



## **Christ First, Mississauga Toward a Strategic Plan for 2025-2028**

As we discern continuously what it is to be a Christian church in the 21<sup>st</sup> century, we re-commit ourselves to a path of growth and transformation.

### **Our Call: Our Identity & Purpose**

As a community of Christian faith, we are called to be Spiritually Engaged, Community Focused, Caring & Connected.  
<https://christfirst.ca/>

As a community of faith in The United Church of Canada, we embrace the denominational call to Deep Spirituality, Bold Discipleship, Daring Justice.  
<https://united-church.ca/community-and-faith/welcome-united-church-canada>

We commit to being an inclusive faith community, where all are treated equitably, through the welcoming of all people, of all gender expressions, identities, and sexual orientations.

In all that we say and do, the people of Christ First acknowledge that our church home is situated on the traditional lands of the Erie, Neutral, Huron-Wendat, Haudenosaunee, and the Mississaugas of the Credit. This territory is covered by the Dish with One Spoon Wampum Belt Covenant, an agreement between the Iroquois Confederacy, the Ojibwe, and other Allied Nations, to share peaceably in the care for the resources around the Great Lakes. This remains the home to many Indigenous people from across Turtle Island, and we are grateful to have the opportunity to live and work within their community. We are committed to the ongoing process of truth and reconciliation: to remember the pain of broken covenants; to learn to walk on Creator's good road, with harmony and respect; to honour God's trust, as we seek justice, right relations, and abundant living for all.

## **Our Vision: Our Unique Place & Ministries**

As disciples of Jesus, Christ First is interwoven with the community we call home. We are here to serve with humility as Christ's ambassadors, in south Mississauga and beyond. For the growth and spiritual nurture of our congregation and community, we share our faith and our resources through welcoming and inclusive hospitality, continuous learning, and compassionate action.

## **Our Values: Our Commitments to Ourselves & Others**

We commit ourselves to being a church that is:

### Spiritually Engaged

- celebrating faith and spiritual growth
- staying open to new possibilities and programs
- creating meaningful, diverse opportunities for worship and faith development

### Community Focused

- deepening our understanding of community diversity
- providing safe and accommodating space with full acceptance for all
- sharing our property resources to serve the greater community
- supporting and creating opportunities for community initiatives and services to those in need

### Caring & Connected

- listening with compassion and responding authentically to what people say, feel and need
- praying and caring for one another, in the congregation, community and world
- responding as generously as we can through our gifts of time, talent, and treasure