



*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 22, 2026**

**WELCOME** | Pastor Monique McBride

## **WELCOME ONE ANOTHER**

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

Please see below.

## **MUSIC MINISTRY**

*Good Good Father* | Anthony Brown & Pat Barrett  
Phil Woodard, bass/baritone; Matt McBride, percussion

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**\* CALL TO WORSHIP** | Lyanna Castillo, Pastor of the Day

The church's one foundation

**is Jesus Christ our Lord;**

we are his new creation

**by water and the Word;**

from heaven he came and sought us

**that we might ever be**

his living servant people,

**united in love for thee.**

## **\* GATHERING SONGS**

*What a Friend We Have in Jesus* | The United Methodist Hymnal No. 526 (verse 1)

**What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear!**

**What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer!**

**O what peace we often forfeit, O what needless pain we bear,**

**all because we do not carry everything to the Lord in prayer.**

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*Jesus Loves Me* | The United Methodist Hymnal No. 191 (verses 1,2)

**Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so.**

**Little ones to him belong; they are weak, but he is strong.**

*(refrain)* **Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!**

**Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.**

**Jesus loves me! This I know, as he loved so long ago,**

**taking children on his knee, saying, "Let them come to me." *(refrain)***

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*Leaning on the Everlasting Arms* | The United Methodist Hymnal No. 133 (verses 1,2)

**What a fellowship, what a joy divine, leaning on the everlasting arms;  
what a blessedness, what a peace is mine, leaning on the everlasting arms.**

*(refrain)* **Leaning, leaning safe and secure from all alarms;  
leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms.**

**O how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way, leaning on the everlasting arms;  
O how bright the path grows from day to day, leaning on the everlasting arms. *(refrain)***

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**\* OPENING PRAYER** | Ryan Seidlin, Pastor of the Day

**God of greatness, we thank you for the grace given to us to be workers in Your kingdom. Remind us that there is only one foundation that can ever be laid, and that is in Jesus Christ. Help us to be wise builders who are mindful of what and how we build our lives. Enable us to build our lives with lasting materials like truth, hope, justice, mercy, grace, and love. Thank you for calling all of us, beloved children of all ages, to build up your church. Amen.**

**\* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *The Apostles' Creed* | Mary Allyn Campbell

**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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## **MUSIC MINISTRY**

Christ Church School Choir; Phil Woodard, directing

*My God is So Great* | arr. Jeff Reeves

My God is so great  
So strong and so mighty  
There's nothing my God cannot do

The mountains are His  
The rivers are His  
The stars are His handiwork too

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*Siyahamba/We Are Marching* | Anders Nyberg, Andrew Maries

Siyahamb' ekukhanyen' kwenkhos'  
Siyahamb' ekukhanyen' kwenkhos'  
Siyahamb' ekukhanyen' kwenkhos'  
Siyahamb' ekukhanyen' kwenkhos'  
Siyahamba, hamba, Siyahamba, hamba  
Siyahamb' ekukhanyen' kwenkhos'

Siyahamba, hamba, Siyahamba, hamba  
Siyahamb' ekukhanyen' kwenkhos'

We are marching in the light of God  
We are marching, marching, We are marching, marching  
We are marching in the light of God  
We are marching, marching, We are marching, marching  
We are marching in the light of God

We are living in the power of God  
We are living in the power of God  
We are living in the power of God  
We are living in the power of God  
We are living, living, We are living, living  
We are living in the power of God  
We are living, living, We are living, living  
We are living in the power of God

We are dancing in the joy of God  
We are dancing in the joy of God  
We are dancing in the joy of God  
We are dancing in the joy of God  
We are dancing, dancing, We are dancing, dancing  
We are dancing in the joy of God  
We are dancing, dancing, We are dancing, dancing  
We are dancing in the joy of God

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## **SCRIPTURE** | Charlotte Castelein & Caleb Casanova-Hickman

### **1 Corinthians 3:10-13** | Common English Bible

<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.

### **Ephesians 3:20** | New International Version

<sup>20</sup>Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us.

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

## **MESSAGE**

*Building on Our Foundation* | Pastor Monique McBride, Lyanna Castillo and Ryan Seidlin, Pastors of the Day

## **OFFERING** | Pastor Doug Johns

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**

*If You Search with all Your Heart* | Craig Courtney

Chancel Choir

*When you seek me, you will find me if your search with all your heart. For I know the plans I have for you; plans of welfare, not of evil. For I know the plans I have for you; plans of hope and a future. I will bring you out of bondage to the land I have prepared. I will bring you out of bondage; I will bring you home to me. When you seek me, you will find me if you search with all your heart. I will bring you home to me.*

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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**

God of Greatness: We thank you for providing for us a foundation of faith. We praise you for special days like today, days to build our life upon. Great God...

