



*a diverse, inclusive church experiencing and reflecting the love, hope and joy of Jesus Christ
to each other and our community*

WELCOME TO WORSHIP | 9am | sunday | august 31, 2025

*** OPENING SONG**

Praise Band led by Zaria Modeste, Praise Band Leader
Endless Praise | Andy Harrison & Joth Hunt

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WELCOME | Pastor Cathy Johns

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*** SONG OF WORSHIP**

Love Has a Name | Kim Walker-Smith, Ran Jackson & Ricky Jackson

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CHILDREN'S MESSAGE | Pastor Doug Johns

OFFERING

worshiping through the offering of our lives and gifts

- Place offerings in the basket or wooden box
- Go to **christchurchfl.org/give**
- Text GIVE to 954.880.3885
- Mail a check to Christ Church, 4845 NE 25th Ave., Fort Lauderdale, FL 33308

Christ Church is a congregationally supported ministry. We thank you for your faithfulness, which allows us to reflect the love, hope and joy of Jesus to our community. Connect Cards may be placed with your offering.

Today is a fifth Sunday, when you are asked to consider an extra-mile gift to Residing Hope, formerly the Florida United Methodist Children's Home. Gifts may be made at **christchurchfl.org/give** below the regular giving form.

*** SONG OF WORSHIP**

Here I Am to Worship | Tim Hughes

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MORNING 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.

SCRIPTURE

Luke 10:25-37 | New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition

²⁵ An expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he said, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" ²⁶ He said to him, "What is written in the law? What do you read there?" ²⁷ He answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind and your neighbor as yourself." ²⁸ And he said to him, "You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live."

²⁹ But wanting to vindicate himself, he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" ³⁰ Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and took off, leaving him half dead. ³¹ Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. ³² So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. ³³ But a Samaritan while traveling came upon him, and when he saw him he was moved with compassion. ³⁴ He went to him and bandaged his wounds, treating them with oil and wine. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. ³⁵ The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, 'Take care of him, and when I come back I will repay you whatever more you spend.' ³⁶ Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?" ³⁷ He said, "The one who showed him mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

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

MESSAGE

The Anatomy of Love | *Do Love* | Pastor Cathy Johns

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SENDING FORTH

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

Join us next Sunday. At the 9am service, we will celebrate the ministry of Christ Church School with the message *Great Things*, based on Ephesians 3:20. At 11am, we will continue the message series *The Anatomy of Love*, with the message *Even When They are Strangers*.

WAYS TO CONNECT | christchurchfl.org/ways2connect

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.

INTERFAITH PRAYER VIGIL today | august 31 | 5-6pm | sanctuary Join us to pray and lament the inhumane and unconstitutional treatment of our neighbors held at the Everglades Detention camp. Sunday at 5pm, persons of faith and conscience from across Florida are holding an interfaith vigil outside the detention camp. If you can't travel there, you are invited to pray with others in an ecumenical service in our sanctuary.

CONNECT

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

INVITATION TO THE OLD TESTAMENT sign up by september 3 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. The required orientation is Wednesday, September 10, 6:30-8pm. The eight sessions are September 24, October 1, 8, 15, and 29, and November 5, 12 and 19, all 6:30-8pm. Child care is available with advance registration to Lisa Jones, coordinator of Children's Ministry. Get all of the details and sign up at christchurchfl.org/events

SOUTHEAST FLORIDA IMMIGRATION TOWN HALL saturday | september 20 | 9:30am-12noon Hear about the devastating impact of the immigration enforcement and detentions, then learn what you can do to help our immigrant neighbors. The Christ Church Anti-Racism Task Force and the Florida Immigration Coalition will bring together people from throughout South Florida on Saturday, September 20, 9:30am-12noon, at Christ Church. The day will start with a time of networking at 9:30am, followed by a Unity Session moderated by District Superintendent Rev. Vidalis Lopez, with speakers from the University of Miami Immigration Center and the ACLU among others. Then, at 11am, you can attend a breakout session where you will be equipped to take action in an area that speaks to your gifts and interest. Sign up at christchurchfl.org/immigration Please sign up in advance to take action to protect our vulnerable neighbors. If you can volunteer for the morning, contact Susan Spragg, sspragg@christchurchfl.org, or Linda Bajkowsky. Bring friends and neighbors to stand up for human dignity.

CREATIVE SPIRIT sunday | september 21 | 4-7pm | walkway room Women and girls are invited to devotions and guided artwork with Pastor Monique McBride, CCS art teacher and pastor to school and families. The group will paint faux pumpkins. This class is open to girls in 4th grade and up, as well as adult women. Cost is \$10 per class to cover supplies, and scholarships are available. Please bring a refreshment to share: last name A-L bring something savory, M-Z bring something sweet. Additional Creative Spirit gatherings are planned for November 16, January 25, and March 8. RSVP by Wednesday, September 17, to Pastor Monique, mmcbride@ccsfl.org

ANTI-RACISM TASK FORCE sunday | october 5 | 12:15pm | fellowship hall 1 The mission of the Anti-Racism Task Force is to confront the sin of racism in ourselves, our church, and in the world. Join us as we work toward a church community that reflects the beautiful diversity of the Kingdom of God. ARTF meets quarterly on the first Sunday after the 11am Traditional Worship Service, around 12:15pm. Questions? Contact Susan Spragg, leader of the Anti-Racism Task Force, artf@christchurchfl.org

MORNING PRAYERS Join your church family for morning prayers 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

CHURCH COUNCIL APPLICATIONS “Here I Am Lord, Send Me!” These words from the prophet Isaiah ring through the centuries to today. The Leadership Development Team invites you to pray about using your gifts as a member of the Christ Church Council. We are seeking people with a heart to serve Christ, a strong desire to bless others with the love, joy, and hope of Christ, and a willingness to be servant leaders in our faith community. If you have questions, please see Pastor Cathy Johns or Brian McComb. You can pick up an application on tables outside of worship spaces or fill out the online application, christchurchfl.org/leadership.

BE A SPONSOR FOR TRUNK OR TREAT saturday | october 19 | 5-7:30pm Christ Church's annual Halloween fun on the field will be Saturday, October 19, 5-7:30pm. We are seeking sponsors for our games, food tents, bounce houses and more. This is a great way for your business to support Christ Church and tell the community about it. We're also seeking volunteers for many different tasks, including decorating trunks and giving candy away. Now is a good time to start buying candy and drinks – Coke, Diet Coke, Sprite, Gatorade and La Croix. See all of the ways you can make this a memorable evening for our community at christchurchfl.org/boo

ZOE EMPOWERS Please 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

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 Outreach Coordinator Paige Darnell, pdarnell@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 Outreach Coordinator Paige Darnell, pdarnell@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

DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT INSTALLATION sunday | september 7 | 4 pm | plantation umc Rev. Vidalis Lopez will be installed as Superintendent of the South East District of the Florida Conference on Sunday, September 7, at 4pm, at Plantation United Methodist Church, 1001 NW 70th Ave, Plantation, 33313 *Where Hope Grows* is the theme for this service. All are welcome.

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING monday | september 8 | 6:30pm | fellowship halls 1-3