



*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 | july 20, 2025

PRELUDE

My Tribute | arr. Dino Kartsonakis

Jeffrey Spotts, piano; Lucas Sanchez, percussion

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WELCOME | Pastor Cathy Johns

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Please see below.

*** CALL TO WORSHIP** | Jeanne Deinken, liturgist

Come, people of God—the wind of the Spirit is blowing!

The Spirit fills us with power and leads us with purpose.

The Spirit has come, not to dwell in temples of stone —

But to live within us, stirring our hearts and shaping our lives.

We are called to walk by the Spirit —

To live with love, to act with courage, to speak with hope.

The breath of God renews and empowers us each day.

Let us worship the Living God who sends the Spirit to guide us!

*** GATHERING HYMN**

Holy, Holy, Holy! | The United Methodist Hymnal No. 64 (verses 1,2,3,4)

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!

Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.

Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,

God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

**Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
which wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.**

**Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,
though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see,
only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,
perfect in power, in love and purity.**

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth and sky and sea.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,
God in three persons, blessed Trinity.

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*** OPENING PRAYER**

Gracious God, we give thanks for the precious gift of the Holy Spirit, who dwells within us, transforming us and guiding our every step. Send a fresh outpouring of your Spirit upon each one of us gathered here. May we be deeply aware of your presence, feeling your power ignite within us. Empower us with your divine strength, wisdom, and discernment. Equip us with the spiritual gifts necessary to fulfill your purposes and to effectively work in your kingdom. Open our eyes to see the needs around us, and open our hearts to respond with compassion and courage. May your Spirit inspire us to speak your truth, to share your love, and to serve others with joy and dedication. Amen.

*** AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

A Modern Affirmation of Faith

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 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

He's Got the Whole World in His Hands | arr. Margaret Bonds
Deborah Osborne, soprano

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SCRIPTURE

John 14:15-27 | New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition

¹⁵ "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. ¹⁶ And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. ¹⁷ This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

¹⁸ "I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. ¹⁹ In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. ²⁰ On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. ²¹ They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me, and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them." ²² Judas (not Iscariot) said to

him, "Lord, how is it that you will reveal yourself to us and not to the world?" ²³ Jesus answered him, "Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. ²⁴ Whoever does not love me does not keep my words, and the word that you hear is not mine but is from the Father who sent me.

²⁵ "I have said these things to you while I am still with you. ²⁶ But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all that I have said to you. ²⁷ Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.

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

MESSAGE

Working on Our Core | The Holy Spirit | Pastor Cathy Johns

OFFERING | Pastor Doug Johns

worshipping 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.

MUSIC MINISTRY

As the Deer | arr. Douglas Wagner

Chancel Choir

As the deer pants for the water, so my soul longs after you; you alone are my heart's desire and I long to worship you. You alone are my strength, my shield, to you alone may my spirit yield. You alone are my heart's desire, and I long to worship you! I want you more than gold or silver, only you can satisfy; you alone are the real joy-giver and the apple of my eye. You're my friend and you are my brother, even though you are a king; I love you more than any other, so much more than anything!

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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 | Pastor Doug Johns

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

The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve | AZMON

The Spirit sends us forth to serve;

We go in Jesus' name

To bring glad tidings to the poor,

God's favor to proclaim.

We go to comfort those who mourn

And set the burdened free;

Where hope is dim, to share a dream

And help the blind to see.

We go to be the hands of Christ,

To scatter joy like seed

And, all our days to cherish life,

To do the loving deed.

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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

July Celebration! | Phil Lehenbauer

Chuck Stanley, organ

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

Join us next Sunday, when we conclude the series *Working on Our Core*, with the message *Amazed by Grace*, based on Ephesians 2:4-10.

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TODAY

CONNECT CARDS We want to stay in touch. 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 Every Sunday, coffee and snacks are available before the 9am and 11am services. Join your friends at the kitchen window in the gym lobby for coffee and conversation.

AT THE TABLE today | 10:05am | fellowship halls 1-3 *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 is open, so grab a snack and coffee, and join us.

THIS WEEK

The Fort Lauderdale Campus will be closed Monday-Friday, July 21-25, for electrical upgrades. We look forward to being back together next Sunday, July 27, for the 9am and 11am services.

CONNECT

JOY GROUP wednesday | august 6 | 10:30am Women 55 and over, here's your chance to get to know and encourage one another. The Joy Group – Jesus, Others, You – meets the first Wednesday of each month. Their mission is to share what Christ has done in their lives and to support one another. The group will discuss a book, sign cards and then go to lunch at a nearby restaurant. RSVP if you plan to attend. If you need a ride or have questions, send an email to info@christchurchfl.org or contact Val Proffer.

