, 2026**

**WELCOME** | Pastor Monique McBride

### **WELCOME ONE ANOTHER**

**WAYS TO CONNECT** | [christchurchfl.org/ways2connect](http://christchurchfl.org/ways2connect)

Please see below.

### **MUSIC MINISTRY**

*My Jesus, I Love Thee* | arr. Brenda Portman

Michael Marks, tenor

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**\* CALL TO WORSHIP** | Brian McComb, liturgist

God calls us into a life of growth and renewal.

**We come to trust the work God is doing among us.**

Some of us have planted seeds, and some have tended what was planted.

**But it is God who brings life and transformation.**

We are called to build our lives on a foundation that will endure.

**We seek to build with faith, hope, and love.**

Each day, God invites us to embrace the promise of new beginnings.

**With open hearts, we gather to worship the God who renews all things.**

### **\* GATHERING HYMN**

*Christ is Made the Sure Foundation* | REGENT SQUARE

**Christ is made the sure foundation,**

**Christ the head and corner-stone**

**chosen of the Lord and precious,**

**binding all the Church in one;**

**holy Zion's help forever,**

**and her confidence alone.**

**We as living stones implore you:**

**Come among us, Lord, today!**

**with your gracious loving-kindness**

**hear your children as we pray;**

**and the fullness of your blessing**

**in our fellowship display.**

Here entrust to all your servants  
what we long from you to gain  
that on earth and in the heavens  
we one people shall remain,  
till united in your glory  
evermore with you we reign.

Praise and honor to the Father,  
praise and honor to the Son,  
praise and honor to the Spirit,  
ever Three and ever One:  
one in power and one in glory  
while eternal ages run.

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## \* OPENING PRAYER

Gracious God, you are the one who plants the seeds of faith within us and nurtures them into life. You are the foundation on which we stand, the strength beneath our efforts, and the hope that carries us forward. Renew our spirits. Clear away what no longer serves your purpose, and build within us what reflects your love. Teach us to trust the growth we cannot see, to honor the work you are doing in us and through us, and to rest in the assurance that your promise is sure. Shape our worship, our lives, and our community so that all we do is rooted in Christ and guided by your Spirit. Amen.

## \* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*The Apostles' Creed*

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. Suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; the third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended to heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence he will come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. 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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## OFFERING

worshiping through the offering of our lives and gifts

- Place offerings in the plates or wooden boxes
- Give online at [christchurchfl.org/give](http://christchurchfl.org/give)
- Text GIVE to 954.880.3885
- Mail a check to Christ Church, 4845 NE 25<sup>th</sup> 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 as we reflect the love, hope and joy of Jesus to our community.

## MUSIC MINISTRY

*Standing on the Promises/Higher Ground* | arr. Mary McDonald

Chancel Choir

*Standing on the promises of God my Savior; standing, I'm standing on the promises of God. I'm pressing on the upward way, new heights I'm gaining every day; still praying as I onward bound, "Lord, plant my feet on higher ground." Lord, lift me up and let me stand, by faith, on heaven's tableland. A higher plane that I have found. Lord, plant my feet on higher ground. Standing on the promises of Christ, my King, through eternal ages let His praises ring. Glory in the highest I will shout and sing, standing on the promises of God. I'm standing on the promises of God!*

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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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## MORNING PRAYER

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

## SCRIPTURE

**1 Corinthians 3:6-13** | Common English Bible

<sup>6</sup> I planted, Apollos watered, but God made it grow. <sup>7</sup> Because of this, neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but the only one who is anything is God who makes it grow. <sup>8</sup> The one who plants and the one who waters work together, but each one will receive their own reward for their own labor. <sup>9</sup> We are God's coworkers, and you are God's field, God's building.

<sup>10</sup> I laid a foundation like a wise master builder according to God's grace that was given to me, but someone else is building on top of it. Each person needs to pay attention to the way they build on it. <sup>11</sup> No one can lay any other foundation besides the one that is already laid, which is Jesus Christ. <sup>12</sup> So, whether someone builds on top of the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, grass, or hay, <sup>13</sup> each one's work will be clearly shown. The day will make it clear, because it will be revealed with fire—the fire will test the quality of each one's work.

