



*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 24, 2026**

**WELCOME** | Connie Bookholt

## **WELCOME ONE ANOTHER**

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

Please see below.

## **PRELUDE**

*Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God* | arr. Lloyd Larson  
Richard Christobal Harris, tenor; Wes Kassulke, piano  
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**\* CALL TO WORSHIP** | Richard Sheffield, liturgist

On this day of wind and flame, we gather in the presence of God.

**The Spirit moves among us, awakening faith and courage.**

Like wind and fire, God's power stirs and renews.

**We are ready to be awakened, filled, and transformed.**

The Spirit equips us to speak words of grace and to serve with joy.

**In our homes, workplaces, neighborhoods, and communities, God works through us.**

Come, Holy Spirit, renew your people once again.

**Fill us with boldness to share the love of Christ wherever we go.**

**\* GATHERING HYMN**

*Descend, O Holy Spirit*

**Descend, O Holy Spirit, descend on us we pray;**

**And bless us with your presence, renewed in us today.**

**A fervent intercessor before the Father's throne;**

**Your gentle supplications make our petitions known.**

**Descend, O Holy Spirit, descend in tongues of fire,**

**And fill us with great power; your will is our desire.**

**O make our hearts an altar, consumed by holy flame,**

**To draw the soul held captive to faith in Jesus' name.**

**Descend, O Holy Spirit, as rushing, mighty wind;**

**We stand in adoration; O Spirit, now descend.**

**O cleanse us by your power, our weakened faith renew;**

**Commission us for service to lead the lost to you.**

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## \* OPENING PRAYER

**Holy and living God, on this Pentecost day we give thanks for the gift of your Spirit poured out upon us. You breathe new life into weary hearts, ignite courage where there is fear, and unite us together as the body of Christ. Fill this place with your presence, and stir within us a passion to live out your love each day. May our words, our actions, and our daily lives reflect the grace and truth of Jesus Christ. Empower us to shine with faith beyond these walls, so that in every moment and every place we may reveal your love to the world. Amen.**

## \* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*A Modern Affirmation of Faith - Pentecost Season*

**We believe in God, Creator of all things, Giver of life and breath. God is present and walks with us daily through times of joy and sorrow. We believe in Jesus Christ, The Word made flesh who lived among us. He was crucified, died, and buried. On the third day, He rose from the dead and lives today, bringing healing and hope to the world. He calls us to love God and all people, welcoming each person as part of God's family. We believe in the Holy Spirit that came down on the first disciples to empower them, teach them, and lead them into all truth. We believe the same Spirit empowers us today as daughters and sons of God to transform the world with the amazing power of God's love. We believe that God is still moving among us today: still creating, still restoring, and still filling us with power as we live each day for the glory of God.**

## \* 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

*God's Gonna Set this World on Fire* | arr. Moses Hogan

Chancel Choir

*God's gonna set this world on fire one of these days, hallelujah. I'm gonna sit at the welcome table one of these days, hallelujah. I'm gonna eat and never get hungry. I'm gonna drink and never get thirsty. God's gonna set this world on fire one of these days, hallelujah.*

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## SCRIPTURE

**Acts 1:5-8** | Common English Bible

"...<sup>5</sup> John baptized with water, but in only a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit."

<sup>6</sup>As a result, those who had gathered together asked Jesus, "Lord, are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel now?"

<sup>7</sup>Jesus replied, "It isn't for you to know the times or seasons that the Father has set by his own authority. <sup>8</sup>Rather, you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."

**Acts 2:1-21** | Common English Bible

When Pentecost Day arrived, they were all together in one place. <sup>2</sup>Suddenly a sound from heaven like the howling of a fierce wind filled the entire house where they were sitting. <sup>3</sup>They saw what seemed to be individual flames of fire alighting on each one of them. <sup>4</sup>They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages as the Spirit enabled them to speak.

<sup>5</sup>There were pious Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. <sup>6</sup>When they heard this sound, a crowd gathered. They were mystified because everyone heard them speaking in their native languages. <sup>7</sup>They were surprised and amazed, saying, "Look, aren't all the people who are speaking Galileans, every one of them?" <sup>8</sup>How then

can each of us hear them speaking in our native language? <sup>9</sup>Parthians, Medes, and Elamites; as well as residents of Mesopotamia, Judea, and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, <sup>10</sup>Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the regions of Libya bordering Cyrene; and visitors from Rome (both Jews and converts to Judaism), <sup>11</sup>Cretans and Arabs—we hear them declaring the mighty works of God in our own languages!” <sup>12</sup>They were all surprised and bewildered. Some asked each other, “What does this mean?” <sup>13</sup>Others jeered at them, saying, “They’re full of new wine!”

