

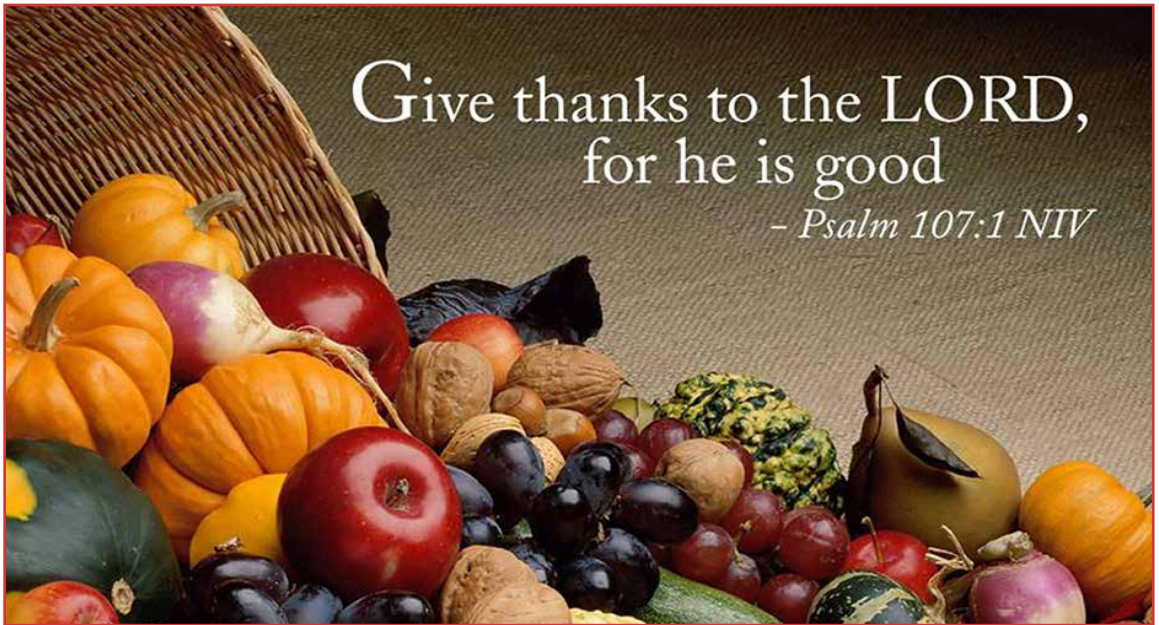
# First Christian Caller

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## UPCOMING GUEST SPEAKERS

**This Sunday, November 28 - Rev. Cheryl Russell**, who accepted her call to ministry while living in Baton Rouge and active at First Christian Church. She shares: I grew up in Central Indiana and found my way to Baton Rouge, Louisiana in 2007. I taught middle school outside Baton Rouge for three years and during that time I was an active member of First Christian Church, Baton Rouge. It was during my time worshiping and serving alongside the wonderful people at FCCBRLA that I finally accepted my call to ministry. I am forever grateful for the friendship and the nurturing I received from this congregation! When I left Baton Rouge, I got my Master of Divinity from Vanderbilt Divinity School in Nashville, TN. I was ordained in 2013 in the church that raised me in Zionsville, IN. I have been serving churches as either an associate or senior minister since. Currently, I am serving as Interim Senior Minister at First Christian Church in Kokomo, IN and living in Noblesville, IN. My favorite thing to do is to spend time with my two nieces and nephew. I also enjoy playing golf, listening to podcasts, and making gumbo like I learned during my time in Cajun Country.

**Sunday, December 5 - Rev. Dr. Michael Elmore**

**Sunday, December 12 - Rev. Tom Cody** **The 2021 Annual Meeting of the FCC membership immediately follows the service for the purpose of receiving reports of the current year, approving the budget for the new year, electing board members and congregational leaders, and caring for such other items of business for which due notice has not been available. The meeting will be livestreamed, and document/voting links will be shared during the meeting for those viewing online.**

**Sunday, December 19 - Christmas Cantata**

**Friday, December 24 - Christmas Eve at 6:00 p.m. - Rev. Dr. Julius R. Tipton** will preside over our Christmas Eve service, combining elements of our previous "family" service, as well as the traditional candlelight service.

