



*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 28, 2025**

### **PRELUDE**

*Shout to the Lord* | arr. Jack Schrader

Wes Kassulke, piano

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### **WELCOME | Pastor Cathy Johns**

### **WAYS TO CONNECT | [christchurchfl.org/ways2connect](http://christchurchfl.org/ways2connect)**

Please see below.

### **WELCOME ONE ANOTHER**

#### **\* CALL TO WORSHIP | Connie Bookholt, liturgist**

Come, people of God, bring the gifts you have been given.

**We come with hearts open to share, to serve, and to love.**

God has poured out blessings upon each one of us.

**We are gifted in many ways, called to build up the Body of Christ.**

The Spirit empowers us, equipping us for the work of the kingdom.

**We will not hide our gifts but offer them freely for God's glory.**

Let us worship the one who gives abundantly.

**With joy and thanksgiving, we lift our voices in praise!**

#### **\* GATHERING HYMN**

*There are Many Ways of Sharing* | HYMN TO JOY

**There are many ways of sharing, but God's Spirit gives each one.**

**There are different ways of caring; it's one Lord whose work is done.**

**God, whose gifts are overflowing, may we hear you when you call;**

**Keep us serving, keep us growing for the common good of all.**

**We've been baptized in the waters! We've been given work to do.**

**When you call your sons and daughters, you give gifts for serving you.**

**God, we join in celebration of the talents you impart.**

**Bless each baptized one's vocation; give each one a servant's heart.**

**All are blest by gifts you give us; some are set apart to lead.**

**Give us Jesus' love within us as we care for those in need.**

**Give us faith to make decisions; give us joy to share your word.**

**Give us unity and vision as we serve your church and world.**

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## \* OPENING PRAYER

Gracious and generous God, you have created us in love, poured gifts into each of our lives, and called us to use them for the good of your world. We confess that too often we keep these gifts to ourselves, or doubt that what we have to offer matters. Strengthen us to move beyond our hesitation. In every situation, give us the courage to share the gifts you have entrusted to us. Open our hands and our hearts to be vessels of your love, so that we might pour it out into the world. Gather us as one body, joined in purpose, strengthened by grace, and alive with the gifts you provide. Amen.

## \* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe in God above us, creator of all things, sustainer of all life. God calls us to love and care for one another and all things that God has made.

We believe in Jesus, The Christ beside us, companion and friend, redeemer of all the broken pieces of our universe. He invites us to love boldly as his hands and feet in the world today.

We believe in Spirit deep within us, advocate and guide. The Holy Spirit moves among us to teach and strengthen us in our daily walk and lives within us eternally.

We believe in God's work of resurrection in the created world, where all things are restored, and all creation fits together in vibrant harmonies.

We believe in God above, beside, within: God yesterday, today and forever.

## \* 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

*At the Cross* | Chris Tomlin

Brian McComb, bass

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## SCRIPTURE

**Matthew 25:14-28** | New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition

<sup>14</sup>“For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; <sup>15</sup>to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. At once <sup>16</sup>the one who had received the five talents went off and traded with them and made five more talents. <sup>17</sup>In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. <sup>18</sup>But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. <sup>19</sup>After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. <sup>20</sup>Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, ‘Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.’ <sup>21</sup>His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things; I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’ <sup>22</sup>And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, ‘Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.’ <sup>23</sup>His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things; I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’ <sup>24</sup>Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, ‘Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow and gathering where you did not scatter, <sup>25</sup>so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.’ <sup>26</sup>But his master replied, ‘You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow and gather where I did not scatter? <sup>27</sup>Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. <sup>28</sup>So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents.

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

## MESSAGE

*The Ripple Effect* | Openness | Pastor Cathy Johns

You may fill out the “How I’m called to serve” form on paper and return it next Sunday. Or you may fill it out online at [christchurchfl.org/called-to-serve](http://christchurchfl.org/called-to-serve)

## OFFERING | Pastor Doug Johns

worshipping through the offering of our lives and gifts

- Place offerings in the plates or wooden boxes
- Give online at [christchurchfl.org/give](http://christchurchfl.org/give)
- Text GIVE to 954.880.3885
- Mail a check to Christ Church, 4845 NE 25<sup>th</sup> 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 as we reflect the love, hope and joy of Jesus to our community.