*all* **Build within us greater things.**

We thank you, God, for all the amazing ways you are working in our lives and in the world. Thank you for the gifts of ministry, scripture, and the sacraments which provide the blueprints we need for living lives of greatness. Great God...

*all* **Build within us greater things.**

For all the times we forget to give thanks for our blessings. For all the times we forget to remember your greatness. For all the times we forget to live with hope and excitement for the great things out ahead of us, we ask for forgiveness. Great God...

*all* **Build within us greater things.**

We pray today for all the broken places in the world. We pray for those living in fear, sadness, sickness, or isolation. Help us to build a better world, secure in the strength of your love. Great God...

*all* **Build within us greater things.**

We pray for the prayers of our hearts today, those spoken and unspoken. We give thanks that in your greatness, you already know and are already at work sketching out an amazing plan. Great God...

*all* **Build within us greater things.**

Help us to live with hope and excitement as we look forward to all the things you're doing. Your power is boundless and your plans are greater than our own. Great God....

*all* **Build within us greater things.**

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER** | Grayson Vitale

**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.**

## \* HYMN OF COMMITMENT

*I Have Decided to Follow Jesus*

**I have decided to follow Jesus**

**I have decided to follow Jesus**

**I have decided to follow Jesus**

**No turning back. No turning back.**

**I have decided to follow Jesus**

**I have decided to follow Jesus**

**I have decided to follow Jesus**

**No turning back. No turning back.**

**Will you go with me to follow Jesus?**

**Will you go with me to follow Jesus?**

**Will you go with me to follow Jesus?**

**No turning back. No turning back.**

**I have decided to follow Jesus**

**I have decided to follow Jesus**

**I have decided to follow Jesus**

**No turning back. No turning back.**

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## \* SENDING FORTH

### \* FIFTH GRADE CHANT

Through twists and turns,

He showed the way.

We praise His name for every day!

At CCS, we learned and grew.

Our faith, our friends, forever true!

We can do greater things!

SUCCEED!

ACHIEVE!

We all believe!

A strong family, for all to see!

Go CCS!

### \* 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

*Postlude in G minor* | Lani Smith

Chuck Stanley, organ

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

Join us next Sunday as we continue the series, *Greater Than*, with the message, *Community > Self*, based on Ecclesiastes 4:9-12.

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

**LEARN ABOUT MIDDLE SCHOOL PLANS** As you leave worship today, pick up a copy of the Building Committee's February Newsletter describing the exciting progress toward serving middle schoolers and their families. You'll find previous updates on tables as you leave worship and online. For answers to some frequently asked questions, go to the church website. [christchurchfl.org/FAQ](http://christchurchfl.org/FAQ)

**PARKWAY INFORMATION MEETINGS sunday | march 15 | 10am & 12:15pm | fellowship halls** The Parkway Study Group will update you on the exciting proposed future of our Parkway Campus. The group will share the vision and strategic goals for long-term sustainability of our outreach ministry there. Save the date and plan to stay after worship to learn more!

**BLESSINGS FOOD PANTRY** We welcome donations 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](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

**MEMBERSHIP CLASS 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)

## **SPECIAL NOVA SINGERS CONCERT sunday | march 15 | 4pm | fort lauderdale sanctuary**

The Nova Singers and the Florida Singing Sons, both celebrating their 50th year of singing in South Florida, will join in a concert featuring John Rutter's *Mass of the Children*. Each group will also perform songs from its 50th anniversary repertoire, from Broadway to spirituals to contemporary anthems. The Nova Singers are under the direction of Christ Church Traditional Music Director Chuck Stanley; the Florida Singing Sons, under the direction of Daniel Bates. City of Fort Lauderdale Mayor Dean Trantalis will present proclamations to each organization in honor of their respective 50th anniversary. Tickets are \$20 in advance, \$25 at the door. Children 12 and younger, plus students any age with school ID, are admitted free. Advance tickets are available online. <https://tinyurl.com/NovaSonsMarch26>

**DENOMINATION-WIDE WEBINARS** The United Methodist Council of Bishops encourages you to participate in the following denomination-wide webinar to help discern our Wesleyan identity and new vision:

- **March 21 | 10-11:30am** Wesleyan Leadership, "Lead Courageously"

Those who register in advance will have an opportunity to submit questions. All webinars will be recorded and available for later viewing. **More information and the link to register can be found at** <https://www.resourceumc.org/en/churchwide/council-of-bishops-leadership-gathering>

**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.

## GROW

**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, [ljones@christchurchfl.org](mailto: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](mailto:info@christchurchfl.org) with your contact information. A Faith Caring Group leader will get back to you.

## CHILDREN & FAMILIES

**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](https://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](https://i9sports.com)

## CHURCH BUSINESS

**MARCH COUNCIL MEETING** The next Church Council meeting will be Monday, March 9, at 6:30pm in Fellowship Halls 1-3.