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

## MESSAGE

*What awaits you? Embracing God's Promise Through Renewal* | Rev. Vidalis Lopez, SE District Superintendent

## THE LORD'S SUPPER

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Holy God, in the beginning there was darkness, mystery, and you. By your own word, you shattered the beams of darkness with light. You set in the sky radiant beams of sunlight and punctured the night sky with sparkling jewels. You forever changed our darkness.

You have placed your word in us to be a lamp for our feet. You have given us your Spirit like a bright and guiding star. You fill us with your love as glorious as the sun.

God of the sun and stars, we praise you. With your people on earth and all the company of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,**

**God of power and might,**

**heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

Ever-persistent and ever-loving God, you placed a star in the sky to guide people from far and near to your child. Jesus became the Light of the World, drawing the lost and forgotten, the hurt and the wounded, the oppressed and depressed to the wellsprings of life.

He changed water into wine, called unheralded workers to be disciples, preached good news to the poor, healed the sick and beckoned people to love their neighbor. By his baptism, suffering, death, and resurrection he revealed the depths of your love and the power of light over darkness.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died;**

**Christ is risen;**

**Christ will come again.**

Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these your gifts of bread and cup.

By your Spirit unite us with the living Christ and with all who seek to follow in his life-giving way, that we may further your reign of peace and justice in every place. In the eating of this bread, as Christ's body, and in the sharing of this cup, as Christ's blood, we invite your life to fill us; we invite your Spirit to lead us ever more faithfully to be the Body of Christ in the world. All glory and honor are yours, eternal God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

*And now with the confidence of the children of God, let us pray together:*

## 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.**

*You do not need to be a member of Christ Church or a United Methodist to come to the table. Christ himself is host and welcomes all. If you cannot come forward, please know that someone will bring the bread and cup to you.*

## GATHERING AT THE LORD'S TABLE

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*all* **Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy ministry in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world, in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others. In the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.**

### \* HYMN OF COMMITMENT

*My Hope is Built* | The United Methodist Hymnal No. 368 (verses 1,2,3,4)

**My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness.  
I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' name.**

*(refrain)* **On Christ the solid rock I stand, all other ground is sinking sand;  
all other ground is sinking sand.**

**When darkness veils his lovely face, I rest on his unchanging grace.  
In every high and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the veil. (refrain)**

**His oath, his covenant, his blood support me in the whelming flood.  
When all around my soul gives way, he then is all my hope and stay. (refrain)**  
**When he shall come with trumpet sound, O may I then in him be found!  
Dressed in his righteousness alone, faultless to stand before the throne! (refrain)**

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### \* 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

*Festive Prelude* | Paul Fey

Chuck Stanley, organ

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

Join us next Sunday for the message *Wisdom of the Psalms: Thankfulness* based on Psalm 136:1-9 and 23-2.

## WAYS TO CONNECT | [christchurchfl.org/ways2connect](http://christchurchfl.org/ways2connect)

### TODAY

**CONNECT CARDS** Tell us 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](http://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.

### SERVE

#### **EXPLORE WAYS TO HELP JAMAICA AFTER HURRICANE MELISSA** sunday | february 15 | 10am |

**fellowship hall 4** When Hurricane Melissa struck Jamaica in September, it was the strongest storm to hit the island in modern history, leaving dozens dead and many areas devastated by high waters and strong winds. Join Pastor Doug Johns and Alecia Folkes for a conversation about how Christ Church can help our island neighbors recover from this disastrous hurricane.

**LEARN ABOUT MIDDLE SCHOOL PLANS** As Christ Church and Christ Church School move toward meeting the educational needs of middle schoolers, you can keep up with the plans by picking up a copy of the January 2026 update from the Building Committee on the tables outside of worship. For answers to some frequently asked questions, go to the church website. [christchurchfl.org/FAQ](http://christchurchfl.org/FAQ)

**DONATE TO THE BLESSINGS FOOD PANTRY** All donations are gratefully accepted. 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](http://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](http://christchurchfl.org/blessings)

**ANTI-RACISM TASK FORCE** sunday | april 12 | 12:15pm | fellowship halls 1-3 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

after the 11am Traditional Worship Service, around 12:15pm. Questions? Contact Susan Spragg, leader of the Anti-Racism Task Force, [artf@christchurchfl.org](mailto: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 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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto: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. 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](http://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](mailto: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 44<sup>th</sup> 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 38<sup>th</sup> Street, Oakland Park, on Monday nights.

