

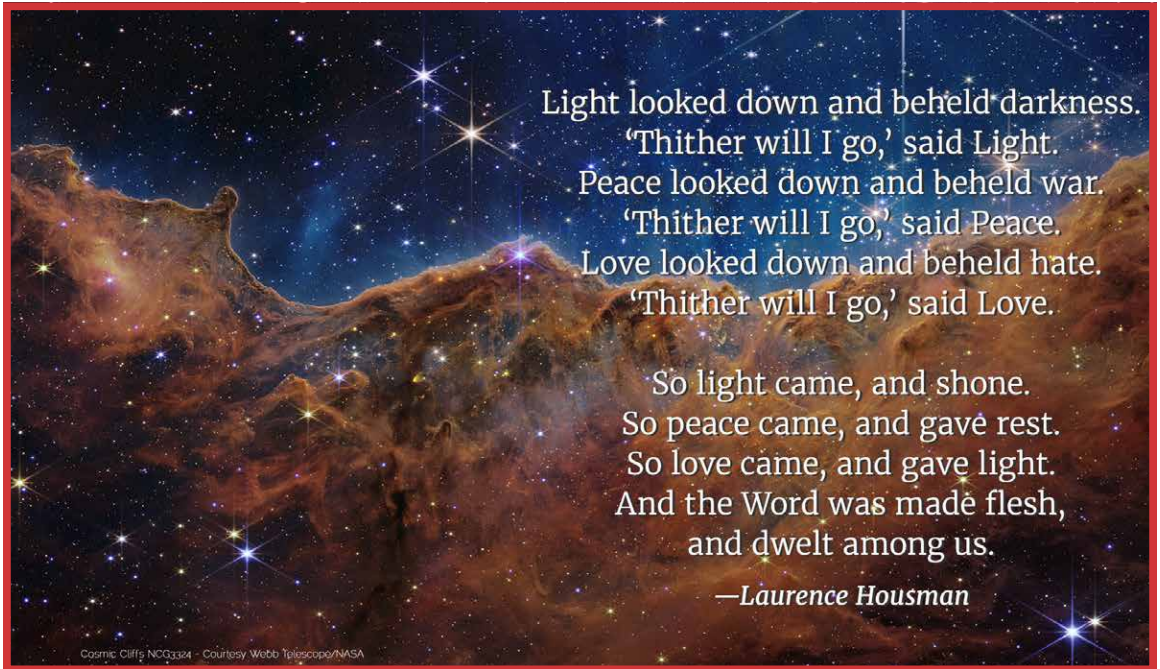
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Light looked down and beheld darkness.
'Thither will I go,' said Light.
Peace looked down and beheld war.
'Thither will I go,' said Peace.
Love looked down and beheld hate.
'Thither will I go,' said Love.

So light came, and shone.
So peace came, and gavè rest.
So love came, and gave light.
And the Word was made flesh,
and dwelt among us.

—*Laurence Housman*

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December Events at FCC

Congregational Meeting - Sunday, December 4 - 11:15 a.m.

The **Annual Congregational Meeting** has been scheduled for Sunday, December 4, immediately following the service. The 2023 proposed budget and slate of officers is available for your review in the narthex, and online, [here](#).

Nominated Slate of Officers

2023 Proposed Budget

LOLL Christmas Gathering - Wednesday, December 7 - 11:00 a.m.

Our group for those folks 60 years old and over will meet on **Wednesday, December 7, at 11:00 a.m. for a Christmas luncheon** at the home of Rev. Tom and Lucy Cody. Lucy will be furnishing the main course (chicken and noodle casserole). Others are asked to bring a side or dessert, and a gift for a child (unwrapped). Please bring an appetite and lots of Christmas Spirit!

Christmas Poinsettia Order Deadline - Sunday, December 11

If you would like to order a poinsettia in honor of, thanksgiving for, or in memory of a loved one, please complete the form available at church, or [complete the online form, here](#). Each plant is \$25.00, payable online or via check to the office.

Disciple Women Christmas Potluck - Thursday, December 15 - 9:30 a.m.

The Disciple Women Fellowship gathers in the Youth Building for the monthly meeting with a special Christmas potluck. All women of the church are invited!

Christmas Cantata - Sunday, December 18 - 10:00 a.m.

The First Christian Church Chancel Choir, along with some special guests, under the direction of Aaron Turnipseed, will present our annual Christmas Cantata at the 10:00 a.m. worship service. This event will be streamed live, and available afterward on our Facebook page and YouTube channel.

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service - Saturday, December 24 - 6:00 p.m.

Come join with our church family in a special service filled with music, the Christmas story told in scripture, and a children's story.

Christmas Day Service - Sunday, December 25 - 10:00 a.m.

Our Sunday service at 10:00 a.m. will be held this Christmas morning! We hope you will join us, in person or online.