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 | october 19 | 10am | fellowship hall 1 If you or someone you sit next to during worship is new to Christ Church, we'd love to get acquainted at the next Welcome 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

GROW

GREAT BOOKS: *Jesus and the Disinherited* wednesday | august 6 | 6:30pm | fellowship 4 In this 110-page classic Howard Thurman invites oppressed individuals to turn away from hatred and turn toward love. Thurman

writes of Jesus, who lived under Roman oppression and chose to live out his teachings daily in the face of the oppressive yoke of Rome. Dr. Thurman's book, written in 1949, was a favorite of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Thurman invites us to love our enemies by practicing "mutual discovery." Through humanizing both the privileged and the underprivileged we are able to love everyone. Please secure your own book and read in advance. This gathering is part of the *Great Books 2025 series, Spiritual Classics for the Soul with Pastor Cathy*. Child care is available with reservation to Lisa Jones, ljones@christchurchfl.org

SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE Scholarships are available to Christ Church high school graduates and college students. Christ Church wants to help affiliated students achieve their educational goals. The Whitworth Scholarship is available to graduates of Pompano Beach High School regardless of affiliation to Christ Church. Apply by July 15. Learn more and find the application at christchurchfl.org/scholarships

INVITATION TO THE OLD TESTAMENT required orientation wednesday, september 10 | 6:30-8pm
8 sessions september 24 | october 1, 8, 15, and 29 | november 5, 12, 19 Join Pastor Cathy for this 8-week covenant learning community that will explore the wonder of Creation, important wisdom teaching that shapes our faith, voices of the prophets, and the beauty of poetry. It is appropriate for those new to Bible study, as well as those with Bible study experience. Participants secure their own book before orientation on September 10. Sign up for the class by September 3. Child care is provided with advance registration to Lisa Jones, coordinator of Children's Ministry. Get all of the details and sign up at christchurchfl.org/events

MORNING PRAYERS Morning prayers are now online Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings 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.

SERVE

PARKWAY MINI-FUNDRAISERS **sunday | july 27 | 10am and sunday | august 6 | 12noon** Come enjoy great food to support the outreach ministries on the Parkway Campus. This is an opportunity to financially support Parkway's outstanding ministries: feeding people and helping those in crisis. Two mini-fundraisers are planned: Brunch after the Praise Service on July 27 and lunch after the Traditional Service on August 24. Suggested donation day of the event: \$20/person or \$50/family to cover the cost of the meal. You'll hear more about outreach at Parkway and perhaps be inspired to volunteer. Attend one or both meals. Come, bring a friend, even bring a check. RSVP by filling out a card on the tables as you enter worship or RSVP online at christchurchfl.org/events

SCHOOL SUPPLIES FOR TEDDER It's time to shop for back-to-school supplies. Our neighbors at Tedder Elementary have given us a list of most-needed items. You'll find it online or in the Midweek Update. Please do not send any packages to the church next week, when the Fort Lauderdale Campus is closed. We welcome any deliveries July 27-August 3. We will deliver the supplies to Tedder on August 4, when we host the welcome back breakfast. Get the list at christchurchfl.org/school-supplies

BLOOD DRIVE **sunday | august 17 | 8:30am-12:30pm** You serve your community when you come to worship on Sunday, August 17. The Big Red Bus for blood donations will be here. Did you know one donation can save three lives? Sign up to be a donor that morning. You'll find the link at christchurchfl.org/events

ZOE EMPOWERS You're invited to 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

FOOD FOR THE BLESSINGS FOOD PANTRY 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. Items may be taken to the pantry during pantry hours, 9-11am Monday, Wednesday and Friday, or brought to the Fort Lauderdale campus on Sunday morning. Learn more at christchurchfl.org/ blessings

JOIN THE JULY COOKIE SHOWER PROJECT The Welcome Team invites you to bake an extra batch of cookies or muffins in July and donate them to Holy Grounds, our time of food and fellowship each Sunday morning. Store-bought cookies are also accepted. Please bring your baked goods on disposable plates and in freezer bags for storage, marked "Holy Grounds." Thanks in advance for your help in welcoming everyone to Christ Church!

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 info@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 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. Linda Bajkowsky coordinates the team and would love your help. 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

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 the Fort Lauderdale Olive Garden. For more information, send an email to info@christchurchfl.org with your contact information. A Faith Caring Group leader will get back to you.

CHURCH BUSINESS

BUILDING COMMITTEE APPOINTED At a June 2 charge conference, the Church Council voted the following individuals to serve on a Building Committee to develop preliminary architectural plans, preliminary cost for facility renovation and/or new construction; and develop a preliminary financial plan for a middle school at Christ Church School: Randall Vitale, church member and school board chair; Connie Bookholt, church member; Norliza Batts, church member; Connie Booth, church member; Dick Behn, church member; Ryan McBride, church member; John Elleston; Shane Grabski; Thomas Manos; and Jeff Suiter, plus ex officio members Pastor Doug Johns, Pastor Cathy Johns, Pastor Monique McBride, Head of School Tane Bonham, Facilities Director Mike Gartland, and Stacey Spencer.