**Sunday, December 26 - Rev. Dr. Julius R. Tipton** returns to our pulpit.

## UPDATE ON WORK AROUND THE CAMPUS


The gas line repair work that we mentioned in the last newsletter is underway at this time and should be finished by first Sunday in December. We look forward to having central heat in all of our buildings once more as the colder weather moves in.

We are excited to announce that work has begun on some much-needed repairs to the parking lot. The east side (Airline Hwy. side) will be getting a major facelift, and we are also paving the half-circle at the back of the property, currently a gravel drive.

During this time we recommend you consider parking on the west side Jefferson Hwy. side) of the sanctuary. If you do park on the east side, please keep an eye out for barricades or cones indicating areas that are temporarily inaccessible, and also please watch your step being mindful of any loose asphalt, as the work may be done in stages.

We look forward to both of these rather large undertakings being completed in a timely fashion and appreciate your patience along the way.

Love & peace,



Pamela T. Jones

Chair, FCC General Board

## THANKSGIVING WEEK OFFICE HOURS

*Monday–Wednesday, November 22–24 — 9:00 a.m. ‘til 3:00 p.m.*

**Closed Thursday and Friday, November 25–26**

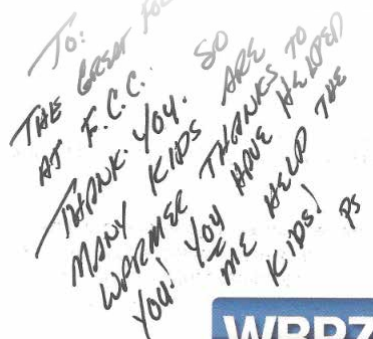
*Regular office hours return on Tuesday, November 30:*

**Tuesday–Thursday — 9:00 a.m. ‘til 3:00 p.m.**

## IN OTHER NEWS ...

**The Interfaith Federation of Greater Baton Rouge** is seeking a part-time Executive Director, following the retirement of the Rev. Robin McCullough-Bade. The Executive Director is the public ambassador, key management leader, and primary spokesperson for the Federation, and also responsible for overseeing administration, programs, and the strategic plan, as well as fundraising, marketing, and community outreach. The person with skills understanding, appreciation, knowledge, and respect for interfaith beliefs; excellent public speaking skills; effective writing, including grant writing; strong management and organizational skills; an ability to work with diverse populations; and, a passion for justice and peace, is needed. Email a cover letter and résumé to [ExecSearch@ifedgbr.com](mailto:ExecSearch@ifedgbr.com)

**Received in the office** - A thank-you note from Pat Shingleton acknowledging and thanking First Christian Church for your \$1,000 contribution to the 2022 *Pat's Coats for Kids* campaign!



To:  
THE COATS FOR  
KIDS AT F.C.C.  
THANK YOU!  
MANY THANKS  
FROM  
PAT SHINGLETON  
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## Thanks for Making our Thanksgiving Fellowship Dinner a Success!

If you weren't able to join us Sunday for the Thanksgiving luncheon, you missed out and we missed you. As usual, we had way too much excellent food, but it was so nice to celebrate together as a church family and visit over the meal. Special shout out to ... **Pam Comeaux, Judy Lester, Greg Taliaferro and Leatus Still** for cooking the turkeys and to **Donna Embree and Frank Dickinson** for cooking the hams ... to **Charles Riddle, Ray Acardo, Presley Hutchinson and Vicki Krupala** for setting up and decorating ... to **Tip Tipton, Anderson Krupala, Vickie Krupala, Greg Taliaferro and Meredith Taliaferro** for help getting ready to go before-hand ... and especially to **Phyllis Willis, Ruth Riddle and Joann Taliaferro** who were truly the angels in the kitchen, helping us put everything together this and making the magic happen. May you and yours have a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday!



## DECK THE HALLS!

It's almost time to Deck the Halls — please join us at **10:00 a.m. THIS Saturday, November 27**, to decorate the church!

## Christmas Poinsettia Orders

If you would like to purchase a Christmas poinsettia to be in the church during the season, please contact the church office, or order online, [here](#). The cost is \$25 for a beautiful red full blooming, foil-wrapped, ten-inch plant, and the deadline for orders is Monday, December 13. An [order form](#) is also available on the back page of this newsletter.

