



*a diverse, inclusive church experiencing and reflecting the love, hope and joy of Jesus Christ
to each other and our community*

Christmas Eve Family Service

5pm | December 24, 2025

PRELUDE

We Wish You a Merry Christmas | Traditional English Carol

Julia Salzman

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Jingle Bells | Emily Norris

Billy Salzman

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Away in a Manger | James Murry

Adrian Uchiyama, violin

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O Come Little Children | G.F. Handel

Diego Uchiyama, violin

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Judas Maccabaeus | G.F. Handel

Lucas Uchiyama, violin

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OPENING SONG | led by Zaria Modeste, praise band leader

O Come, All Ye Faithful | The United Methodist Hymnal No. 234 (verses 1,3)

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,

O come ye, O come ye, to Bethlehem.

Come and behold him, born the King of angels;

(refrain) **O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,**

O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

Sing choirs of angels, sing in exultation;

O sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!

Glory to God, all glory in the highest; (refrain)

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WELCOME | Pastor Monique McBride

WELCOME ONE ANOTHER

ENTRANCE OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

Advent dancers Nora Van Assche, Lyanna Castillo, Hailee Rothenburg, Caroline Kretzschmar & Harper Rothenburg

MUSIC MINISTRY | Zaria Modeste, David Landiver & Lucas Uchiyama, violin

O Come O Come Emmanuel | Chris Tomlin

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE | Leighton & Merrit Stone

Draw near to God and God will draw near to you.

In James 4:8 the brother of Jesus reminds us what to do

And so tonight we draw together **to draw together** in this place

With pencils and an open heart, we celebrate when the past, present, and future come together in one space

No matter our age, tonight we are children and our menu comes with crayons

We breathe deep, set aside our worries, and all our other plans.

Draw in, draw up, draw together, and draw near

Tonight we draw in strength and faith after what has been a long year.

We draw together to light candles of hope, peace, joy, and love

And remember God is both with us and at the same time up above.

SCRIPTURE | Mary Allyn Campbell, Lyanna Castillo & Joey Barbera

Luke 2:1-20 | Common English Bible

In those days Caesar Augustus declared that everyone throughout the empire should be enrolled in the tax lists.

Everyone went to their own cities to be enrolled. Since Joseph belonged to David's house and family line, he went up from the city of Nazareth in Galilee to David's city, called Bethlehem, in Judea. He went to be enrolled together with Mary, who was promised to him in marriage and who was pregnant. While they were there, the time came for Mary to have her baby. She gave birth to her firstborn child, a son, wrapped him snugly, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the guestroom.

Nearby shepherds were living in the fields, guarding their sheep at night. The Lord's angel stood before them, the Lord's glory shone around them, and they were terrified.

The angel said, "Don't be afraid! Look! I bring good news to you—wonderful, joyous news for all people. Your savior is born today in David's city. He is Christ the Lord. This is a sign for you: you will find a newborn baby wrapped snugly and lying in a manger." Suddenly a great assembly of the heavenly forces was with the angel praising God. They said, "Glory to God in heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors."

When the angels returned to heaven, the shepherds said to each other, "Let's go right now to Bethlehem and see what's happened. Let's confirm what the Lord has revealed to us." They went quickly and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in the manger. When they saw this, they reported what they had been told about this child. Everyone who heard it was amazed at what the shepherds told them. Mary committed these things to memory and considered them carefully. The shepherds returned home, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen. Everything happened just as they had been told.

INTRODUCTION

How to Draw and Leave Space | Pastor Monique McBride

MANGER - MARY & JOSEPH

SONG OF WORSHIP

O Little Town of Bethlehem | The United Methodist Hymnal No. 230 (verse 1,4)

**O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie;
above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by.
Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting light;
the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.**

**O holy Child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray;
cast out our sin, and enter in, be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell;
O come to us, abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel!**

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ANGELS

SONG OF WORSHIP

It Came Upon a Midnight Clear | The United Methodist Hymnal No. 218 (verses 1,2)

**It came upon the midnight clear, that glorious song of old,
from angels bending near the earth, to touch their harps of gold:
“Peace on the earth, good will to men, from heaven’s all gracious King.”
The world in solemn stillness lay, to hear the angels sing.**

**Still through the cloven skies they come with peaceful wings unfurled,
and still their heavenly music floats o’er all the weary world;
above its sad and lowly plains, they bend on hovering wing,
and ever o’er its Babel sounds the blessed angels sing.**

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SHEPHERDS

SONG OF WORSHIP

The First Noel | The United Methodist Hymnal No. 245 (verses 1,2)

**The first Noel the angel did say
was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay:
in fields where they lay keeping their sheep,
on a cold winter’s night that was so deep.**

(refrain) **Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, born is the King of Israel.**

**They looked up and saw a star
shining in the east, beyond them far;
and to the earth it gave great light,
and so it continued both day and night. *(refrain)***

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BABY JESUS

SONG OF WORSHIP

Away in a Manger | The United Methodist Hymnal No. 217 (verses 1,2,3)

**Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,
the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head.
The stars in the sky looked down where he lay,
the little Lord Jesus, asleep on the hay.**

**The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes,
but little Lord Jesus, no crying he makes;
I love thee, Lord Jesus, look down from the sky
and stay by my cradle till morning is nigh.**

**Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask thee to stay
close by me forever, and love me, I pray;
bless all the dear children in thy tender care,
and fit us for heaven to live with thee there.**

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OFFERING | Pastor Monique McBride

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 we reflect the love, hope and joy of Jesus to our community.

