



*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 | september 7, 2024

*** OPENING SONG**

Praise Band led by Zaria Modeste, praise band leader

Friend of God | Israel Houghton & Michael Gungor

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WELCOME | Pastor Doug Johns

WAYS TO CONNECT | christchurchfl.org/ways2connect

Please see below.

WELCOME ONE ANOTHER

WELCOME FROM CHRIST CHURCH SCHOOL | Tane Bonham, head of school

VIDEO | *A Day in the Life of Christ Church School*

*** SONG OF WORSHIP**

Praise Band, CCS Music Teacher Phil Woodard & CCS Students

Greater Things | Phil Wickham

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*** AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Pastor Monique McBride, pastor to school & families, with CCS Students

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. Suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; the third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended to heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence he will come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRESENTATION OF BIBLES TO THIRD GRADERS

Church family **God of Greatness, today we pass on your great words to the next generation. In doing so, Your story, becomes our story, and our story becomes their story. It is a story of greatness, of love, of bravery, of faithfulness, of grace, and peace.**

Third Grade families **We thank you for coming together with us to raise our children with the great love of God and for surrounding them with words of love and peace to guide them throughout their lives.**

Third Grade students **Thank you, Christ Church, for sharing God's great word with us. Thank you to our families for your example of faith and love today and every day. On this special day, we receive this Bible and God's story of love just for us.**

OFFERING | Pastor Cathy Johns

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 in the offering baskets too.

* SONG OF WORSHIP

You'll Come | Brooke Ligertwood

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SCRIPTURE

Ephesians 3:20 | Common English Bible

²⁰ Glory to God, who is able to do far beyond all that we could ask or imagine by his power at work within us;

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

MESSAGE

Greater Things | Pastor Monique McBride, pastor to school & families

THE LORD'S SUPPER

COMMUNION SONG

The Table | Chris Tomlin, Ed Cash & Wayne Jolley

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MORNING PRAYER AND RESPONSE | Christ Church School students

leader Great God

all **Build within us greater things**

THE LORD'S PRAYER | Christ Church School students

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.

* CLOSING SONG

The Table (reprise) | Chris Tomlin, Ed Cash & Wayne Jolley

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SENDING FORTH | Pastor Monique McBride

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

Join us next Sunday, as we continue the series, *The Anatomy of Love*, with the message *And the Truth Shall Set You Free*, based on 2 John 1:4-8.

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.

FREEWAY GAMES & PIZZA today | 12noon-1:30pm | fellowship hall 1 & gym All sixth through 12th graders are invited to come play games and enjoy pizza. Jess Woolverton, director of student ministries, challenges you to bring you A game and your appetite. All are welcome. Bring a friend.

DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT INSTALLATION today | 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.

CONNECT

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

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

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.

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

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**](https://christchurchfl.org/boo)

PAINT CEILING TILES FOR PARKWAY wednesday | september 17 | 4-6pm | walkway room Families with children age PK-4 and up are invited to serve by painting ceiling tiles to decorate the Parkway Center. Pastor Monique McBride, art teacher Christ Church School, will lead the way. Children PK4 through fifth grade must be accompanied by a parent. Sixth-12th graders must have a signed liability form. We'll have a creative time together. RSVP to Lisa Jones, coordinator of children's ministries, [**ljones@christchurchfl.org**](mailto:ljones@christchurchfl.org)

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**](https://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**](https://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

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