



*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 | may 10, 2026**

**WELCOME** | Pastor Doug Johns

## **WELCOME ONE ANOTHER**

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

Please see below.

## **PRELUDE**

*Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* | Ron Mallory

Handbell Choir

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### **\* CALL TO WORSHIP** | Leigh Neely, liturgist

Come, people of God, drawn by the one who forgives us fully and loves us completely.

**We come grateful for mercy that restores us and grace that makes us whole.**

God has released us from the weight of our failures and the burden of our past.

**As we have been forgiven, we choose to forgive.**

Christ calls us to be living signs of God's forgiveness in a hurting world.

**We will offer compassion where there is bitterness, kindness where there is injury,  
and peace where there is division.**

Let us worship the God who forgives, renews, and sends us out in love.

**With grateful hearts, we commit to sharing God's love and forgiveness with everyone we meet.**

### **\* GATHERING HYMN**

*Where Charity and Love Prevail* | The United Methodist Hymnal No. 549 (verses 1,2,4,6)

**Where charity and love prevail, there God is ever found**

**brought here together by Christ's love, by love are we thus bound.**

**With grateful joy and holy fear true charity we learn;**

**let us with heart and mind and strength now love Christ in return.**

**Let strife among us be unknown, let all contention cease,**

**be Christ the glory that we seek, be ours his holy peace.**

**Love can exclude no race or creed if honored be God's name,**

**our common life embraces all whose maker is the same.**

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### **\* OPENING PRAYER**

**Gracious God, we give you thanks for the limitless love you have for us. You see our brokenness, our failures,  
and our wandering hearts—and still, you choose to forgive. Teach us not only to receive your forgiveness but  
to live it. Shape our hearts so that we may release the grudges we carry and the wounds we hold too tightly.**

**Give us courage to forgive as you forgive—freely, generously, and without condition. Let our lives bear witness to your mercy. In our words, in our actions, and in our relationships, may others encounter your healing love through us. Make us instruments of your peace, that your forgiveness might flow outward into a world longing for grace. Amen.**

## **\* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

*Affirmation of Faith for Eastertide*

**We believe in God, maker of heaven and earth. God's nourishes and blesses the world, showering all of creation with life, food, and strength. God's mercy and grace welcomes the lost and restores the broken. We believe in Jesus Christ, our Risen Lord, whose victory over sin and death brings healing, hope, light, and joy. Jesus calls us to share the good news that hope is stronger than despair, that light is stronger than darkness, and that love is stronger than death. We believe in the Holy Spirit, who invites us to transform the world with the power of God's boundless love. This same Spirit, not only calls us, but equips us to be the hands and feet of our Risen Lord today, the one who makes all things new.**

## **\* 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**

*I Love to Tell the Story* | arr. John A. Behnke

Handbell Choir

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## **SCRIPTURE**

**Matthew 18:23-35** | New Revised Standard Version, updated edition

<sup>23</sup>“For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. <sup>24</sup>When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him, <sup>25</sup>and, as he could not pay, the lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions and payment to be made. <sup>26</sup>So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ <sup>27</sup>And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. <sup>28</sup>But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him by the throat he said, ‘Pay what you owe.’ <sup>29</sup>Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ <sup>30</sup>But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. <sup>31</sup>When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. <sup>32</sup>Then his lord summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. <sup>33</sup>Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?’ <sup>34</sup>And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. <sup>35</sup>So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”

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

## **MESSAGE**

*Signs of the Kingdom | Learning to Forgive* | Pastor Doug Johns

**OFFERING** | Pastor Cathy 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**

*When the Kingdom Comes* | Susan Naylor Callaway

Chancel Choir

*When the kingdom comes, wars will cease. When the kingdom comes, only peace. Pain will pass away, night will turn to day, love will make a way when the kingdom comes. When the kingdom comes, eyes will see. When the kingdom comes for you and me. We'll glorify his name! His majesty proclaim! We'll never be the same when the kingdom comes. Come, Lord Jesus. Come and free us. How we long to see your face. King of Glory, end the story. Bring your kingdom to this place. When the kingdom comes, it won't be long. When the kingdom comes, we'll sing the song he gave to you and me. And for eternity, like Jesus we will be when the kingdom comes!*

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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**

*Together We Serve* | LYONS

**Together we serve, united by love,  
inviting God's world to the glorious feast.  
We work and we pray through sorrow and joy,  
extending your love to the last and the least.**

**We seek to become a beacon of hope,  
a lamp for the heart and a light for the feet.  
We learn, year by year, to let love shine through  
until we see Christ in each person we meet.**

**We welcome the scarred, the wealthy, the poor,  
the busy, the lonely, and all who need care.  
We offer a home to those who will come,  
our hands quick to help, our hearts ready to dare.**

**Together, by grace, we witness and work,  
remembering Jesus, in whom we grow strong.**

**Together we serve in Spirit and truth,  
remembering love is the strength of our song.**

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## \* **SENDING FORTH**

### \* **RESPONSE**

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

**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**

*Joyful Recessional* | Phil Lehenbauer

Chuck Stanley, organ

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

Join us next Sunday as we begin the series, *Jesus*, with the message, *Jesus: Who He Was*, based on Ezekiel 34:30-31 & Zechariah 9:9-11.

