

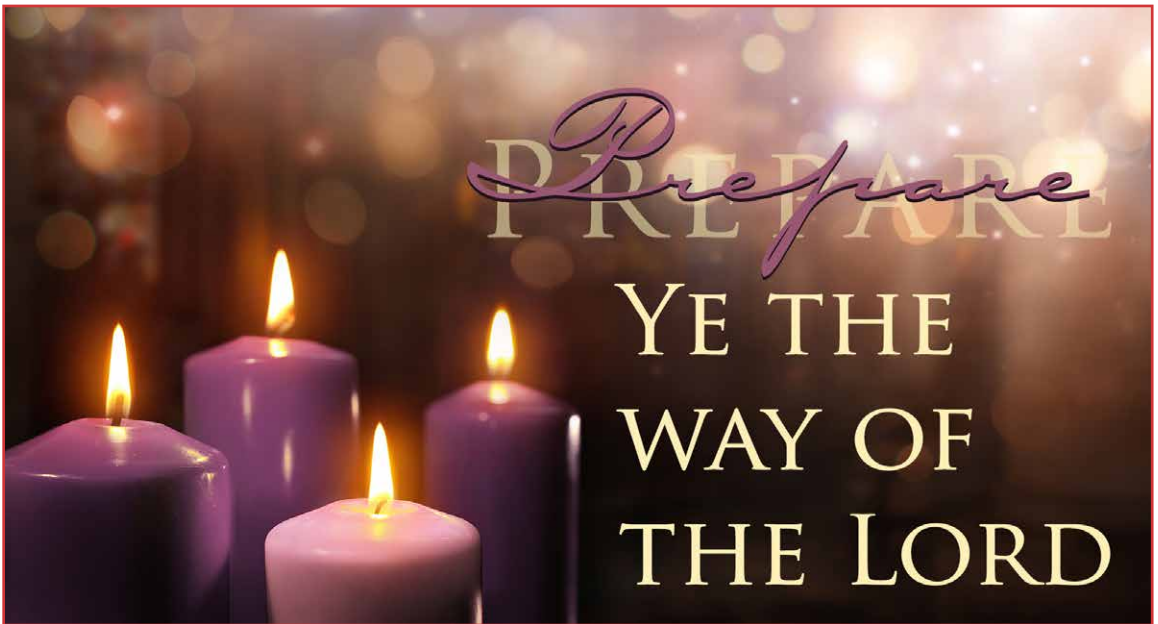
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OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

I am very pleased to let you all know that the Board has hired the **Rev. Dr. Dedrick Minor to be the Transitional Minister for First Christian Church**, Baton Rouge, (Disciples of Christ).

The position of Transitional Minister is similar to that of Interim Minister in that the Search and Call Committee will continue the job of seeking our next Senior Minister during his tenure. However, as Transitional Minister, Dedrick will be able to be considered as a candidate for the position of Senior Minister even as he works with us to prepare our congregation for what comes next.

As many of you are already aware, Dedrick does have a full-time job that he loves, serving as a chaplain at Our Lady of the Lake Hospital, so this will be a slightly different arrangement in that he will be serving as a part-time or bi-vocational minister for First Christian Church. This is something that we have prayerfully considered and believe to be the right decision for us as a congregation at this time. We trust God's guidance and believe He has a bright and blessed future in store for us.

If you missed Rev. Dr. Minor's visit to First Christian Church, you might want to view the service video of November 21 on our [Facebook page](#) or [YouTube channel](#). We shared Rev. Dr. Minor's educational background in our Sunday reminder just before November 21; you can re-read that [here](#).

We will continue to share more information as it becomes available, such as office hours that he will be keeping, but we wanted to go ahead and share this joyful news with you. Dedrick will officially start on January 1, 2022, and we hope that everyone will make him feel welcome both as our new minister and as an integral part of our church family.

UPCOMING GUEST SPEAKERS

Sunday, December 12 - Rev. Tom Cody - Amy & Greg Taliaferro and family will be our Advent readers on the Third Sunday of Advent.

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.

Members who need to attend the meeting virtually should [contact the church office by Friday, December 10](#), and instructions to do so will be shared with you. The

[ballot and proposed budget can be viewed here](#), and ballots will be available for those attending in person, and online registrants.

Poinsettia orders should also be turned in Sunday, December 12, as the tally will be made and ordered Monday morning!

