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 | 11am | sunday | may 31, 2026

WELCOME | Pastor Doug Johns

WELCOME ONE ANOTHER

WAYS TO CONNECT | christchurchfl.org/ways2connect

Please see below.

PRELUDE

Send the Fire! | Victor C. Johnson
Ensemble

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* CALL TO WORSHIP | Jeanne Deinken, liturgist

Come, people of God and remember what Jesus has done—
He came to bring salvation and to redeem all who turn to him.
In his grace, we are claimed by God, restored, and made new.
We stand in the joy of redemption, held fast by God's love.
Jesus not only calls us to follow—he sends us to serve.
We move from disciples who learn to apostles who go.
Let us worship the one who saves, transforms, and commissions us.
With grateful hearts and willing lives, we worship Jesus Christ our Lord.

* GATHERING HYMN

When Morning Gilds the Skies | The United Methodist Hymnal No. 185 (verses 1,2,3,4)

When morning gilds the skies my heart awakening cries:
May Jesus Christ be praised!
Alike at work and prayer, to Jesus I repair:
May Jesus Christ be praised!

The night becomes as day when from the heart we say:
May Jesus Christ be praised!
The powers of darkness fear when this sweet chant they hear:
May Jesus Christ be praised!

Let all the earth around ring joyous with the sound:
May Jesus Christ be praised!
In heaven's eternal bliss the loveliest strain is this:
May Jesus Christ be praised!

Be this, while life is mine, my canticle divine:
May Jesus Christ be praised!

Be this th'eternal song through all the ages long:
May Jesus Christ be praised!

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* OPENING PRAYER

Gracious God, in Jesus Christ, you have shown us the depth of your love. He came to save, to set us free from all that weighs us down, and to call us your beloved children. Through his life, death, and resurrection, you offer us new life and a new purpose. As we worship today, let the truth of what Jesus did settle deeply within us. Draw us closer to you. Strengthen our faith, deepen our trust, and lead us from simply hearing your word to living it each day. Give us the courage to follow where you lead and hearts willing to share your love and hope with others. 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

Mercy on Me | Joel Raney
Ensemble

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SCRIPTURE

Luke 4:16-21 | New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition

When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, [17] and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

[18] "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to set free those who are oppressed, [19] to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."
[20] And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. [21] Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."

Matthew 4:23 | New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition

[23] Jesus went throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

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

MESSAGE
Jesus | *What He Did* | Pastor Doug 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.

Gifts to Residing Hope and the Annual Conference Offering can be made by placing the donation in an offering envelope and writing the recipient on the envelope, or by going to special buttons on the web page, **christchurchfl.org/give**

MUSIC MINISTRY
The Lord Hath Done It | Hank Beebe
Chancel Choir
Sing, O ye heavens, the Lord hath done it; shout, O ye lower parts of the earth. Break into singing, the Lord hath done it. Sing, O ye mountains, shout O ye forests, and every tree that lives therein; the Lord hath redeemed us and glorified himself in Israel. Thus, saith the Lord, "I have done it, I who have formed you from the womb." I am the Lord, I have done it, I who made the heavens alone, who spread abroad the earth myself, I have redeemed thee and glorified myself in Israel. Return unto me, I have redeemed thee, I have restored thee. Return unto me for I have redeemed thee. The Lord hath done it!

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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
I Love to Tell the Story | The United Methodist Hymnal No. 156 (verses 1,2,3)
I love to tell the story of unseen things above,
of Jesus and his glory, of Jesus and his love.
I love to tell the story because I know it's true;
it satisfies my longings as nothing else can do.

(refrain) **I love to tell the story, 'twill be my theme in glory**
to tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.

I love to tell the story; more wonderful it seems
than all the golden fancies of all our golden dreams.
I love to tell the story, it did so much for me,
and that is just the reason I tell it now to thee. *(refrain)*

I love to tell the story; 'tis pleasant to repeat
what seems, each time I tell it, more wonderfully sweet.
I love to tell the story, for some have never heard
the message of salvation from God's own holy word. *(refrain)*

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* SENDING FORTH

* RESPONSE

Spirit Song | The United Methodist Hymnal No. 347
O let the Son of God enfold you with his Spirit and his love.
Let him fill your heart and satisfy your soul.
O let him have the things that hold you, and his Spirit like a dove
will descend upon your life and make you whole.

Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill your lambs.
Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill your lambs.

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MUSIC FOR CLOSING

Jubilant Ringing | Phil Lehenbauer
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, *What He Said*, based on Matthew 9:14-17 and Mark 7:1-8.

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 so we can help you get connected. 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.

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**

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.

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** and scrolling down to the button for the Annual Conference Offering.

RESIDING HOPE Residing Hope, formerly the Florida United Methodist Children's Home, serves abused, abandoned, and neglected children through residential, foster and outpatient care. Each 5th Sunday of the year, you are invited to give an over-and-above gift to support the care of these children and families. Simply place an over-and-above gift in an offering envelope and write "Residing Hope" on the envelope OR by go to **christchurchfl.org/give** and scroll down to the button for Residing Hope.

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**

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** 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**, 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 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

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 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 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**

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 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

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

CAMPUSES CLOSED friday | june 19 The Fort Lauderdale and Parkway campuses of Christ Church will be closed Friday, June 19, for the Juneteenth holiday. Regular hours will resume on Saturday, June 20.