



*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 | august 16, 2026

WELCOME | Pastor Jad Denmark

WELCOME ONE ANOTHER

PRELUDE

Ride the Chariot | arr. Marilyn Ham

Wes Kassulke, piano; Doug Friend, percussion

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

Come, people of God, and draw near to the One whose grace is freely given.

We come with open hearts, ready to receive the mercy God pours out.

God's grace meets us as we are—broken, hopeful, searching, forgiven.

We open ourselves to that grace, trusting its power to renew and transform us.

Having received grace, we are called to live as people shaped by it.

We will show grace in our words, our choices, and our relationships.

Let us worship the God whose grace restores us and sends us out in love.

With gratitude and openness, we worship the God of grace.

*** GATHERING HYMN**

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven | The United Methodist Hymnal No. 66 (verses 1,2,3,4)

Praise, my soul, the King of Heaven, to the throne thy tribute bring;

ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, evermore God's praises sing.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise the everlasting king.

Praise the Lord for grace and favor to all people in distress;

praise God, still the same as ever, slow to chide, and swift to bless.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Glorious now God's faithfulness.

Father-like, God tends and spares us; well our feeble frame God knows;

mother-like, God gently bears us, rescues us from all our foes.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Widely yet God's mercy flows.

Angels in the heights, adoring, you behold God face to face;

saints triumphant, now adoring, gathered in from every race.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise with us the God of grace.

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* OPENING PRAYER

Gracious God, your mercy comes to us without price, without condition, without limit. You offer grace freely, and all you ask is that we open our hearts to receive it. Loosen whatever keeps us guarded or hesitant, and let your healing presence take root within us. Teach us to live as people shaped by forgiveness. Let grace be more than a gift we receive; let it become the way we move through the world. Help us to show patience where there is frustration, kindness where there is hurt, and compassion where there is need. Renew us, reshape us, and send us out as bearers of your grace. Amen.

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

A Modern Affirmation

leader Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is the one true church, apostolic and universal, whose holy faith let us now declare:

all We believe in God the Father, infinite in wisdom, power, and love, whose mercy is over all his works, and whose will is ever directed to his children's good. We believe in Jesus Christ, Son of God and Son of Man, the gift of the Father's unfailing grace, the ground of our hope, and the promise of our deliverance from sin and death. We believe in the Holy Spirit as the divine presence in our lives, whereby we are kept in perpetual remembrance of the truth of Christ, and find strength and help in time of need. We believe that this faith should manifest itself in the service of love as set forth in the example of our blessed Lord, to the end that the kingdom of God may come upon the earth. 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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MUSIC MINISTRY

How Great Thou Art | arr. Stephen Nelson

Richard Christobal Harris, tenor

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PASTORAL 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.

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

Ministry to Christ Church School

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, which helps the church reflect the love, hope and joy of Jesus to our community.

MUSIC MINISTRY

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy | Mary McDonald

Chancel Choir; Phil Woodard, directing

There is welcome for the sinner and more graces for the good; there is mercy with the Savior; there is healing in his blood. But we make his love too narrow by false limits of our own; and we magnify his strictness with a zeal he will not own. There's a wideness in God's mercy, like the wideness of the sea; there's a kindness in his justice, which is more than liberty. If our love were but more simple, we could take him at his word; and our lives would be more loving in the likeness of our Lord.

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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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SCRIPTURE

Luke 7:36-50 | New Revised Standard Version, updated edition

³⁶One of the Pharisees asked Jesus to eat with him, and when he went into the Pharisee's house he reclined to dine. ³⁷And a woman in the city who was a sinner, having learned that he was eating in the Pharisee's house, brought an alabaster jar of ointment. ³⁸She stood behind him at his feet, weeping, and began to bathe his feet with her tears and to dry them with her hair, kissing his feet and anointing them with the ointment. ³⁹Now when the Pharisee who had invited him saw it, he said to himself, "If this man were a prophet, he would have known who and what kind of woman this is who is touching him, that she is a sinner." ⁴⁰Jesus spoke up and said to him, "Simon, I have something to say to you." "Teacher," he replied, "speak." ⁴¹"A certain moneylender had two debtors; one owed five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. ⁴²When they could not pay, he canceled the debts for both of them. Now which of them will love him more?" ⁴³Simon answered, "I suppose the one for whom he canceled the greater debt." And Jesus said to him, "You have judged rightly." ⁴⁴Then turning toward the woman, he said to Simon, "Do you see this woman? I entered your house; you gave me no water for my feet, but she has bathed my feet with her tears and dried them with her hair. ⁴⁵You gave me no kiss, but from the time I came in she has not stopped kissing my feet. ⁴⁶You did not anoint my head with oil, but she has anointed my feet with ointment. ⁴⁷Therefore, I tell you, her many sins have been forgiven; hence she has shown great love. But the one to whom little is forgiven loves little." ⁴⁸Then he said to her, "Your sins are forgiven." ⁴⁹But those who were at the table with him began to say among themselves, "Who is this who even forgives sins?" ⁵⁰But he said to the woman, "Your faith has saved you; go in peace."

