First Christian Church

Disciples of Christ

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Catch for us the foxes, the little foxes that ruin the vineyards, our vineyards that are in bloom. -- Solomon 2:15 (NIV)

Rev. Dak McInnis
Guest Minister

September 1, 2024
Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome to this house of worship for all people!

*Please check in at **fccbrla.org/sunday** or on our Facebook page, then silence your cell phone.*

Prelude	Aaron Turnipseed
Video - By Our Love	Screen

WELCOMING GOD'S PRESENCE

Words of Welcome & Announcements	Rev. Dak McInnis
*Call to Worship	Ashley Bourgeois

One: We are called to love as God loves us. We are to love one another as sisters and brothers.

All: ***Everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. We seek to let God's love be perfected in us.***

One: Remember that you have been baptized. God claims you and has high expectations of you.

All: ***Christ is the vine; we are the branches. We will bear fruit when we abide in the vine.***

* Hymn of Praise	*I Have Decided to Follow Jesus*	#344, vv. 1, 2, 4

GOD SPEAKS TO US

*Invocation and Lord's Prayer	Ashley Bourgeois

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	Luke 20:9-13	Anderson Krupala
Hymn	Seek Ye First	#354, v. 1
Children's Moment		Tracy Shaffer

COMMUNITY PRAYER AND GATHERING AT THE TABLE

Prayer Hymn	*Into My Heart*	#304 (sing twice)
Pastoral Prayers		Rev. Dak McInnis
Communion Hymn	*Break Thou the Bread of Life*	#321, vv. 1, 2
Invitation to the Table		Rev. Dak McInnis
Communion Prayer		Ashley Bourgeois
Words of Institution		Rev. Dak McInnis
Invitation to Share Offerings		Rev. Dak McInnis
Offertory		Aaron Turnipseed
*Doxology	*Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*	#46
*Dedication Prayer for our Offerings		Rev. Dak McInnis
Offering Response	*We Give Thee but Thine Own*	#382, v. 1

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading	John 15:1-17	Ashley Bourgeois
Musical Offering	*I Sing Praises*	Earl Poole, Soloist
Scripture Reading	Proverbs 24:30-34	Rev. Dak McInnis
Sermon	**Take For Us The Little Foxes**	Rev. Dak McInnis

COMMISSIONING TO GOD'S WORK

*Hymn of Invitation	*Just As I Am, Without one Plea*	#339, vv. 1, 4
*Benediction		Rev. Dak McInnis
*Congregational Refrain	*Peace Be Upon You*	#441
*Postlude		Aaron Turnipseed

The Latest at First Christian Church:

- **Rev. Dr. Dedrick Minor's Office Hours:** Rev. Minor will be in the church office on Wednesdays, 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm, and on Saturdays, 10:30 am to 1:00 pm. Rev. Dedrick is also available at other times. Please contact him to make an appointment. He can be reached via email at dedrick@fccbrla.org.
- **The Sunday Adult class** meets at 9:00 a.m. Please join them for fellowship and sharing in The Study located in the rear of the Youth Building.
- **Lectionary Link:** Please click here to access the readings: https://lectionary.library.vanderbilt.edu/daily.php?year=B#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.