



*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 | april 19, 2026

WELCOME | Pastor Cathy Johns

WELCOME ONE ANOTHER

WAYS TO CONNECT | christchurchfl.org/ways2connect

Please see below.

PRELUDE

I Love to Tell the Story | arr. Albin Whitworth

Chuck Stanley, organ; Doug Friend, percussion

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*** CALL TO WORSHIP** | Connie Booth, Liturgist

Come, people of God, and consider the lives we are called to live.

We come to follow Christ with open hearts and open hands.

When we pass by suffering without noticing—

Christ invites us to respond with compassion and care.

We are given opportunities each day to love, to serve, and to act.

We choose to live as faithful followers, shaped by mercy and justice.

Come, let us worship the one who teaches us how to live.

We come to be transformed in heart and in action.

*** GATHERING HYMN**

Easter People, Raise Your Voices | The United Methodist Hymnal No. 304 (verses 1,2,3)

Easter people, raise your voices, sounds of heaven in earth should ring.

Christ has brought us heaven's choices; heavenly music, let it ring.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Easter people, let us sing.

Fear of death can no more stop us from our pressing here below.

For our Lord empowered us to triumph over every foe.

Alleluia! Alleluia! On to victory now we go.

Every day to us is Easter, with its resurrection song.

When in trouble move the faster to our God who rights the wrong.

Alleluia! Alleluia! See the power of heavenly throngs.

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* OPENING PRAYER

Gracious God, you open our eyes to a world filled with both abundance and need. You call us not to ignore the suffering around us, but to respond with compassion, generosity, and humility. Shape us into people who truly see—who notice those who are overlooked and respond with grace. Stir our hearts so that we do not turn away, but instead draw near with kindness and care. Remind us that our faith is not only what we believe, but how we live each day. Form within us a deeper commitment to love our neighbors, to act justly, and to reflect your mercy in all we do. Amen.

* AN EASTER AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe in a God who astounds us! God created towering mountains, sparkling sandy beaches, lush green meadows, and dazzling wonders in the night sky. From the hummingbird to the whale, all creation sings your praise. God surprises and astounds us in places where we expected God was absent.

We believe in Jesus, the Son of God, whose life, death, and resurrection transforms the world with the power of God's love. His body, crucified and buried, was placed in a tomb. Three days later, he rose from the dead. Jesus, our Risen Savior, embraces us with new life saying, "Because I live, you also will live."

We believe in the Holy Spirit who empowers us to be an Easter people, calling us to be witnesses to the resurrection. The Spirit fills us with strength and sends us out into the world to proclaim the good news: Christ is Risen! He is Risen indeed! Alleluia! Alleluia! 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

You are Mine | arr. Mark Hayes

Deborah Osborne, soprano

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SCRIPTURE

Luke 16:19-31 | New Revised Standard Version, updated edition

¹⁹ "There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. ²⁰ And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, ²¹ who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man's table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. ²² The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. ²³ In Hades, where he was being tormented, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. ²⁴ He called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in agony in these flames.' ²⁵ But Abraham said, 'Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things and Lazarus in like manner evil things, but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. ²⁶ Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.' ²⁷ He said, 'Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father's house— ²⁸ for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.' ²⁹ Abraham replied, 'They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.' ³⁰ He said, 'No, father Abraham, but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will

repent.' ³¹ He said to him, 'If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.' "

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

MESSAGE

Signs of the Kingdom | The Rich Man and Lazarus | Pastor Cathy Johns

OFFERING

worshiping through the offering of our lives and gifts

- Place offerings in the plates or wooden boxes
- Give online at **christchurchfl.org/give**
- Text GIVE to 954.880.3885
- Mail a check to Christ Church, 4845 NE 25th 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

Poor Man Lazrus | Jester Hairston

Chancel Choir

Poor man Lazrus sick and disabled, dip your finger in the water, come and cool my tongue, 'cause I'm tormented in the flame. He had to eat crumbs from the rich man's table. Rich man Divies he lived so well, and when he died, he went straight to hell. I love to shout; I love to sing. I love to praise my heavenly King.

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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

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.

* HYMN OF COMMITMENT

The Voice of God is Calling | AURIELA

The voice of God is calling its summons in our day;

Isaiah heard in Zion, and we now hear God say:

"Whom shall I send to succor my people in their need?

Whom shall I send to loosen the bonds of shame and greed?