## Annual Membership Meeting

The 2021 membership meeting of First Christian Church will be held on **Sunday, December 12**, immediately following the 10:00 a.m. service. We will again offer online viewing and online member voting will be open during this meeting.

## Christmas Cantata

Please join us on **Sunday, December 19**, at our **10:00 a.m.** service for our Christmas Cantata as our wonderful First Christian Church Chancel Choir brings forth the Christmas story, under the direction of Aaron Turnipseed.





## COOKIES & COMMUNION



Our FCCBRLA Elders will be delivering  
in-home communion kits and Advent gifts  
to our shut-ins and the children in our congregation  
on Saturday, December 4.



We are asking for donations of cookies or candy  
from our congregational cooks to include in these deliveries.



**Baked goods will be needed by Thursday, December 2,**  
and should be delivered to the church office.

Please contact [Brenda Hilgendorf](#) (225-926-4175)

or [Judy Lester](#) (225-221-4478)

to sign up, and to schedule cookie drop-off. ***Thank You!***

## FCCBRLA ADVENT OUTREACH



**CAPITAL AREA CASA  
ASSOCIATION**

We are collecting donations for  
**CASA of Greater Baton Rouge**  
with special emphasis on youth (aged 18-21)  
who are "aging out" of foster care.

*(Donations earmarked for younger children  
are also welcome.)*

**Donations will be collected through  
Sunday, Dec 5, 2021.**

You may donate in the form of gift cards  
(such as Target, Walmart, grocery, or gasoline)  
mailed to or dropped off at the church - *or* -  
by check (payable to FCCBRLA with "CASA  
Outreach" in the memo line) and mailed to or  
dropped off at the church - *or* -  
online at [fccbrrla.org/giving](https://fccbrrla.org/giving) - please note  
"CASA Outreach" in memo line.

## SUNDAY ASSIGNMENTS

As we move into the holiday season, many of you may be traveling during this time. Please check your worship assignments in advance and arrange for a sub in the case of a scheduling conflict. We would appreciate that very much! You can check assignments [online, here](#), or contact Brenda in the cchurch office at 225-926-4175.

### November 28, 2021

*Church Opening* George Cochran  
*Sacraments* Lisa Fennell  
*Deacon/Greeter* Ed Atkins  
*Liturgist* Charlene Landry  
*Youth Reader* Leonardo Morgan  
*Children's Moment* Crystal Casaroti  
*Elder* Lucy Cody  
*Video Tech* Nicolas Morgan  
*Sound Tech* Jeff Cody  
*Livestream* Ted Baldwin  
*Church Closing* Aaron Turnipseed  
*Program Builder* Jill Brian

### December 5, 2021

*Church Opening* Marion Denova  
*Sacraments* Diane Sympton  
*Deacon/Greeter* James Morgan  
*Liturgist* Sherry McInnis  
*Youth Reader* Anderson Krupala  
*Children's Moment* Chris Culp  
*Elder* Trey Earle  
*Video Tech* Frank Dickinson  
*Sound Tech* Greg Taliaferro  
*Livestream* Ted Baldwin  
*Church Closing* Jerry Hilgendorf  
*Program Builder* Carol Madere

## Lectionary Readings: November 24-December 7, 2021

**Wednesday, November 24, 2021:** Psalm 63; 2 Samuel 2:1-7; John 16:25-33

***Beginning Year C in the Revised Common Lectionary - Happy Church New Year!***

**Thursday, November 25, 2021:** Psalm 25:1-10; Nehemiah 9:6-15; 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

**Friday, November 26, 2021:** Psalm 25:1-10; Nehemiah 9:16-25; 1 Thessalonians 5:12-22

**Saturday, November 27, 2021:** Psalm 25:1-10; Nehemiah 9:26-31; Luke 21:20-24

**Sunday, November 28, 2021: *First Sunday of Advent*** - Jeremiah 33:14-16; Psalm 25:1-10; 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13; Luke 21:25-36