<sup>14</sup>Peter stood with the other eleven apostles. He raised his voice and declared, “Judeans and everyone living in Jerusalem! Know this! Listen carefully to my words! <sup>15</sup>These people aren’t drunk, as you suspect; after all, it’s only nine o’clock in the morning! <sup>16</sup>Rather, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

*<sup>17</sup>In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy. Your young will see visions. Your elders will dream dreams. <sup>18</sup> Even upon my servants, men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days, and they will prophesy. <sup>19</sup>I will cause wonders to occur in the heavens above and signs on the earth below, blood and fire and a cloud of smoke. <sup>20</sup>The sun will be changed into darkness, and the moon will be changed into blood, before the great and spectacular day of the Lord comes. <sup>21</sup>And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.*

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

## MESSAGE

*Called to be a Witness 24/7* | Connie Bookholt

## OFFERING

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

*Listen to the Rustle of a Mighty Wind* | Buryl Red  
Chancel Choir

*Listen to the rustle of a mighty wind giving power to the songs of men to tell the truth in all the earth. In Christ there is no second birth. As they waited each day was long, their nights were filled with prayer and song. Believers prayed for hope fulfilled and on Pentecost their hearts were thrilled! Listen to the rustle of a mighty wind giving power to the songs of men to tell the truth in every land that all who hear be born again. Alleluia! Amen!*

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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

*We are Called to be God's People* | HYMN TO JOY

**We are called to be God's people, showing by our lives his grace,  
One in heart and one in spirit, sign of hope for all the race.  
Let us show how he has changed us, and remade us as his own;  
Let us share our life together as we shall around his throne.**

**We are called to be God's servants, working in his world today;  
Taking his own task upon us, all his sacred words obey.  
Let us rise, then, to his summons, dedicate to him our all,  
That we may be faithful servants, quick to answer now his call.**

**We are called to be God's prophets, speaking for the truth and right;  
Standing firm for godly justice, bringing evil into light.  
Let us seek the courage needed, our high calling to fulfill,  
That we all may know the blessing of the doing of God's will.**

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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

*Tongues of Fire* | Alfred V. Fedak

Chuck Stanley, organ

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

Join us next Sunday, when we will continue the message series *Jesus* with the message, *Jesus: What He Did*, based on Luke 4:16-21 & Matthew 4:23.

**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

**ANNUAL CONFERENCE OFFERING by monday | june 1** We have a special opportunity to give: the Annual Conference Offering. Each year, United Methodist laity and pastors from the Florida Conference gather in Lakeland to conduct church business, learn and worship. As part of that gathering there is a special offering. This year the Annual Conference Offering will go to The Florida Diversity Fund, a fund set up to treat Black pastors and churches more equitably, and Affordability Grants, grants to churches that help struggling people, such as the 2.8 million Floridians who live in poverty. You can support these initiatives by placing an over-and-above gift in an offering envelope and writing "Annual Conference" on the envelope OR by going to [christchurchfl.org/give](http://christchurchfl.org/give) and scrolling down to the button for the Annual Conference Offering.

**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 plan ways to share with others. For more information, email ARTF leader Susan Spragg, [sspragg@christchurchfl.org](mailto:sspragg@christchurchfl.org)

**READ & REFLECT saturday | june 20 | 9:30am** The Anti-Racism Task Force is joining with the United Women in Faith of the South East District to host a morning of conversation around the book, *Building Beloved Community: The Courage to Love in the Face of Tyranny*, on Saturday, June 20. You'll want to read the book in advance. Susan Spragg will have a limited number available for purchase, or you can order the paperback from Cokesbury, or a digital copy from Amazon. We're looking forward to observing Juneteenth with this time of learning, reflection and connection with folks from all over South Florida. Please sign up in advance at [christchurchfl.org/events](http://christchurchfl.org/events) so we can be prepared for you.

**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 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)

**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

**RECEPTION FOR PASTORS CATHY & DOUG** **sunday | june 14 | 10am & 12noon** Celebrate the leadership and faithfulness of Pastors Cathy and Doug Johns for the past two years. There will be two receptions – one after the 9am service, the other after the 11am service – where you'll have a chance to say thank you and wish them well before they retire.

**PATRIOTIC FUNDRAISER FOR CHRIST CHURCH** **saturday | june 27 | 4-6pm** Christ Church will celebrate the nation's 250<sup>th</sup> 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 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)

**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, [cmetzgerphipp@christchurchfl.org](mailto:cmetzgerphipp@christchurchfl.org)

**MORNING PRAYERS** Morning prayers will take a break on Monday, May 25, for the Memorial Day holiday. Next week, we return to our regular schedule when you can join your church family for morning prayers Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 7:30am 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

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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](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

**CAMPUSES CLOSED monday | may 25** The Fort Lauderdale and Parkway campuses of Christ Church will be closed Monday, May 25, for the Memorial Day holiday. Regular hours will resume on Tuesday, May 26.

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