



*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 9, 2026

WELCOME | Pastor Jad Denmark

WELCOME ONE ANOTHER

PRELUDE

Down by the Riverside | arr. Bradley Sowash

Wes Kassulke, piano; Doug Friend, percussion

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*** CALL TO WORSHIP** | Leigh Neely, liturgist

Come, people of God, just as you are.

We come as we are, trusting that God's love has already welcomed us.

God does not wait for us to have everything together before calling us.

God starts with who we are and leads us into who we can become.

As we are welcomed, we learn to welcome others.

We open our hearts and lives to the love of Christ.

Let us worship the God who meets us where we are and leads us where we never imagined we could go.

We worship the one who is always calling us into something new.

*** 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**

Gracious and welcoming God, you meet us where we are and call us by name, not because we have earned your love, but because your love reaches out to us first. Thank you for seeing us and calling us before we have it figured out. Thank you for inviting us into a life that is always becoming new. Open our hearts to receive your grace. Teach us to extend the same welcome we have received from Christ, so that strangers become neighbors, neighbors become friends, and together we discover the joy of belonging in your family. 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

For Everyone Born | arr. Tom Trenney

Keith Parent, 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 Tedder Elementary 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

Blessed Assurance | arr. Howard Helvey

Chancel Choir

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! O what a foretaste of glory divine! Heir of salvation, purchase of God, born of his Spirit, washed in his blood. This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long; this is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long. Perfect submission, perfect delight, visions of rapture now burst on my sight; angels descending bring from above echoes of mercy whispers of love. Perfect submission, all is at rest; I in my Savior am happy and blest, watching and waiting, looking above, filled with his goodness, lost in his 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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SCRIPTURE

Luke 19:1–10 | New Revised Standard Version, updated edition

¹ He entered Jericho and was passing through it. ² A man was there named Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was rich. ³ He was trying to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was short in stature. ⁴ So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to see him, because he was going to pass that way. ⁵ When Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, hurry and come down, for I must stay at your house today." ⁶ So he hurried down and was happy to welcome him. ⁷ All who saw it began to grumble and said, "He has gone to be the guest of one who is a sinner." ⁸ Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, "Look, half of my possessions, Lord, I will give to the poor, and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I will pay back four times as much." ⁹ Then Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because he, too, is a son of Abraham. ¹⁰ For the Son of Man came to seek out and to save the lost."

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

MESSAGE

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

* HYMN OF COMMITMENT

O God, in Your Love | ST. DENIO

**O God, in your love, you have made us unique;
In gifts and traditions, in service we seek,
In race and in culture and family design –
Diverse are the branches in Jesus the vine.**

**Lord Jesus, you came to bring God's love on earth;
You welcomed the outcasts and showed us our worth.
You reached out to people whom others despised –
You said all are precious in God's loving eyes.**

**So may your church welcome in loving accord
All people who want to serve Jesus our Lord.
O Spirit, unite us in Jesus the Son –
In mission and ministry, God, make us one.**

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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

Thine is the Glory | Albin Whitworth
Chuck Stanley, 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 the Religious*, based on Luke 7:36-50

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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.

END OF SUMMER POOL PARTY today | august 9 | 5-8pm Let's make a giant splash before classes begin. All students grades 5-12 are invited to Freeway's last hurrah of the summer. Please RSVP to Mr. W, director of student ministry, as soon as possible, to let him know you're coming: pwoodard@christchurchfl.org

SERVE

BLESSINGS FOOD PANTRY Please take a bag with a list of needed supplies or a shopping list for the Blessings Food Pantry. The pantry served more than 230 families 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

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

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. 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

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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: bud vases, many still in boxes, 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 some dessert/salad plates with you.

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.