



*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 3, 2026

WELCOME | Pastor Cathy Johns

WELCOME ONE ANOTHER

WAYS TO CONNECT | christchurchfl.org/ways2connect

Please see below.

MUSIC MINISTRY

Come, Ye Disconsolate | arr. Stephen Nelson

Richard Christobal Harris, tenor; Doug Friend, percussion

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*** CALL TO WORSHIP** | Brian McComb, liturgist

Come, people of God, drawn by the one who crosses every boundary to show us love.

We come seeking a love that meets us where we are and calls us to grow.

In a world that divides and excludes, Jesus shows us a love that refuses to turn anyone away.

We long to follow his way—treating every person with dignity, compassion, and welcome.

We gather not as strangers or insiders, but as witnesses to a love meant for all.

We seek to be agents of that love—ready to welcome, to heal, and to serve.

Come, let us worship the one whose love makes no distinctions.

Let us worship the God whose grace knows no limits.

*** GATHERING HYMN**

Christ, you Offer us Your Welcome | BEECHER

Christ, you offer us your welcome; it's a precious gift you give!

You bring reconciliation, and you show us how to live.

You call poor ones from their sadness, you call rich ones from their pride.

You call people who are outcast, telling all to "Come inside!"

In a world that's often fearful, where so many stand alone,

you invite us to your table and you welcome people home.

Then you point us to the strangers that, it seems, nobody sees,

and you say, "These are your neighbors. I am here, in each of these."

Christ, your call to offer welcome is an urgent, mighty call;

you have given us a vision of your way that welcomes all.

May we seek to meet our neighbors in their vast diversity.

As your loved and welcomed people, may we build community.

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* OPENING PRAYER

Loving God, you are the one whose compassion crosses every line we try to draw. In Christ, you showed us that no one is invisible, no plea unheard, no person beyond the reach of your grace. Teach us to see as Christ sees, to treat people not by category or difference, but with the same compassion he extends to all. Give us the courage to break down any barriers that keep your love from reaching others. Make us bold enough and loving enough to build a community where no one is left out. Fill our hearts with your grace so that we may be agents of love, extending kindness and acceptance to everyone we meet. Send us out ready to love as you love—without limits, without exceptions, and without fear. Amen.

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. Suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; the third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended to heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence he will come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. 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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OFFERING | Pastor Doug Johns

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. Thank you for your faithfulness as together we reflect the love, hope and joy of Jesus to our community.

MUSIC MINISTRY

Heavenly Sunlight | arr. Anna Laura Page
Chancel Choir

Walking in sunlight, all of my journey; over the mountains, through the deep vale; Jesus has said, "I'll never forsake you," promise divine that never can fail. Heavenly sunlight flooding my soul with glory divine; hallelujah, I am rejoicing, singing his praises, Jesus is mine. Shadows around me, shadows above me, never conceal my Savior and Guide; he is the light, in him is no darkness, ever I'm walking close to his side. In the bright sunlight, ever rejoicing, pressing my way to mansions above; singing his praises, I'm walking in sunlight, sunlight of love. Singing his praises, Jesus is mine!

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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

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE | Pastor Monique McBride

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 15:21-28 | New Revised Standard Version, updated edition

²¹ Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. ²² Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon." ²³ But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us." ²⁴ He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." ²⁵ But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." ²⁶ He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." ²⁷ She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." ²⁸ Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed from that moment.

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

MESSAGE

Signs of the Kingdom | Agents of Love | Pastor Cathy Johns

THE LORD'S SUPPER

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, always and everywhere, to give thanks to you, the true and living God, through Jesus Christ. You are the source of life for all creation, and you made us in your own image. In your love for us you sent your son to be our Saviour.

In the fullness of time he became incarnate, and suffered death on the cross. You raised him in triumph and exalted him in glory. Through him you send your Holy Spirit upon your church and make us your people.

And so with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, holy, holy Lord,

God of power and might,

heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Holy are you, and blessed is your son Jesus Christ. By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection you gave birth to your Church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit. By your great mercy we have been born anew to a living hope through the resurrection of your Son from the dead, and to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading. Once we were no people, but now we are your people, declaring your wonderful deeds in Christ, who called us out of darkness into his marvelous light.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving, as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died;

Christ is risen;

Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and cup. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood. By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet. Through your son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

And now with the confidence of the children of God, let us pray together:

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.

You do not need to be a member of Christ Church or a United Methodist to come to the table. Christ himself is host and welcomes all. If you cannot come forward, please know that someone will bring the bread and cup to you.

GATHERING AT THE LORD'S TABLE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

all **Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*** HYMN OF COMMITMENT**

Help us Accept Each Other | LANCASHIRE

**Help us accept each other as Christ accepted us;
teach us as sister, brother, each person to embrace.
Be present, Lord, among us, and bring us to believe
we are ourselves accepted and meant to love and live.**

**Teach us, O Lord, your lessons, as in our daily life
we struggle to be human and search for hope and faith.
Teach us to care for people, for all, not just for some,
to love them as we find them, or as they may become.**

**Let your acceptance change us, so that we may be moved
in living situations to do the truth in love;
to practice your acceptance, until we know by heart
the table of forgiveness and laughter's healing art.**

**Lord, for today's encounters with all who are in need,
who hunger for acceptance, for righteousness and bread,
we need new eyes for seeing, new hands for holding on;
renew us with your Spirit; Lord, free us, make us one!**

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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

Toccata in G | Dennis Eliot

Chuck Stanley, organ

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

Join us next Sunday as we conclude the series, *Signs of the Kingdom*, with the message, *Learning to Forgive*, based on Matthew 18:23-35.

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 student ministry leader Phil Woodard, known as Mr. W, at 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. Find a complete description at 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, 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

CHRIST CHURCH SCHOOL ART SHOW **tuesday | may 5 | 5-6:30pm | fellowship halls** The art show portion of our Museum of CCS Art Show and STEAM night is open for others to enjoy! Come Tuesday night, May 5, 5-6:30pm, and enjoy art created by CCS PreK-4 through fifth grade students. Exhibits will be in the Fellowship Halls and include art featuring texture, color, value, and space. Pastor Monique, pastor to school and families and CCS art teacher, has led students to create works inspired by Vincent Van Gogh, American sculpturist Louise Nevelson, and Australian artist Sheree Smith.

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

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

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.

STUDENTS

FREEWAY FLAGGED MANHUNT & FOOD Sunday | 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 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

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

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. 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 in Fellowship Halls 1-3.