



*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 27, 2025

PRELUDE

What a Friend | arr. Jack Schrader

Wes Kassulke, piano; Tom Bowden, percussion

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WELCOME | Pastor Doug Johns

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Please see below.

*** CALL TO WORSHIP | Connie Booth, liturgist**

Come, beloved community, gather in the presence of the one who is faithful and kind.

We come to honor the God who welcomes us with open arms.

Though our paths have wandered, mercy finds us again.

We return, grateful for love that never fails.

Here, we're not defined by our past, but by the hope of renewal.

We step forward as people being made new.

Let every breath be worship, and every word reflect the goodness of our God.

Our hearts are ready, our voices are lifted — we are amazed by grace.

*** GATHERING HYMN**

You've Called us Together, O God, by Your Grace | TO GOD BE THE GLORY

You've called us together, O God, by your grace;

In grateful obedience, we've come to this place.

Our new common mission has only begun;

We're learning the blessings of serving as one.

(refrain) **We are called! We are freed!**

We are baptized as one.

In the Church, all we need

Can be found in your Son!

With Christ to unite us, and born from above,

We witness together to your wondrous love.

We're one in the faith, and in creeds that we share,

In worship and sacraments, scripture and prayer.

We're one in our seeking to follow Christ's way,

In Spirit-led ministry, day after day. *(refrain)*

**There's much to rejoice in, yet much to be done;
While some are excluded, we can't live as one.
May we as your churches uniting now see
That justice is needed for true unity. (refrain)**

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*** OPENING PRAYER**

God of wonder and mercy, your grace astounds us — reaching us in our brokenness, lifting us from despair, and giving us new life in Christ. Let that mercy stir our souls, challenge our hearts, and renew our vision of who you are and who we are in you. Teach us to recognize your divine imprint in every person we meet and love them as you first loved us. Open our hearts to truly grasp the depth of your love and the strength of your redemption. Remind us that in you we are restored — raised to new life and invited to walk the path you set before us. We thank you for loving us just as we are, and we ask for boldness and compassion to extend that love to others. 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

All my Tears (be Washed Away) | Julie Miller

Connie Bookholt, alto; Carrie Brooke, alto, guitar; Leigh Neely, soprano

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SCRIPTURE

Ephesians 2:4-10 | New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition

⁴but God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us ⁵even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— ⁶and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, ⁷so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. ⁸For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God — ⁹not the result of works, so that no one may boast. ¹⁰For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we may walk in them.

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

MESSAGE

Working on Our Core | *Amazed by Grace* | Pastor Doug Johns

OFFERING | Pastor Cathy 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

Your Love is Everlasting | Cindy Berry

Chancel Choir

When I think of your love, I am humbled and filled with joy. You took my sin, cleansed me within and gave me a heart that's new. When I think of your love, I know your word is true. Because of your grace I'll spend eternity with you. Your love is everlasting; your grace so rich and free. I will sing your wondrous praises through all eternity. You created the highest heavens and set the moon and star above. Yet you love me with an everlasting love. How could you give your life for me, unworthy as I am? As you died at Calvary, you became the sacrificial lamb. Then you arose! You arose to live again. Hallelujah to the Lamb. Yes, you love me with an everlasting love.

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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 Cathy 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

Grace Greater than our sin | The United Methodist Hymnal No. 365 (verses 1,2,4)

Marvelous grace of our loving Lord, grace that exceeds our sin and our guilt!

Yonder on Calvary's mount outpoured, there where the blood of the Lamb was spilt.

(refrain) **Grace, grace, God's grace, grace that will pardon and cleanse within;
grace, grace, God's grace, grace that is greater than all our sin!**

**Sin and despair, like the sea waves cold, threaten the soul with infinite loss;
grace that is greater, yes, grace untold, points to the refuge, the mighty cross. *(refrain)***

Marvelous, infinite, matchless grace, freely bestowed on all who believe!

You that are longing to see his face, will you this moment his grace receive? *(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 begin the series *Traveling off the Map*, with the message *Finding and Following God's Will*, based on Colossians 1:9-14.

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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.

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

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

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. There's an Amazon list to help you order aslo. Please bring or send all donations to the church by Sunday, August 3. We will take the supplies to Tedder on August 4, when we host the welcome back breakfast. If you would like to serve at the breakfast, please see Val Proffer. Get the list at christchurchfl.org/school-supplies

PARKWAY LUNCH **sunday | august 24 | 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. The second mini-fundraiser will follow the 11am service on Sunday, 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. If you enjoyed this morning's brunch, you're invited to the August lunch. RSVP today by filling out a card on the tables as you enter worship or online at christchurchfl.org/events

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

THANK YOU FOR DONATING COOKIES Sincere gratitude goes to all who baked or purchased cookies for the July Cookie Shower. You can donate cookies for Holy Grounds, our Sunday morning coffee hour, at any time. Just bring cookies on disposable plates in freezer bags, marked Holy Grounds. Together, we can have refreshments that make our guests feel welcome at any time.

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.

CHILDREN & YOUTH

DISTRICT YOUTH EVENT **sunday | august 3 | 4-7pm | plantation umc | 1001 nw 70th avenue** All 6th – 12th graders are invited to Plantation UMC for an afternoon of food, games and worship before school starts. Students from South East District churches will be there, as will Youth Leader Jess Woolverton. Let us know you're coming at [**christchurchfl.org/events**](http://christchurchfl.org/events)

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.