**WELCOME BRUNCH** **sunday | february 22 | 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](mailto:welcome@christchurchfl.org)

**MEMBERSHIP CLASS PLANNED** **sunday | march 8 | 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](mailto:cjohns@christchurchfl.org)

## **GROW**

**DISTRICT TRAINING EVENT** **sunday | february 15 | 4-6pm | umc of the palm beaches** *Change with Conviction* is the focus of this year's leadership training in the South East District of the Florida Conference of the United Methodist Church. Goals for the gathering are leading for transformation, aligning values and action, and turning pushback into progress. All clergy and laity in leadership roles -- lay leaders, lay ministers/speakers, council chairs, chairs of Staff Parish Relations Committees, trustees, finance, children's ministry, youth ministry, missions, congregational care, nominations, worship and all other ministries. If you did not register for the February 1 event at New Horizons UMC, please plan to attend and register for the training at the United Methodist Church of the Palm Beaches, 900 Brandywine Road, West Palm Beach FL 33409. Sign up for the training at [christchurchfl.org/events](http://christchurchfl.org/events)

**ASH WEDNESDAY** **february 18 | 8-8:30am imposition of ashes | 7pm worship with imposition of ashes and communion** Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent, a season of introspection and preparation. It is a time for repentance and reflection. And it is, ultimately, a journey that leads us to Holy Week, preparing us for the death and resurrection of Jesus, our Lord and Savior. We will start the Lenten journey together with imposition of ashes at 8-8:30am and a service of music, prayer, imposition of ashes and Holy Communion at 7pm, all in the Fort Lauderdale Sanctuary.

**GREAT READ** **sunday | march 15 | 2pm | fellowship halls & tuesday | march 17 | 1:30pm | John Knox Village** You are invited to join Pastor Cathy for a discussion of the book *The Celtic Way of Prayer: The Recovery of Religious Imagination*. Readers will discover the history, folklore, and liturgy of the Celtic people. The author, Esther deWaal, a world-renowned Celtic scholar, leads readers on a journey of monastic prayer and praise -- the foundation stone of Celtic Christianity -- early Irish litanies, medieval Welsh praise poems, and the wealth of blessings derived from an oral tradition that made prayer a part of daily life. Secure your own book and read before the discussion; audio versions are available online. Child care for the Sunday discussion is available by advance reservation to Lisa Jones, [ljohns@christchurchfl.org](mailto:ljohns@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](mailto:info@christchurchfl.org) with your contact information. A Faith Caring Group leader will get back to you.

## **CHILDREN & FAMILIES**

**LEGO LENT EVENT** **wednesday | february 18 | 5:30pm | fellowship halls 1-3** Calling all master builders! Plan to come help build the Old City of Jerusalem on the first day of Lent, Ash Wednesday. This family event is for

children PreK-4 through 5<sup>th</sup> grade. Come for dinner of pizza, salad and dessert, only \$7 per person. Sign up at [christchurchfl.org/events](http://christchurchfl.org/events)

**ADHD & ME sunday | march 1 | 10am | walkway room** Pastor Monique McBride, pastor of school & families, leads this free seminar, ADHD & ME: Our Family Journey with Learning & Behavioral Differences, on Sunday, March 1, at 10am in the Walkway Room. As the parent of a young person with ADHD, Pastor Monique says she most certainly doesn't have all the answers. Yet, she believes her family adventures with ADHD are common and worth sharing with others. Come hear her story as she shares a little bit of what she has learned along the way while parenting a child with learning and behavioral differences. Child care is available in the nursery. RSVP by Thursday, February 26, with the number of adults and children attending at [christchurchfl.org/events](http://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](mailto: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](http://i9sports.com)

## **CHURCH BUSINESS**

**FEBRUARY COUNCIL MEETING** The next Church Council meeting will be Monday, February 2, at 6:30pm in Fellowship Halls 1-3.