



*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 | june 7, 2026**

**WELCOME** | Pastor Cathy Johns

## **WELCOME ONE ANOTHER**

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

Please see below.

## **MUSIC MINISTRY**

*I've Got Peace Like a River with Standin' in the Need of Prayer* | arr. Mary Mc Donald  
Wes Kassulke, piano; Doug Friend, percussion

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

People of God, come with hearts open to the stirring of the Spirit.

**We come ready to be renewed by God's love.**

Christ invites us to be bearers of life-giving change in a world longing for hope.

**We come trusting the one who is making all things new.**

God's love shapes us, forms us, and sends us.

**Through that love, our lives are being transformed.**

Let us worship the God who is still creating, still renewing, still calling us forward.

**With open hearts, we worship the God who changes us and sends us into the world.**

**\* GATHERING HYMN**

*O God, We Sing and Celebrate!* | ELLACOMBE

**O God, we sing and celebrate! Your grace to us is clear!**

**For we recall your faithful love for all your people here.**

**We've worked together, yet we know it's not the things we've done,**

**But you, who give us life and hope in sending us your Son.**

**Lord Jesus, in this broken world, you teach us how to heal,**

**And in a world where pride abounds, you call your church to kneel.**

**Amid the hate, we're called to love; amid the fear, to pray.**

**You call us to live differently; transform us every day!**

**You give us gifts to be your church; we follow as you call.**

**Here some are teachers, others preach, to speak your truth to all.**

**Some reach to help the sick and poor, while some are called to lead;**

**Yet by your Spirit, we are one, in word, in prayer, in deed!**

**How easy to look back and see your graceful, constant care,  
And yet we're called to look ahead, to grow, to serve, to dare!  
What is your will in this new day? God, help us pray and search,  
For as we seek to walk with you, we are your faithful church.**

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## **\* OPENING PRAYER**

**Loving God, open us today to your movement among us. You bring new life to places that feel worn down and tired, and you show us hope where we could not see it. Remove what keeps us from hearing your voice and responding to your call. Loosen our grip on old fears, old habits, and old assumptions. Make space within us for your Spirit to move freely, so that your love may take root, grow deep, and bear fruit that brings life to others. Let your love transform not only our hearts, but also the ways we live, serve, and care for others. Shape us into people who reflect your grace and use us in your work of bringing healing and hope to the world. 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](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**

*I Want Jesus to Walk with Me* | Jay Althouse

Chancel Choir

*I want Jesus to walk with me. Lead me onward and set me free. I want Jesus to talk with me. Be my captain and set me free. When I'm weak and feeling all alone, I want him by my side. When I'm tired and far away from home, Jesus, be my guide. I want Jesus to walk with me.*

## \* 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

### SCRIPTURE

**Matthew 9:14-17** | New Revised Standard Version, updated edition

<sup>14</sup> Then the disciples of John came to him, saying, "Why do we and the Pharisees fast often, but your disciples do not fast?" <sup>15</sup> And Jesus said to them, "The wedding attendants cannot mourn as long as the bridegroom is with them, can they? The days will come when the bridegroom is taken away from them, and then they will fast. <sup>16</sup> No one sews a piece of unshrunk cloth on an old cloak, for the patch pulls away from the cloak, and a worse tear is made. <sup>17</sup> Neither is new wine put into old wineskins; otherwise, the skins burst, and the wine is spilled, and the skins are ruined, but new wine is put into fresh wineskins, and so both are preserved."

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

### MESSAGE

*Jesus | What He Said* | 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 right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, creator of heaven and earth. In the beginning your Spirit moved over the face of the waters. You formed us in your image and breathed into us the breath of life. When we turned away, and our love failed, your love remained steadfast. Your Spirit came upon prophets and teachers, anointing them to speak your Word.

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. At his baptism in the Jordan your Spirit descended upon him and declared him your beloved Son. With your Spirit upon him he turned away the temptations of sin. Your Spirit anointed him to preach good news to the poor, to proclaim release to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, and to announce that the time had come when you would save your people. He healed the sick, fed the hungry, and ate with sinners. 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. When the Lord Jesus ascended, he promised to be with us always, baptizing us with the Holy Spirit and with fire, as on the Day of Pentecost.

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 and empowered by the gifts of the Spirit.

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 by 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, and 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

*We've a Story to Tell to the Nations* | The United Methodist Hymnal No. 569 (verses 1,2,3)

**We've a story to tell to the nations,  
that shall turn their hearts to the right,  
a story of truth and mercy, a story of peace and light,  
a story of peace and light.**

*(refrain)* **For the darkness shall turn to dawning,  
and the dawning to noonday bright;  
and Christ's great kingdom shall come on earth,  
the kingdom of love and light.**

**We've a song to be sung to the nations,  
that shall lift their hearts to the Lord,  
a song that shall conquer evil and shatter the spear and sword,  
and shatter the spear and sword. *(refrain)***

**We've a message to give to the nations,  
that the Lord who reigneth above,  
hath sent us his Son to save us, and show us that God is love,  
and show us that God is love. *(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

*I Will Magnify the Lord* | Mark L. Williams

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: Why It Matters*, based on Acts 1:6-8, Revelation 5:9-10.

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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 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](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.

**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)

**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. **At the Table will take a break next Sunday, June 14, so all can attend the reception for Pastors Cathy and Doug.**

## 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 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 has 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 as 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 silent and live auctions! You can get your tickets now and avoid the line the night of the event.

**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, [cmetzgerphipps@christchurchfl.org](mailto: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](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

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

**JUNETEENTH OBSERVANCE friday | june 19** Church offices on the Fort Lauderdale campus and the Parkway campus will be closed Friday, June 19, for the Juneteenth holiday. Regular hours will resume on Saturday, June 20.