OFFERING PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER | Blair Vella

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.

OFFERING SONG | Zaria Modeste, Sophia Zann, vocals; David Landiver, guitar;

Matt McBride, box drum

Draw Me Close | Kelly Carpenter

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THE LIGHTING OF CANDLES | Led by Julia Chetri

candlelighters: Lucas Uchiyama, Xander Campbell

**God who draws us near,
Tonight we draw near to you no matter how far we have wandered.
Tonight we draw in your love for all no matter how much we forgot
Tonight we draw together in a space where all are welcome
Tonight we light candles, sing carols,
and remember we are all your children whom you created with love.
As we light candles tonight and sing together, draw us in, and create in us hearts of peace.**

CAROL OF PEACE

Silent Night, Holy Night | The United Methodist Hymnal No. 239

**Silent night, holy night, all is calm, all is bright
round yon virgin mother and child. Holy infant, so tender and mild,
sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.**

**Silent night, holy night, shepherds quake at the sight;
glories stream from heaven afar, heavenly hosts sing alleluia!
Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born.**

**Silent night, holy night, Son of God, love's pure light;
radiant beams from thy holy face with the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth, Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.**

Please raise candles on final stanza.

**Silent night, holy night, wondrous star, lend thy light;
with the angels let us sing, alleluia to our King;
Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born!**

Please extinguish your candles before leaving your seat.

Please deposit plastic holders, with candles if you like, in the designated boxes as you leave.

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BENEDICTION

CLOSING SONG

Joy to the World | The United Methodist Hymnal No. 246 (verses 1,4)

**Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her King;
let every heart prepare him room,
and heaven and nature sing, and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven, and heaven, and nature sing.**

**He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove
the glories of his righteousness,
and wonders of his love, and wonders of his love,
and wonders, wonders of his love.**

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

We invite you to join us on Sunday, December 28, for the 9am praise service or the 11am traditional service when Pastor Doug Johns preaches the message, God's Grace and Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer, based on Matthew 1:18-25.

Sunday mornings include:

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 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; 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.

If you're interested in serving to make our community a better place, consider these volunteer opportunities:

BLESSINGS FOOD PANTRY The pantry is experiencing increased demand, and your donations help families get enough to eat. You can donate to the pantry at any time. The following items would be greatly appreciated: canned tuna or chicken, canned or boxed soups, cereals, instant potatoes, tomato sauce, rice, pasta, mac-and-cheese, canned beans, canned vegetables, 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

MARCH IN THE MLK DAY PARADE monday | january 19, 2026 Join Christ Church and walk in the King Holiday Parade in Fort Lauderdale. It's an opportunity to honor the legacy of civil rights leader Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. By promoting unity, celebrating diversity, and showing commitment to justice, equality and civil rights. The parade route is about one mile. Details are yet to come. If you are interested, contact Paige Darnell, pdarnell@christchurchfl.org

ZOE EMPOWERS Please pick up a prayer card for a family that's part of the Arise and Shine Kironya Empowerment Group, our Zoe Empowers group. We will be supporting this group of 24 orphaned and abandoned teens and young adults as they learn the skills to be self-supporting and join in community through Zoe Empowers. Our partnership with them will run 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, wrapping and heating breakfast sandwiches. Students can earn service hours. Send an email to Outreach Coordinator Paige Darnell, pdarnell@christchurchfl.org if you, 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 Outreach Coordinator Paige Darnell, pdarnell@christchurchfl.org.

If you're looking for a place to connect with others, consider these opportunities:

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.

WELCOME BRUNCH sunday | february 22, 2026 | 10am | fellowship hall 1 If you are new to Christ Church, we'd love to get acquainted at the next Welcome brunch. If you sit next to someone new, please walk with them to the brunch. This is an opportunity to learn more about the church and meet others. If you're interested or have questions, please send an email to welcome@christchurchfl.org

MEMBERSHIP CLASS PLANNED sunday | march 8, 2026 | 2pm | fellowship hall 1 Everyone is welcome to participate in the life of the church, as servants, musicians, in bible studies and more. If you are interested in deepening your participation through church membership, Pastor Cathy Johns will offer the class, United Methodist 101, on Sunday, March 8, at 2pm. Email Pastor Cathy Johns to let her know you're interested, cjohns@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](https://www.facebook.com/christchurchfl). If you can't be online at 7:30, a recording of morning prayers is available on Facebook. Morning prayers take a break on church and federal holidays.

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.

Consider the following opportunities in the children and student ministries:

YOUTH MINISTRY LEADER SOUGHT deadline for applications: december 31 Christ Church is seeking a part-time youth ministry leader to lead, inspire and grow the faith of students in 6th – 12th grades. If you have a passion for leading young people to serve the church and community, to learn about God, and to lead in worship services, learn more at christchurchfl.org/jobs

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. January sessions are now open. i9 is a community-based program devoted to helping children succeed. Learn about all of the opportunities on the i9 website. i9sports.com