



*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 | september 27, 2026

WELCOME | Pastor Jad Denmark

WELCOME ONE ANOTHER

PRELUDE

For the Beauty of the Earth | Ron Mallory

Handbell choir

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

We gather today as people who have received the grace and love of God.

We come with grateful hearts, ready to receive and ready to respond.

God's grace meets us where we are and calls us toward who we are becoming.

By grace, God changes our hearts and shapes our lives.

God's love is not meant to remain hidden within us.

It calls us to love our neighbors, serve one another, and care for those around us.

Let us worship the God whose grace transforms us, whose love sends us, and whose Spirit empowers us.

We are here to worship, to be renewed, and to put our faith into action.

*** GATHERING HYMN**

Where Charity and Love Prevail | The United Methodist Hymnal No. 549 (verses 1,2,5,6)

Where charity and love prevail, there God is ever found

brought here together by Christ's love, by love are we thus bound.

With grateful joy and holy fear true charity we learn;

let us with heart and mind and strength now love Christ in return.

Let us recall that in our midst dwells God's begotten son,

as members of his body joined, we are in him made one.

Love can exclude no race or creed if honored be God's name,

our common life embraces all whose maker is the same.

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OPENING PRAYER

Gracious God, we give thanks for your grace and for the love you have shown us. Thank you for meeting us where we are, for accepting us as we are, and for continuing to work in our lives. Stir in us today a faith that cannot sit still. Remind us that faith is more than something we believe—it is something we must put into action. Teach us to show our faith through the love we share, the ways we serve, and the care we offer to one another. Send us from this place ready to carry your love beyond these doors and into the ordinary moments and places of this week. Amen.

*** AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

all We believe in God,
Creator and giver of every good gift,
whose grace surrounds us
and is always at work within us.

We believe in Jesus Christ,
God's love made known among us,
who calls us to a faith made visible
in love, mercy, justice, and service.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,
who gives us wisdom,
strength for the journey,
and grace to grow.

We believe faith is meant to be lived:
in the words we speak,
the choices we make,
and the way we love our neighbors.

We do not live this way to earn God's love.
We live this way because we are already loved.

By the grace of God,
may the faith we proclaim
become the faith we practice,
and may our lives bear witness
to the love of Christ.
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

Come to Jesus | arr. Joel Raney

Handbell Choir

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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

Creative Spirit for families

OFFERING

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

MUSIC MINISTRY

Prayer of St. Francis | Allen Pote

Chancel Choir

Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace. Where there is hatred, let me sow love. Where there is injury, thy pardon, Lord. Where there is doubt, let there be faith. Oh, Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace. Where there's despair, let me bring hope. Where there is darkness, let there be light, where there is sadness, let there be joy. O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console, to be understood as to understand, to be loved as to love. Oh, Lord, make me an instrument of Thy peace. Where there is hatred, let me sow love. For it is in giving that we receive, and it is in pardoning that we are pardoned. And it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace.

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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

James 2:14–26 | New Revised Standard Version, updated edition

¹⁴What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if someone claims to have faith but does not have works? Surely that faith cannot save, can it? ¹⁵If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food ¹⁶and one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill," and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? ¹⁷So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

¹⁸ But someone will say, "You have faith, and I have works." Show me your faith apart from works, and I by my works will show you faith. ¹⁹ You believe that God is one; you do well. Even the demons believe—and shudder. ²⁰ Do you want to be shown, you senseless person, that faith apart from works is worthless? ²¹ Was not our ancestor Abraham justified by works when he offered his son Isaac on the altar? ²² You see that faith was active along with his works, and by works faith was brought to completion. ²³ Thus the scripture was fulfilled that says, "Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness," and he was called the friend of God. ²⁴ You see that a person is justified by works and not by faith alone. ²⁵ Likewise, was not Rahab the prostitute also justified by works when she welcomed the messengers and sent them out by another road? ²⁶ For just as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is also dead.

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

MESSAGE

Faith Works | Love in Action | Pastor Jad Denmark

* HYMN OF COMMITMENT

Go Forth for God | The United Methodist Hymnal No. 670 (verses 1,2,4)

Go forth for God, go to the world in peace;

be of good courage, armed with heavenly grace,

in God's good Spirit daily to increase,

till in the kingdom we see face to face.

Go forth for God, go to the world in peace.

Go forth for God, go to the world in love;

strengthen the faint, give courage to the weak;

help the afflicted; richly from above

God's love supplies the grace and power we seek.

