CONNECT WITH US

Name (s)

Family with you today:

Please circle if you are:

( ) First time Visitor
( ) Regular Visitor
( ) Church Member

Address:

Email address:

Phone:

Prayer Requests:

Would you like your prayer requests to be published in our bulletin?
( ) Yes ( ) No

Do you want your prayer requests to be shared with our prayer team?
( ) Yes ( ) No

I would like information about:

The Breakfast Club: ( ) Yes ( ) No

Music Ministry: ( ) Yes ( ) No

Small Groups: ( ) Yes ( ) No

Other:

Church Van Ride:
Name:

Pick-up/Drop-off Location:

WELCOME TO OUR FIRST-TIME WORSHIPERS: We are happy to have you share in this service of worship. Whether you are a visitor or a newcomer to the area, we ask that you fill out a Connect Card so we may contact you personally.

EVENT SIGN UP

Breakfast Club Donation Station:
Each month we will be collecting specific items to serve the greater Miami community.

Breakfast Club Volunteers:
We need as many volunteers as possible Sundays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays from 6:00 - 8:30 am.

Children and Youth Acolytes and Scripture Reader:
Each week we will have a youth read our scripture and two children and/or youth be our acolytes.

SAVE THE DATE

Caroling at Epworth:
Today, December 4th at 5:00 pm

Brunch Chapel:
Sunday, December 11th after worship

Christmas Healing Service:
Sunday, December 18th, at 11:00 am

Kayak Chapel:
Sunday, December 18th at 2:00 pm

Young Adult Chapel:
Wednesday, December 21st, at 7:30 pm

Christmas Eve Pre-Service Music:
Saturday, December 24th, at 4:30 pm

Christmas Eve Service:
Saturday, December 24th, at 5:00 pm

Christmas Day Virtual Service:
Sunday, December 25th, at 11:00 am

SMALL GROUPS

Small Group: *(Hybrid)*
Tuesdays at 6:30pm. Leader: Pastor Audrey Warren. Please use the information below to attend.
https://us06web.zoom.us/j/95430380810 Conference call line (312)626-6799 code: 95430380810

LGBTQ+ Small Group *(In-person)*
Tuesdays at 7:00pm. Join us at St. John's on the Lake each week for community time and fellowship with Pastor Kipp.

Prayer & Praise: *(Virtual)*
Tuesdays at 7:30pm. Leader: Pastor Audrey Warren. Please use the information below to attend.
https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88669728330 Conference call line (312)626-6799 code: 88669728330

VOICES Small Group *(Virtual)*
This small group will meet on Wednesdays at 6:30 pm via Zoom and covers various theological works from people of color.

Young Adult Small Group: *(In-person)*
Wednesdays at 7:00pm. Join a group of diverse young adults every week at the Parsonage for dinner and discussions led by Pastor Audrey.

Thoughtful Thursday: *(Virtual)*
Thursdays at 6:00pm. The Small Group focuses on inspirational books to grow your faith and spirituality. Please email music@firstchurchmiami.org if you are interested.

CHAPELS

Brunch Chapel:
Join us on the fourth Sunday of every month after worship for Brunch! Our next event will be on Sunday, December 20th after church.

Kayaking Chapel:
Join us at St. John's on the Lake for fellowship and kayaking through the canals of Miami Beach. Our next event will be this Sunday, November 27th 2:00 pm.

Runner's Chapel:
Thursdays at 5pm, meet at X-Miami inside the lobby (240 NE 4th St.) Please contact Dan at (818) 836-2010 or on Instagram @TheRealDannyMorrison if you have any questions.

Yoga Chapel:
Thursdays at 7:30am at The Pearl Dadeland (7440 N. Kendall Dr.) Please contact Gerard at music@firstchurchmiami.org if you have any questions.

Young Adult's Chapel:
Young adults will meet bi-monthly for social events. Please contact Amber at (704) 578-6128 or youth@firstchurchmiami.org to be added to the WhatsApp or if you have any questions. Our next event will be on December 21st at 7:30 pm.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Re-Development Plans: Continued prayers for the leadership and members of our church as we continue to vision and plan a new space.

Linda Von Cannon: Please continue to pray for her as she battles lung cancer.

Cameron Lashbrook: Please pray for Rev. Cameron as he battle brain cancer. He is a UMC pastor in Orlando.

Deborah Dawson: Deborah's sister, Denise Sewer-Shields who has severe cancer. Please pray for her children, grandchildren and husband and the entire family as she works to battle cancer. We are praying for a miracle.

Lee Lennon requested to please continue to offer prayers for a dear friend, Ellen Young who will be undergoing surgery for throat cancer.