## MUSIC MINISTRY

*Jesus is the Sweetest Name* | arr. Patty Drennan

Chancel Choir

*There have been names that I have loved to hear, but never has there been a name so dear to this heart of mine as the name divine, the precious, precious name of Jesus. Jesus is the sweetest name I know, and he’s just the same as his lovely name, and that’s the reason why I love him so; oh, Jesus is the sweetest name I know. There is no name in earth or heaven above that we should give such honor and such love as the blessed name, let us all acclaim, that wondrous, glorious name of Jesus. And, someday I shall see him face to face to thank and praise him for his wondrous grace, which he gave to me when he made me free, the blessed Son of God is Jesus. Jesus is the sweetest name I know.*

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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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## 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.**

## \* HYMN OF COMMITMENT

*We all are one in Mission* | WEBB

**We all are one in mission; we all are one in call,  
our varied gifts united by Christ, the Lord of all.**

**A single great commission compels us from above  
to plan and work together that all may know Christ’s love.**

**We all are called for service, to witness in God's name.  
Our ministries are different; our purpose is the same:  
To touch the lives of others by God's surprising grace,  
so every folk and nation may feel God's warm embrace.**

**Now let us be united, and let our song be heard.  
Now let us be a vessel for God's redeeming word.  
We all are one in mission; we all are one in call,  
our varied gifts united by Christ, the Lord of all.**

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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, World Communion Sunday, as we continue *The Ripple Effect* series with the message *Purpose*, based on Mark 10:32-45.

**WAYS TO CONNECT | [christchurchfl.org/ways2connect](http://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](http://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.

**SOLIDARITY PRAYER VIGIL today | 5pm | plantation united methodist church** This afternoon at 5pm United Methodists and other persons of conscience from across the state will hold a prayer vigil at the Everglades Detention

Facility, the place derisively called Alligator Alcatraz. If you are unable to drive there but want to be in solidarity with the movement to treat immigrants fairly, you are invited to a solidarity prayer vigil at Plantation United Methodist Church, 1001 NW 70th Ave, Plantation.

## CONNECT

**MEMBERSHIP CLASS PLANNED** **sunday | november 2 | 2pm | 2nd floor conference room** Everyone is welcome to participate in the life of the church, as servants, musicians, in bible studies and more. If you are interested in deepening your participation to church membership, Pastor Cathy Johns will offer the class, United Methodist 101, on Sunday, November 2, at 2pm. Email Pastor Cathy Johns to let her know you're interested, [cjohns@christchurchfl.org](mailto:cjohns@christchurchfl.org)

**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 44<sup>th</sup> 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 38<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:welcome@christchurchfl.org)

## GROW

**WORSHIP WORKSHOP** **sunday | october 5 | 10am | fellowship halls 1-3** World Communion Sunday celebrates the unity and diversity of the universal Christian community when we meet at the Lord's Table for Holy Communion. We will expand the celebration at a Worship Workshop at 10am next Sunday, October 5. You're invited to bring a dish from your heritage to share. Children will be able to make peanut butter and jelly sandwiches for our guests at Parkway. Students 6th-12th grades can earn service hours. We look forward to joining our siblings worldwide at the Lord's Table and learning more at the Worship Workshop. If you can bring a dish to share, please email Pastor Monique and tell her what you're bringing. [mmcbride@ccsfl.org](mailto: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](mailto:artf@christchurchfl.org)

**LAY SERVANT CLASSES** **saturday | october 11 | 7:30am-6pm** Go deeper in your service to the church by exploring Lay Servant Ministries. We will offer the Basic Course for being a certified Lay Servant within the United Methodist Church, as well as two advanced classes that count toward becoming a certified Lay Speaker: Dancing with Words and Leading Public Prayer. Course fee is \$50 and includes course materials, light breakfast and lunch. For more information, contact Connie Bookholt, [cbookholt@nationalgroup.com](mailto:cbookholt@nationalgroup.com) Find the link to sign up for the courses at [christchurchfl.org/events](http://christchurchfl.org/events)

**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

**TRUNK OR TREAT saturday | october 19 | 5-7:30pm** We are getting ready for Christ Church's giant party on the field, Trunk or Treat. There are many ways to help get ready -- and to serve the night of the party. Here are some of them:

**BE A SPONSOR** Help make sure our thousands of guests have a great time.

**DECORATE A TRUNK** Church and school families are invited to decorate a trunk and give out candy, after all, that's what Trunk or Treat is all about! If you're a business, you too can decorate a trunk and give away candy that you provide, as well as approved marketing materials.

**DONATE CANDY** Candy is the star of the night. And we give away lots of it. Donations of individually wrapped candy can be sent or brought to the church.

**DONATE SOFT DRINKS & SPORTS DRINKS** Trunk or treating can make one thirsty. Donate cans of Coke, Diet Coke, Sprite and LaCroix and individual-size bottles of Gatorade.

**MOST OF ALL, VOLUNTEER** We want every guest to feel welcome, and that takes lots of people! There are many opportunities to serve and have fun together.

For all of the details about this exciting night, go to our website. [christchurchfl.org/boo](http://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](http://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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://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)

## **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.

## **CHURCH BUSINESS**

**CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING tuesday | october 7 | 6:30pm | fellowship halls 1-3**

**CLUSTER CHARGE CONFERENCE sunday | november 2 | 4pm | first coral springs** Join churches from throughout the area for a joint worship service and annual business meeting. First Coral Springs is located at 8650 W. Sample Road, Coral Springs 33065.