**"I hear my people crying in slum and mine and mill;
no field or mart is silent, no city street is still.
I see my people falling in darkness and despair.
Whom shall I send to shatter the fetters which they bear?"**

**We heed, O Lord, your summons, and answer: Here are we!
Send us upon your errand, let us your servants be.
Our strength is dust and ashes, our years a passing hour;
but you can use our weakness to magnify your power.**

**From ease and plenty save us; from pride of place absolve;
purge us of low desire; lift us to high resolve;
take us, and make us holy; teach us your will and way.
Speak, and behold! we answer; command, and we obey!**

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*** SENDING FORTH**

*** RESPONSE**

He Lives | The United Methodist Hymnal No. 310 (refrain)

**He lives, he lives, Christ Jesus lives today!
He walks with me and talks with me along life's narrow way.
He lives, he lives, salvation to impart!
You ask me how I know he lives. He lives within my heart.**

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MUSIC FOR CLOSING

Trumpet Tune III in D | Paul Fey

Chuck Stanley, organ

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

Join us next Sunday as we continue the series, *Signs of the Kingdom*, with the message, *The Laborers in the Vineyard*, based on Matthew 20:1-16.

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 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 for this time together; 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.

FOOD. FUN. FRIENDS. today | 10am | fellowship hall 4 Sixth- to 12th graders, plus Christ Church School and Christ Church fifth graders, are invited to play games, enjoy snacks and just hang out with other students after the 9am service on Sunday morning. If you have questions, please contact youth ministry leader Phil Woodard, known as Mr. W, at pwoodard@christchurchfl.org

ORGAN RECITAL today | april 19 | 4pm | sanctuary Daniel Colaner will be the featured organist at the Emerging Artist Recital sponsored by the tri-county chapter of the American Guild of Organists in the Christ Church Sanctuary. Colaner has received numerous honors, including the 2023 National YoungArts Winner with Distinction in Organ/Classical Music. He has been featured on PBS with the American Pops Orchestra and on NPR's *From the Top* (Show #377). He holds the Dr. Mi Wha Lee Fellowship at the Curtis Institute of Music and serves as the Michael Stairs Organ Scholar at the Church of The Redeemer in Bryn Mawr, Penn. The recital is free.

FREEWAY EVENING EVENT today | april 19 | 6-8pm All 6th through 12th graders, plus fifth-graders from Christ Church School and Christ Church, are invited to Flagged Manhunt & Food this evening. Gather in the gym lobby at 6pm before we brainstorm a bit, head to the lawn around the pavilion for manhunt, then break out the pizza. If you have questions, please contact youth ministry leader Phil Woodard, known as Mr. W, at pwoodard@christchurchfl.org

SERVE

BLESSINGS FOOD PANTRY Thank you for your donations to the Blessings Food Pantry today. If you forgot your shopping bag, please bring it next Sunday. The Blessings Food Pantry welcomes donations any time. The following items would be greatly appreciated: canned tuna and chicken, canned or boxed soups, cereals, instant potatoes, tomato sauce, rice, pasta, mac-and-cheese, canned beans, saltine crackers, 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

DOCUMENTARY SCREENING & DISCUSSION thursday | april 30 | 6:30pm | fellowship halls 1-3 The Anti-Racism Task Force will sponsor a free screening of the documentary, *Jesus was a Migrant*, on Thursday evening, April 30. The film follows Dr. Jemar Tisby to the U.S.-Mexico border to examine a theological tension at the heart of American Christianity: the asylum seekers and the people who turned them away share the same faith. It addresses immigration and Christian Nationalism in light of the January 20, 2025, shut down of CBP One app and canceling asylum appointments at the southwest border, affecting thousands of immigrants. A community discussion will follow the film. Popcorn and beverages will be ready at 6pm, before the film begins at 6:30.

ZOE EMPOWERS We support the Arise and Shine Kironya Empowerment Group of 24 orphaned and abandoned teens and young adults as they learn the skills to be self-supporting 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

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. 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. 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

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.

GROW

LAY SERVANT MINISTRY CLASSES **saturday | may 2 | 7:30am-6pm** Lay Servant Ministries is one of the most impactful lay leadership development programs within the United Methodist connection. It equips and empowers laity to grow as disciples of Jesus Christ—and to lead others into discipleship through service, teaching, and witness. Three courses will be offered: Lay Servant Ministry Basic Course; Each one a Minister (Using God's Gifts for Ministry); and Afire with God (Becoming Spirited Stewards). The course fee is \$50 and includes course materials, light breakfast and lunch. For additional information, email Connie Bookholt, cbookholt@nationalgroup.com

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.

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.

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CHILDREN & FAMILIES

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. 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

REPORT FROM APRIL 12 CHURCH CONFERENCE Preliminary plans to add middle school grades to Christ Church School were approved by a 37-2 vote at the April 12 Church Conference. The next step will take place Monday, May 11, at 6:30pm at the next called Church Conference, when members will be asked to consider architectural plans, projected costs, and financial plans for the middle school at Christ Church School. If you have questions about your membership at Christ Church, please contact membership secretary Claudia Bhatt, cbhatt@christchurchfl.org.

MAY COUNCIL MEETING The next Church Council meeting will be Monday, May 11, after the Church Conference.