Wally Saborido: Wally has cancer & is diabetic. Please pray for him as he goes through chemo and is very isolated.

Norman Smith — Jenifer Smith's father: Payers for his health, healing and for him to hear God's direction for his life.

Karla Cortada: Karla is 3 year old with brain issue causing her seizures and a host of other things. Please pray for Karla and her family.

Lucas Bonates: Please be in prayer for Lucas's niece Elisa Bonates who is 16 years old with a tumor on her femurs, also pray for Elisa's mom Ana Leticia who suffers with borderline bipolar depression.

Laurie Davis: Please pray for Laurie's mom as she heals from some health complications.

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PASTOR AUDREY

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CHURCH EVENTS

Donation Station:
Each month we will be collecting specific items to serve the greater Miami community. For the month of December, we will be collecting blankets to support The Breakfast Club homeless ministry at FUMC downtown. You can use the Amazon registry or bring in your donations and place them on the back table of the sanctuary.

Youth Group:
Youth group takes place every Sunday from 4:30 - 7:00 pm at Greater Bethel AME. Open to 6th-12th grade. This semester we are focusing on Marvel Superheroes and faith. Come and enjoy dinner, games and worship with us. Reach out to Amber at youth@firstchurchmiami.org if you have any questions.

Caroling at Epworth
Join us on December 4th in spreading Christmas Cheer by singing loud for all the hear! We will be heading over to Epworth Village to sing Christmas Carols for the folks that live there. We will meet at Epworth Village at 5:00 pm. If you would like to ride over with us in the van then meet at Greater Bethel at 4:30 pm. Afterwards we will grab cookies and hot cocoa. Please let Amber know if you will be there!

Breakfast With Santa
Join us for Breakfast with Santa on Saturday, December 10th from 9:30 am-12:30 pm at St. John's on the Lake. Santa will be there for pictures, stories, and tricks for the kids for 2 hours. Come and enjoy breakfast, games and crafts to celebrate the upcoming holiday.

Christmas Party
Join us for a church-wide Christmas party at the parsonage on Monday, December 19th from 6:00 - 9:00 pm. You can park at the church and walk next door to the parsonage (4764 Pine Tree Dr.) Come and go as you are able and let us enjoy a festive night together!

Christmas Poinsettias
Each year we offer the opportunity to purchase poinsettias in honor or memory of someone special. The poinsettias will be displayed in the sanctuary at St. John's on the Lake on Christmas Eve, and all those being honored and remembered will be recognized in the program. Each poinsettia is $10 a piece, and may be purchased by going to ***firstchurchmiami.org/poinsettias*** or by scanning the QR code to the right.

Our Worship Celebration

**We invite everyone to rise (as you are able) during these times*
Childcare is available 10:30 am-12:30 pm for children 5th grade and under.

Music for Gathering

Prelude *Christmas Melody*

Welcome

***Opening Hymn** *O Come, O Come Emmanuel*

Advent Call to Worship:
Beloved, let us proclaim Peace.
Peace be with you!
Yes, right now, even here, peace can be found.
God is at work!
Like the angel proclaimed to Mary, we believe
Christ is coming!
And here in the waiting, we are God's people.
We will be peacemakers.
Believe it or not, hope is not lost and peace abounds here.
Oh come oh come Emmanuel!

Lighting of the Candle: *Peace*

Affirmation of Who We Are

***Song of Praise** *Today is the Saviors Day*

Announcements

Sacred Readings *Luke 1:26-38 (NRSV)*

Children's Message

Sermon: **"He Was a Surprise"** Pastor Audrey

Offertory *Mary Had a Baby*

***Doxology** *Tune: UMH 94*

Pastoral Prayer/Lord's Prayer

Communion *Let There be Peace on Earth*

***Closing Hymn** *Come Thou Long Expected Jesus*

Benediction

Music for Going Out

GIVE ONLINE

To give online, simply open your camera on your phone and place it over the QR Code to the right like you are taking a picture of it. A link to our giving page will pop-up at the top of your phone, depending on which church's QR Code you choose. Click that link and it will direct you to the giving page online!

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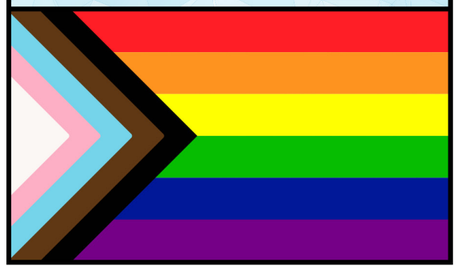
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