Sunday, December 19 - Christmas Cantata - Pam & Greg Comeaux and family will be our Advent readers on the Fourth Sunday of Advent.

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 is almost complete but has to be inspected prior to restoring gas service; it is likely another week or two before that's done.


We hope you are enjoying the new parking lot! We are very happy to have the east side and the rear half-circle paved. Please note that we will be striping the lot on both sides sometime in the next couple of weeks, as well.

End of Year Notes

As we near the end of 2021, please keep in mind our church financial books also close on December 31. If you have receipts for church-requested purchases, please get those to Brenda for reimbursement by or before December 31.

Contributions to be attributed to your 2021 tax return must be received by December 31, 2021. Please be sure to use a December 2021 date on any checks so they can be applied properly. If you have any questions about your giving, please [contact Brenda](#) in the church office.

Love & peace,



Pamela T. Jones

Chair, FCC General Board

“PREPARE YE THE WAY OF THE LORD ...”

Thank You to our Christmas Decorating Team!

Worship Co-Chairs Sherry McInnis and Lucy Cody recruited and welcomed the team, and extend their note of thanks to all who assisted:

We appreciate the lovely decor in the Sanctuary as the following gathered in preparation for Advent. Thank you for the sharing of your time, energy, and giftings as we approach this blessed Christmas season.

Jeffrey Judice and Tony Babin

Ed Atkins

Charles Riddle

Brenda and Jerry Hilgendorf

Lucy and Tom Cody

Felicia Still

Jeff, Shelley, Callie and Cora Cody Sherry and Dak McInnis



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.



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 church office at 225-926-4175.

December 12, 2021

Church Opening Pam Jones
Sacraments Diane Sympson
Deacon/Greeter Sherry McInnis
Liturgist Lucy Cody
Youth Reader Callie Cody
Children's Moment Ashley Bourgeois
Elder Vicki Krupala
Video Tech Jeff Cody
Sound Tech Chris Culp
Livestream Ted Baldwin
Church Closing Jerry Hilgendorf
Program Builder Jeff Cody

December 19, 2021

Church Opening David Fennell
Sacraments Diane Sympson
Deacon/Greeter Ashley Bourgeois
Liturgist Carmen Jones
Youth Reader Zachary Trotter
Children's Moment Carol Madere
Elder Judy Lester
Video Tech Callie Cody
Sound Tech Jeff Cody
Livestream Ted Baldwin
Church Closing Chris Culp
Program Builder Jill Brian

Lectionary Readings: December 8-20, 2021

Wednesday, December 7, 2022: Psalm 21; Genesis 15:1-18; Matthew 12:33-37

Thursday, December 8, 2022: Psalm 146:5-10; Ruth 1:6-18; 2 Peter 3:1-10

Friday, December 9, 2022: Psalm 146:5-10; Ruth 4:13-17; 2 Peter 3:11-18

Saturday, December 10, 2022: Psalm 146:5-10; 1 Samuel 2:1-8; Luke 3:1-18

Sunday, December 11, 2022: Third Sunday of Advent

Monday, December 12, 2022: Psalm 42; Isaiah 29:17-24; Acts 5:12-16

Tuesday, December 13, 2022: Psalm 42; Ezekiel 47:1-12; Jude 1:17-25

Wednesday, December 14, 2022: Psalm 42; Zechariah 8:1-17; Matthew 8:14-17, 28-34

Thursday, December 15, 2022: Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19; 2 Samuel 7:1-17; Galatians 3:23-29

Friday, December 16, 2022: Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19; 2 Samuel 7:18-22; Galatians 4:1-7

Saturday, December 17, 2022: Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19; 2 Samuel 7:23-29; John 3:31-36

Sunday, December 18, 2022: Fourth Sunday of Advent

Monday, December 19, 2022: 1 Samuel 2:1-10; Genesis 17:15-22; Galatians 4:8-20

Tuesday, December 20, 2022: 1 Samuel 2:1-10; Genesis 21:1-21; Galatians 4:21-5:1

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, 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, Charlene Landry, 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, Toni Wilson, the family of Beverly Wolfe, FCC Search Committees

Friends & Family of Members in our prayers

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, the family of James Rudd, Alyssa Russell, Dayna Coupel Simoneaux, the Soni family, Jennifer Thompson, 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

Website: 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 **before 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 _____
