



*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 30, 2026

WELCOME | Pastor Jad Denmark

WELCOME ONE ANOTHER

PRELUDE

Standing on the Promises | arr. Gary Lanier

Dr. Bruce Kraemer, bassoon; Wes Kassulke, piano

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

We gather today carrying the joys and burdens of our lives.

We come as we are, knowing that God meets us in every season.

There are times when suffering leaves us with questions and uncertainty.

Yet, we trust that we do not walk through those places alone.

As Christ meets us in our suffering, he sends us to meet others in theirs.

We will walk with the hurting, stand with the weary, and bear witness to hope.

Let us worship the one who transforms suffering with His presence.

With open hearts and willing hands, we come to follow Jesus.

*** GATHERING HYMN**

When Morning Gilds the Skies | The United Methodist Hymnal No. 185 (verses 1,2,3,4)

When morning gilds the skies my heart awakening cries:

May Jesus Christ be praised!

Alike at work and prayer, to Jesus I repair:

May Jesus Christ be praised!

The night becomes as day when from the heart we say:

May Jesus Christ be praised!

The powers of darkness fear when this sweet chant they hear:

May Jesus Christ be praised!

Let all the earth around ring joyous with the sound:

May Jesus Christ be praised!

In heaven's eternal bliss the loveliest strain is this:

May Jesus Christ be praised!

Be this, while life is mine, my canticle divine:

May Jesus Christ be praised!

Be this th'eternal song through all the ages long:

May Jesus Christ be praised!

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* OPENING PRAYER

Gracious and compassionate God, we come today carrying the many realities of our lives. Some of us come with joy and gratitude. Others come carrying pain that may be known only to you. We give thanks for Jesus, who does not stand at a distance from our suffering. Jesus walks alongside those who are hurting and reminds us that suffering does not mean we have been forgotten or abandoned. Open our hearts today to the example of Christ. Shape us into people who do not look away from the pain of our neighbors. Give us eyes to notice those who are hurting, and courage to remain present when there are no easy answers. Send us to be your vessels of hope to a hurting community. 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

He Touched Me/There's Something About that Name | William J. Gaither
Brian McComb, bass

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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

Residing Hope, formerly the Florida United Methodist Children's Home

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

Those Who Wait on the Lord | Mark Hayes
Chancel Choir

The Lord is the everlasting God, the creator of the ends of the earth. God does not faint or grow weary. God's understanding is unsearchable. The Lord gives power to the powerless and new-found strength to the weak at heart. Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted. Those who wait on the Lord shall renew their strength and soar. They shall fly as eagles. They shall run and not grow tired. When your strength is almost gone, in God's power you will be strong. You shall fly on eagle's wings; you will walk and not be faint as you wait upon the Lord. I lift up my eyes to the hills; from where will my help come? My help comes from the Lord, my rock, my shield, my strength forevermore!

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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 7:11-17 | New Revised Standard Version, updated edition

¹¹ Soon afterward he went to a town called Nain, and his disciples and a large crowd went with him. ¹² As he approached the gate of the town, a man who had died was being carried out. He was his mother's only son, and she was a widow, and with her was a large crowd from the town. ¹³ When the Lord saw her, he was moved with compassion for her and said to her, "Do not cry." ¹⁴ Then he came forward and touched the bier, and the bearers stopped. And he said, "Young man, I say to you, rise!" ¹⁵ The dead man sat up and began to speak, and Jesus gave him to his mother. ¹⁶ Fear seized all of them, and they glorified God, saying, "A great prophet has risen among us!" and "God has visited his people!" ¹⁷ This word about him spread throughout the whole of Judea and all the surrounding region.

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

MESSAGE

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

* HYMN OF COMMITMENT

Leaning on the Everlasting Arms | The United Methodist Hymnal No. 133 (verses 1,2,3)

**What a fellowship, what a joy divine,
leaning on the everlasting arms;
what a blessedness, what a peace is mine,
leaning on the everlasting arms.**

(refrain) **Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms;
leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms.**

**O how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way,
leaning on the everlasting arms;
O how bright the path grows from day to day,
leaning on the everlasting arms. *(refrain)***

**What have I to dread, what have I to fear,
leaning on the everlasting arms?**

**I have blessed peace with my Lord so near,
leaning on the everlasting arms. (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

Tuba Tune | Paul Fey

Chuck Stanley, organ

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Join us next Sunday, when we continue the series, *Jesus and ...*, with the message, *Jesus and the Powerful*, based on John 3:1-17.

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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.

BLOOD DRIVE today | 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

SERVE

BLESSINGS FOOD PANTRY The Blessings Food 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. Students who serve can receive service hours. 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 **wednesday | september 2 | 6:30pm | fellowship hall 1** Pastor Jad looks forward to hearing from you about what's important to you at Christ Church. This 60-minute listening sessions will give you an opportunity to answer a few of Pastor Jad's open-ended questions and help him understand what's meaningful to you. Child care is available. Please help us prepare by signing 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

CREATIVE SPIRIT **sunday | september 20 | 4:30-6pm | fellowship hall 1** Join Pastor Monique for a time of painting and devotions to welcome the fall season. This time, we'll be painting pumpkins. The cost is \$15 per person. Attendees with last names A-L are asked to bring a savory treat to share; last names M-Z are asked to bring sweet treats. Sign up for this fun evening at christchurchfl.org/events

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

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.