



*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 | february 8, 2026**

### **\* OPENING SONG**

Praise Band led by Zaria Modeste, Praise Band Leader

*House of the Lord* | Jonathan Smith & Phil Wickham

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**WELCOME** | Pastor Doug Johns

## **WELCOME ONE ANOTHER**

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

Please see below.

### **\* SONG OF WORSHIP**

*Love Has a Name* | Kim Walker-Smith, Ran Jackson & Ricky Jackson

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**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE** | Pastor Cathy Johns

## **OFFERING**

worshiping through the offering of our lives and gifts.

- Place offerings in the basket or wooden box
- Go to [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

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**

*Here Again* | Amy Corbett, Chris Brown & Steven Furtick

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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.

## SCRIPTURE

**Psalm 136:1-9; 23-26** | New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition

<sup>1</sup> O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,  
for his steadfast love endures forever.  
<sup>2</sup> O give thanks to the God of gods,  
for his steadfast love endures forever.  
<sup>3</sup> O give thanks to the Lord of lords,  
for his steadfast love endures forever;  
<sup>4</sup> who alone does great wonders,  
for his steadfast love endures forever;  
<sup>5</sup> who by understanding made the heavens,  
for his steadfast love endures forever;  
<sup>6</sup> who spread out the earth on the waters,  
for his steadfast love endures forever;  
<sup>7</sup> who made the great lights,  
for his steadfast love endures forever;  
<sup>8</sup> the sun to rule over the day,  
for his steadfast love endures forever;  
<sup>9</sup> the moon and stars to rule over the night,  
for his steadfast love endures forever;  
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<sup>23</sup> It is he who remembered us in our low estate,  
for his steadfast love endures forever;  
<sup>24</sup> and rescued us from our foes,  
for his steadfast love endures forever;  
<sup>25</sup> who gives food to all flesh,  
for his steadfast love endures forever.  
<sup>26</sup> O give thanks to the God of heaven,  
for his steadfast love endures forever.

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

## MESSAGE

*Wisdom of the Psalms: Thankfulness* | Pastor Doug Johns

## SENDING FORTH

### \* CLOSING SONG

*Love Has a Name (reprise)* | Kim Walker-Smith, Ran Jackson & Ricky Jackson

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

Join us next Sunday for the message *Wisdom of the Psalms: Joy* based on Psalm 33:1-22.

## 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.

### ASH WEDNESDAY

**ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP 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.

**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)

### 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** Take a bag and a list today and return the bag with donations next Sunday. 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

**DENOMINATION-WIDE SURVEY** **survey ends february 15** The Council of Bishops is asking you to fill out a survey designed to listen to United Methodists across our connection about the present and future of The United Methodist Church. The insights gathered will directly inform the 2026 Leadership Gathering as leaders seek to follow the leading of the Holy Spirit. This is an important opportunity for clergy and laity to speak faithfully and prayerfully into the life of our church. The survey is expected to take about 10 minutes to complete. Findings from the survey will be shared with the general church in the months leading up to the October gathering. Take the survey at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/UMCLG2026>

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

- **February 21 | 10-11:30am** Wesleyan Mission, "Serve Joyfully"
- **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>

**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)

**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

**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)

**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](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@ccsfli.org](mailto:mmcbride@ccsfli.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

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