**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** 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 12<sup>th</sup> 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 student ministry leader Phil Woodard, known as Mr. W, at [pwoodard@christchurchfl.org](mailto:pwoodard@christchurchfl.org)

## **SERVE**

**PART-TIME OUTREACH COORDINATOR** Christ Church is seeking a dedicated individual with a passion for outreach ministry to coordinate the ministries of Christ Church at the Parkway campus. The Coordinator of Outreach and Parkway Pantry will oversee daily pantry operations and community outreach initiatives to foster a welcoming, hopeful, and loving environment. This role includes managing volunteers, ensuring smooth pantry processes,

maintaining compliance with supporting agencies, and implementing impactful community events and meals. The position is part-time, 24 hours per week. Please email your letter of interest and resume to Rev. Doug Johns, [djohns@christchurchfl.org](mailto:djohns@christchurchfl.org) by May 15, 2026. Find a complete description at [christchurchfl.org/jobs](http://christchurchfl.org/jobs)

**BLESSINGS FOOD PANTRY** The Blessings Food Pantry needs our donations to keep up with the growing needs of our neighbors in the Parkway community. Here are the most-needed items: 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](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)

**SERVE A MEAL AT PARKWAY** **sundays 8:30-10:30am | wednesdays 4-6pm** You are invited to share the joy of serving a hot meal to our neighbors and friends on the Parkway Campus. You'll serve alongside more experienced volunteers, serving food, welcoming guests and helping to clean up after the meal. If you are interested, please send an email to [info@christchurchfl.org](mailto:info@christchurchfl.org)

**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](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. Students can earn service hours. Send an email to [info@christchurchfl.org](mailto:info@christchurchfl.org) if 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 [info@christchurchfl.org](mailto:info@christchurchfl.org)

**SERVE MEALS AT PARKWAY** **sundays 8:30-10:30am | wednesdays 4-6pm** Get to know our neighbors near the Parkway campus by serving a hot meal, welcoming guests, and cleaning up afterward. It's a great way to share the love of Christ. Families can serve together. Serve alongside experienced volunteers to learn more about the ministry. If you are interested, please send an email to [info@christchurchfl.org](mailto:info@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.

## **GROW**

**CHRIST CHURCH SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE** The Christ Church Scholarship Committee is accepting applications for the 2026-27 school year for college/university, trade programs, and professional development. Scholarships will be awarded based on each candidate's participation at Christ Church, financial need, academic standing, and activities in school, the community and the workplace. Scholarship awards will be made to high school and undergraduate college students pursuing a bachelor's degree or trade school programs, to college graduates pursuing a graduate degree, and to employed persons seeking certification or training to advance their careers. The application deadline is June 10, 2026. For more information and the application, go to [christchurchfl.org/scholarships](http://christchurchfl.org/scholarships)

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

## **STUDENTS**

**FREEWAY FLAGGED MANHUNT & FOOD Sunday | May 17 | 6-8pm** All 6<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> graders, plus fifth-graders from Christ Church School and Christ Church, are invited to Flagged Manhunt & Food. Gather in the gym lobby at 6pm before we head to the lawn around the pavilion for manhunt. We'll break out the pizza in the evening too. If you have questions, please contact student ministry leader Phil Woodard, known as Mr. W, at [pwoodard@christchurchfl.org](mailto:pwoodard@christchurchfl.org)

## **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](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**

**CHURCH CONFERENCE Monday | May 11 | 6:30pm | sanctuary** Church members are invited to a church conference for the final vote to add a middle school to Christ Church School. Members will consider architectural plans, projected costs, and financial plans for the middle school at Christ Church School. Child care will be available. If you have questions about your membership at Christ Church, please contact membership secretary Claudia Bhatt, [cbhatt@christchurchfl.org](mailto:cbhatt@christchurchfl.org).

**MAY COUNCIL MEETING** The next Church Council meeting will be Monday, May 11, after the Church Conference in Fellowship Halls 1-3.