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

MESSAGE

Jesus and ... | *Jesus and the Religious* | Pastor Jad Denmark

* HYMN OF COMMITMENT

Freely, Freely | The United Methodist Hymnal No. 389 (verses 1,2)

**God forgave my sin in Jesus' name, I've been born again in Jesus' name,
and in Jesus' name I come to you, to share his love as he told me to.**

(refrain) **He said, "Freely, freely you have received, freely, freely give.
Go in my name, and because you believe, others will know that I live."**

**All power is given in Jesus' name, in earth and heaven in Jesus' name,
and in Jesus' name I come to you, to share his power as he told me to. *(refrain)***

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Please see below.

* 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

God of Grace | Paul Manz

Wes Kassulke, organ

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

Join us next Sunday, when we continue the series, *Jesus and ...*, with the message, *Jesus and Women*, based on John 4:5–42.

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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.

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 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

BLOOD DRIVE sunday | august 30 | 9:30am-12:30pm Give the gift of life; donate blood when the Big Red Bus visits the Fort Lauderdale Campus on Sunday, August 30. You can worship and serve the community the same morning. Sign up for a time to donate at christchurchfl.org/events

BLESSINGS FOOD PANTRY Thank you for bringing back your bag with donations for the Blessings Food Pantry. If you forgot, you can bring donations any time. The pantry served more than 230 families each week last month, a significant increase from just six months ago. Your donations help keep up with the growing needs of our neighbors. 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, 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

ARTF GATHERING **sunday | october 11 | 12:15pm | fellowship halls 2-4** The Anti-Racism Task Force, a group focused on bringing an end to racism within and outside the church, will gather at 12:15pm on Sunday, October 11, 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

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 prepare 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

LISTENING POSTS **wednesdays | august 26 and september 2 | 6:30pm** Pastor Jad looks forward to hearing from you about what's important to you at Christ Church. These 45- to 60-minute listening sessions will give you an opportunity to answer a few of Pastor Jad's open-ended questions. Just choose a date and sign up at christchurchfl.org/events

SHARED MEALS You are invited to share a meal and community twice each week on the Parkway Campus. On Wednesday, 4:30-5:30pm, 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

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS ACCEPTED deadline: september 15 The Christ Church Scholarship Committee will accept applications for programs that begin in January 2027. Scholarship applications are available to all who are attending college, graduate school, technical school, seminary and career advancing programs. Learn more and find the application at christchurchfl.org/scholarships

WOMEN OF FAITH noon wednesdays on zoom Women of all ages are invited to join Women of Faith. This lunch hour group welcomes all who want to learn and pray together. For the rest of the summer, they will be studying the book of Acts. 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](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 with your contact information. A Faith Caring Group leader will get back to you.

STUDENTS

FREEWAY SCHOOL YEAR KICK-OFF **sunday | september 13 | 5-7pm | gym** Mr. W has some Crazy Games in mind for Freeway's School Year Kick-off. All 5th-12th graders are invited. Bring a friend or two. Of course, there'll be food. Questions? Contact Mr. W, director of student ministry, at pwoodard@christchurchfl.org

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

KITCHEN TREASURES AVAILABLE Church leaders are clearing the kitchen of unused items, and you're invited to see if there's something you'd like. Today's find: water goblets. A set of 35 goblets is available for a \$20 donation. Bud vases, many still in boxes, are available for \$2 a piece or 4 for \$5. Some sets of 10 clear glass dessert plates are still available for \$10 each. Check the tables as you leave worship for the opportunity to take dishware with you. Also

available, place settings of white dinnerware. We are looking for a nonprofit that might be interested in these items to use. If you know of any, please contact Dick Behn.

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING monday | september 14 | 6:30pm The Church Council will next meet on Monday, September 14, at 6:30pm in the Fellowship Halls.