CHRISTCHURCH
DIVERSE INCLUSIVE UNITED METHODIST

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 | may 17, 2026

* OPENING SONG

Praise Band led by Zaria Modeste, Praise Band Leader

We Praise You | Brandon Lake, Brian Johnson, Matt Redman & Phil Wickham

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WELCOME | Pastor Cathy Johns

WELCOME ONE ANOTHER

WAYS TO CONNECT | christchurchfl.org/ways2connect

Please see below.

* SONG OF WORSHIP

Way Maker | Osinachi Kalu Okoro Egbu

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CHILDREN'S MESSAGE | Pastor Doug Johns

OFFERING

worshiping through the offering of our lives and gifts

- Place offerings in the basket or wooden box
- Go to **christchurchfl.org/give**
- Text GIVE to 954.880.3885
- Mail a check to Christ Church, 4845 NE 25th Ave., Fort Lauderdale, FL 33308

Christ Church is a congregationally supported ministry. We thank you for your faithfulness, which enables the church to reflect the love, hope and joy of Jesus to our community. Connect Cards may be placed with your offering.

* SONG OF WORSHIP

Here in Your Presence | Jon Egan

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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

Ezekiel 34:30-31 | New Revised Standard Version, updated edition
30 They shall know that I, the Lord their God, am with them and that they, the house of Israel, are my people, says the Lord God. **31** You are my sheep, the sheep of my pasture, and I am your God, says the Lord God.

Zechariah 9:9-11 | New Revised Standard Version, updated edition
9 Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem! See, your king comes to you; triumphant and victorious is he, humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. **10** He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the war horse from Jerusalem; and the battle bow shall be cut off, and he shall command peace to the nations; his dominion shall be from sea to sea and from the River to the ends of the earth. **11** As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you, I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit.

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

MESSAGE

Jesus | *Jesus: Who He Was* | Pastor Cathy Johns

* CLOSING SONG

Way Maker (reprise) | Osinachi Kalu Okoro Egbu
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SENDING FORTH

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

Join us next Sunday for the message, *Called to be a Witness 24/7*, based on Acts 1:5-8 & Acts 2:1-21.

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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 student ministry leader Phil Woodard, known as Mr. W, at **pwoodard@christchurchfl.org**

FREEWAY FLAGGED MANHUNT & FOOD today | may 17 | 6-8pm All 6th through 12th graders, plus fifth-graders from Christ Church School and Christ Church, are invited to Flagged Manhunt & Food. Gather in the gym 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, **pwoodard@christchurchfl.org**

SERVE

ARTF GATHERING sunday | june 14 | 1pm | fellowship halls 1-3 The Anti-Racism Task Force, a group focused on bringing an end to racism within and outside the church, will gather on Sunday, June 14, to plan events for the next couple of months. All are welcome to come learn about the initiative and planning ways to share with others. For more information, email ARTF leader Susan Spragg, **sspragg@christchurchfl.org**

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**, 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**

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**

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 **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**

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

PATRIOTIC FUNDRAISER FOR CHRIST CHURCH saturday | june 27 | 4-6pm Christ Church will celebrate the nation's 250th birthday with a barbecue and fundraiser! For a donation of just $20 per person or $40 per family, you can enjoy hot dogs, hamburgers, coleslaw, watermelon, apple pie and ice cream – accompanied by patriotic music and live entertainment. There will be a silent auction, plus a live auction too! Gather in the fellowship halls for all of the fun!

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 tr**i**via. 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

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**

WOMEN OF FAITH noon wednesdays on Zoom Women of all ages are invited to join Women of Faith as they study *Major Lessons from Minor Bible Characters.* This lunch hour group welcomes all who want to learn and pray together. If you're interested, contact group leader Cynthia Metzger Phipps, **cmetzgerphipps@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**. 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.

STUDENTS

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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

MIDDLE SCHOOL APPROVED Christ Church members on May 11 approved the addition of grades 6, 7 and 8 to Christ Church School, a historic decision that clears the way for a middle school. This is the culmination of hard work by many church and school leaders, and you'll be seeing evidence of this addition around the church in coming days. Demolition of the Crosswalk and choir areas will begin in June, and another vote on the final plans, budget and project will be scheduled at a later date. Read about this exciting advance for Christ Church School at **christchurchfl.org/FAQ**

JUNE COUNCIL MEETING The next Church Council meeting will be Monday, June 8, at 6:30pm in Fellowship Halls 1-3.