First Christian Church

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Rev. Dr. Dedrick Minor
Senior Minister

November 22, 2026
Thanksgiving Sunday

Welcome to this house of worship for all people!

Please check in at fccbrla.org/sunday or on our Facebook page.
Then please silence your cell phone.
*(*Indicates to please stand, if you are able.)*

*Prelude	Aaron Turnipseed
Words of Welcome	Rev. Dr. Dedrick Minor
Video - Thanks to Jesus	Screen
Announcements	Pam Comeaux

WELCOMING GOD'S PRESENCE

*Call to Worship — Michael Rankin

ONE: Come, God is seeking to gather us together.
Like a shepherd searching for lost sheep, God calls us.
ALL: ***God has summoned us here.***
We believe that God knows and welcomes us.
ONE: God reaches out to rescue all who have strayed.
Scattered, weak, and injured ones are drawn to God.
ALL: ***We come, in need of healing, seeking a blessing.***
Our faith draws us here.
ONE: Come, above all else, to worship and give thanks.
Make a joyful noise to the Creator of all worlds.
ALL: ***God's steadfast love becomes real to us here.***
We are reminded of God's immeasurable greatness.

* Hymn of Praise — *Leaning on the Everlasting Arms* — #560, vv. 1, 3

GOD SPEAKS TO US

*Invocation and Lord's Prayer — Michael Rankin

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 debts as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

*Gloria Patri — *Glory Be to the Father* — *#36*

Scripture Reading — Ephesians 1:15-23 — Cora Cody

Hymn	*Seek Ye First*	#354, v. 1
Children's Moment		Michael Rankin

COMMUNITY PRAYER AND GATHERING AT THE TABLE

Prayer Hymn	*Let the Words of My Mouth*	#301, sing twice
Pastoral Prayer		Rev. Dr. Dedrick Minor
Communion Hymn	*Come, Share the Lord*	#408, vv. 1, 2
Invitation to the Table		Rev. Dr. Dedrick Minor
Communion Prayer		Pam Comeaux
Words of Institution		Rev. Dr. Dedrick Minor
Invitation to Share Offerings		Rev. Dr. Dedrick Minor
Offertory		Aaron Turnipseed
*Doxology	*Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*	#46
*Dedication Prayer for our Offerings		Rev. Dr. Dedrick Minor
*Offering Response	*We Give Thee but Thine Own*	#382, v. 1

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading	Matthew 25:31-40	Pam Comeaux
Congregational Hymn	*Open My Eyes, That I May See*	#586, vv. 1, 3
Scripture Reading	Psalm 95:1-7	Rev. Dr. Dedrick Minor
Sermon		Rev. Dr. Dedrick Minor

COMMISSIONING TO GOD'S WORK

*Hymn of Invitation	*Shout to the Lord*	Screen, vv. 1, 2
Benediction		Rev. Dr. Dedrick Minor
*Congregational Refrain	*Peace Be Upon You*	#441
*Postlude		

The Latest at First Christian Church:

- **Rev. Dr. Dedrick Minor - Appointment Hours:** Rev. Minor is available to meet with parishioners. Please contact him to make an appointment. He can be reached via email at dedrick@fccbrla.org.
- **The Sunday Adult class** meets at 8:45 a.m. Please join them for fellowship and sharing in The Study located in the Youth Building.
- **Lectionary Link:** Please click here to access the readings: https://lectionary.library.vanderbilt.edu/daily.php?year=A#id207
- **Church Office Hours:** Monday - Thursday, 9 am until 3 pm
- **Contact Information:** Office phone: 225-926-4175 • Email: *churchoffice@fccbrla.org*

To our Visitors — Welcome to First Christian Church. To help your experience with us be as wonderful as possible, please allow us to share a few things with you.

Communion — The Disciples of Christ welcome all to the Lord's Table as God has welcomed us. You do not need to be a member to receive communion. If you desire to take communion, ***please collect a pre-packaged communion kit from one of the tables in the narthex*** and hold it with you until we partake, together, during the service.

Offerings — Your offering for the mission and work of the church can be placed in the offering plates as they are passed by the deacons during the worship service. To donate online, please visit our website at fccbrla.org/giving, ***or*** via PayPal at paypal.me/fccbrla ***or*** text **73256 (e.g. "fccbrla $15").**

Joining the Church — If you have not been baptized or made an adult profession of faith, please speak with the pastor. If you are already a baptized member of another church, please contact the church office about initiating a letter of transfer.

Children — We have children's books, coloring sheets tied to the theme of the day, crayons, and colored pencils in the bookshelf on the east side of the foyer. **Our staffed nursery is open during this service to care for children from six-weeks through four years of age.** Or, if your youngster just needs a few minutes to re-group, the library is open.

Check-in — Whether a first-time visitor, or returning member, please check in by aiming your smart phone at the QR code in the corner, below; or, on our Facebook page: *fccbrla*.

Restrooms — The men's room is in the southwest corner of the sanctuary and the women's room is in the southeast corner.

We thank you for being here today, and are grateful for your presence.

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