Go forth for God, go to the world in love.

Go forth for God, go to the world in joy;

to serve God's people every day and hour,

and serving Christ, our every gift employ,

rejoicing in the Holy Spirit's power.

Go forth for God, go to the world in joy.

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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

Praise Him with the Sound of the Trumpet | Robert Lau

Chuck Stanley, organ

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SENDING FORTH

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

Join us next Sunday, as we continue the new message series, *Faith Works*, with the message *The Power of Words*, based on James 3:1–12.

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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 between 8:45 and 10:45am. Join your friends for coffee and conversation outside the kitchen window in the gym lobby.

AT THE TABLE today | 10:05am | fellowship hall 1 Today, At the Table will be taking on a service project: sending postcards to encourage infrequent voters to exercise this basic human right. You are welcome to join the group. Most Sundays, At the Table is a time to explore the scripture of the day and meet new people. 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 is open, so plan to grab a snack and coffee, and join us.

FREEWAY GAME ON! SUNDAY today | september 27 | 5-6pm – 5th-8th graders | 6-7pm dinner & band rehearsal | 7-8pm high schoolers Mr. W has some group games planned for each gathering, plus dinner and rehearsal. Bring a friend or two. Questions? Contact Mr. W, director of student ministry, at pwoodard@christchurchfl.org

SERVE

TRUNK OR TREAT saturday | october 17 | 5-7:30pm | christ church field Help welcome thousands of guests to the giant party on the field. This is Christ Church's largest outreach ministry of the year. Please bring

lots and lots of individually wrapped candy, which will be given to the young ghouls and goblins that night. Also needed: lots of volunteers for that night. Perhaps you'd like to decorate a car and give out candy. Check out all of the ways you can help with this outreach event at christchurchfl.org/TrunkorTreat

BRING A DISH TO SHARE FOR WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY WORSHIP WORKSHOP **sunday | october 4 | 10am | fellowship halls 2-4** World Communion Sunday is the day we join Christians around the world in celebrating Holy Communion and remember that we are one in Christ, no matter our background, language or culture. At 10am that Sunday, we will come together in Fellowship Halls 2-4 to share food from our family heritage and learn more about Holy Communion practices. Please participate by bringing a dish from your heritage and culture. Let us know what you're bringing at christchurchfl.org/events

THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATIONS FOR THE BLESSINGS PANTRY More and more people are turning to the Blessings Food Pantry to feed their families. 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**](https://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**](mailto:info@christchurchfl.org)

CONNECT

DECISION 2026: BE READY TO VOTE saturday | october 10 | 10am | fellowship halls 2-4 Invite your friends and neighbors to join you for this nonpartisan voter education event on Saturday, October 10. Learn how to confirm your voter registration information and where you can vote for the November 3, 2026, election. Learn about the state, county and municipal issues on the November ballot, and ways to educate yourself further about each issue. Decision 2026 is co-presented by the Christ Church Anti-Racism Task Force and the League of Women Voters of Broward, a nonpartisan organization supporting voter rights. The United Methodist Church affirms the right to vote as a basic human right for adult citizens. Mark your calendar now for this important gathering.

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

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. If you're interested, contact group leader Cynthia Metzger Phipps, [**cmetzgerphipps@christchurchfl.org**](mailto: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**](mailto:info@christchurchfl.org) with your contact information. A Faith Caring Group leader will get back to you.

STUDENTS

FREEWAY GAME ON! SUNDAY NIGHT **sunday | september 27 | 5-6pm – 5th-8th graders | 6-7pm dinner & band rehearsal | 7-8pm high schoolers** Mr. W has some group games planned for each gathering, plus dinner and rehearsal. Bring a friend or two. 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

DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION Christ Church is seeking a collaborative, relational, and highly organized Director of Administration to provide leadership for the administrative and operational life of our church. Learn more about the position and how to apply at christchurchfl.org/jobs

PART-TIME CUSTODIAN Christ Church is seeking a dependable, flexible, and conscientious Part-Time Custodian to help maintain clean, safe, welcoming, and well-prepared spaces at Christ Church & Christ Church School in Fort Lauderdale and the Parkway Campus, home of our food pantry, in Deerfield Beach. Learn more about the position and how to apply at christchurchfl.org/jobs

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING **monday | october 5 | 6:30pm** The Church Council will next meet on Monday, October 5, at 6:30pm in the Fellowship Halls.