**Monday, November 29, 2021:** Psalm 90; Numbers 17:1-11; 2 Peter 3:1-18

**Tuesday, November 30, 2021:** Psalm 90; 2 Samuel 7:18-29; Revelation 22:12-16

**Wednesday, December 1, 2021:** Psalm 90; Isaiah 1:24-31; Luke 11:29-32

**Thursday, December 2, 2021:** Luke 1:68-79; Malachi 3:5-12; Philippians 1:12-18a

**Friday, December 3, 2021:** Luke 1:68-79; Malachi 3:13-18; Philippians 1:18b-26

**Saturday, December 4, 2021:** Luke 1:68-79; Malachi 4:1-6; Luke 9:1-6

**Sunday, December 5, 2021: *Second Sunday of Advent*** - Malachi 3:1-4; Luke 1:68-79 (*The Song of Zechariah*); Philippians 1:3-11; Luke 3:1-6

**Monday, December 6, 2021:** Psalm 126; Isaiah 40:1-11; Romans 8:22-25

**Tuesday, December 7, 2021:** Psalm 126; Isaiah 19:18-25; 2 Peter 1:2-15

# Prayer List

The following people represent some of the current concerns at First Christian Church. If you would like to have a name added, update a current prayer request, or remove someone from the prayer list, please fill out the prayer request section of our [online check-in page](#), or contact us at [churchoffice@fccbrla.org](mailto:churchoffice@fccbrla.org), or 225-926-4175. Names generally rotate off after 30, 60, or 90 days without an update, depending on the nature of the original request.

## Members in our prayers:

JD Albin, Dora & Ron Blackburn, Lois & Bill Burt, Norma Carr, Jody Chrisope, Pam Culp, Marion Denova, Martha Denova, Nancy Fatta, Paul Foster, the family of Fred Goodspeed, Rich Griswold, Michelle Griswold, Lee Gullett, Ruth Horn, Presley Hutchinson, Beryl Jacques, Jane Johnson, Marie Ladner, Ann Landry, Kim Lax, the family of Melinda Looney, the family of Randy Looney, William Miguez, Helen Mitchener, Kristin Morgan, Jerry Moses, Bob & Jennifer Netterville, Helen Rankin, Gladys & Kelly Runnells, the family of Donna Tetrick, Wally and Beverly Weselak, the family of Beverly Wolfe, FCC Search Committees

## Friends & Family of Members in our prayers

The family of David Alsobrook, Scott & Nikki Barbay, Donna & Don Bohlcke, Angela Marie Avansi Casarotti, Dean Fife, Rev. Jim Goode, Lane Holloman, Shannon Reid Holmes, the family of Rev. Joe Lacy, Jeff Judice, Matt Mattison, the family of Paul Payne, the family of Bryan Phenix, Tallu Schuyler Quinn, James Rudd, Matt Rink, Alyssa Russell, Rev. Bonnie Simmerly, Dayna Coupel Simoneaux, the Soni family, Charlie Tipton, Lori Wells

## Members in Active Military Service:

PFC Gage Goodspeed

## ADULT SUNDAY CLASS

Dak McInnis leads the adult Sunday forum, starting at 9:00 a.m., in the church parlor.

Join in for a cup of coffee, and lively discussion!



## CHURCH CONTACT INFORMATION AND ONLINE LINKS:

Church Office Phone:

225-926-4175

Email: [churchoffice@fccbrla.org](mailto:churchoffice@fccbrla.org)

Website: [fccbrla.org](http://fccbrla.org) Office Hours: Tues-Thurs 9 am-3 pm Office Hours Text: 225-755-9838

YouTube Video Channel: <https://www.youtube.com/user/FCCBRLA/featured>

Facebook: <https://facebook.com/fccbrla> Twitter: <https://twitter.com/fccbrla>

Instagram: <https://instagram.com/fccbrla>



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**SERVICE AT 10:00 AM EACH SUNDAY - IN PERSON and ONLINE**



## POINSETTIA ORDER FORM

If you would like to order a poinsettia as a memorial or honor offering, please complete the information below, and return to the church **by Monday, December 13. Please make your check payable to FCC with "Poinsettia" in the memo line. The cost is \$25 per plant. Your poinsettia may be picked up after church on Sunday, December 19, or (preferred) after the Christmas Eve service..**

Your name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Ordered: \_\_\_\_\_ Number Ordered: \_\_\_\_\_

*Please print your dedication exactly as you would like it listed in the bulletin:*

[ ☐ ] In honor of OR [ ☐ ] In memory of \_\_\_\_\_

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