Outreach at First Christian Church, Baton Rouge



HOLIDAY OUTREACH PLANS

SOUTHEAST MINISTRIES

There are **TWO** ways to help:



Grab a shopping bag in the narthex and fill it with the requested food items posted on the bag and return to the church (approximately 15 items, cost estimated ~\$32).



Donate \$25 towards the purchase of gift certificates for turkeys or hams (all donations must be clearly marked "holiday turkey")

Holiday meal donations accepted through December 18 ... but appreciated earlier

FCCBRLA SHUT-IN VISITS

There are **TWO** ways to help:



BAKERS to bake a minimum of two dozen cookies, placing 2-3 cookies in "snack-size" zip-lock bags and **deliver to the church by Wednesday, December 7.** *Please sign up in the narthex and advise what you're making to ensure we have a variety of cookies.*



DRIVERS - Goody bags and distribution lists will be handed out to drivers in Fellowship Hall immediately after worship on **Sunday, December 11.** Please contact the recipients on your list, and deliver that day, or shortly thereafter when convenient. *Please sign up in the narthex; the more drivers we have, the fewer stops for each driver!*

Our Church Family News

Welcome to our newest members, **Brandon Durocher**, and **Brandy Joseph**. Brandy has three sons: Braydon, Javier, and Malachi.

Dennis Day has one burial plot at Greenoaks Cemetery that he would like to sell. Please contact him at 225-400-5251 if interested.

Keeping Up with Our Kids (Vol 1)



Kinzley McCoy

Pam and Greg Comeaux's granddaughter **Kinzley** made a brave move to Katy, Texas, for her eighth grade year and is thriving! She is an A-B student and getting ready to try out for her Jr. High school soccer team.

Brynleigh is in the third grade and loves school. She is also on a cheer team and was picked to be the flyer where she is excited to learn lots of new tricks!



Brynleigh Comeaux

Angela and Scott Murrell's daughter, **Harmony**, made the honor roll at Sherwood Middle School this semester. She also tried out for the basketball team and is waiting on those results at this time.

At the LHSAA cross-country state meet held in Natchitoches in November, the University High boys placed second overall, and



Anderson Krupala (center, with trophy)

the girls placed fourth overall. The boys also claimed first and fourth spots in the Division III champions. **Anderson Krupala** was one of the 'Top 5' runners on the 3.1 mile course who helped his team place second with a time of 17:45 making his folks, Vicki and James Krupala, mighty proud!

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Joshua Dotts

Proud mom Ashley Bourgeois shares that **Joshua Dotts** is a senior at Dutchtown High School, where he received an Academic letterman jacket in recognition of his cumulative 3.7 GPA.

Jordan Bourgeois is a sixth grade honor roll student at Prairieville Middle School. He recently participated is the Ascension Youth Basketball Association draft.



Jordan Bourgeois



Nicolas Morgan

Kristin and James Morgan's boys keep them moving. **Nicolas Morgan** had a season personal record of 18:27 for three miles in cross-country. He is also part of SMHS Jazz band that placed second in Division I at the Dutchtown Marching Band Festival.

Leonardo Morgan had artwork selected for the school year at St. Jean Vianney to be displayed in the school office.

Oliver Morgan (pictured next page) is growing and learning new skills everyday. He has learned to drive his jeep by himself this fall.



Leonardo Morgan



Oliver Morgan

Chris and Steve Gibson are pictured with their daughter, **Julia**, who is in her last year at Holy Family and had just played her final game after five years of basketball. She made the principal's list this semester and is looking forward to moving on to St. Joseph's Academy next year.



Steve, Julia, and Chris Gibson

Sammy Gibson is in his freshman year at Catholic High and is enjoying all of the new challenges, especially his Intro to Engineering class, as well as several AP and honors classes.



Sammy Gibson

Brandy Joseph's handsome lads are ages 10, 8 and 2. **Brayden** loves drawing. **Javier's** favorite food is chicken nuggets and he can eat 20 at one sitting. **Malachi** prefers waffles and can eat two, by himself.



Malachi, Brayden, and Javier Joseph (L to R)

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Callie Cody just finished marching season playing second bass drum at Live Oak High School, and she will be playing entirely mallet percussion during concert season.

Cora Cody recently auditioned for a part in a local production of *The Princess and the Frog*. They are the daughters of Shelly and Jeff Cody.

Meredith Taliaferro is having a very memorable senior year. After a quick gallbladder removal surgery the first week of school, she has made amazing strides both on and off the field. She has maintained a 4.0 GPA this year, received the inaugural



Cora and Callie Cody

Carley McCord scholarship at St. Michael, concluded her football season as the starting PAT kicker, and served on the homecoming court for the second year in a row. Meredith also serves her school community as a student ambassador, secretary of the executive committee for student council, as well as being a member of the band. She is currently a team captain in both softball and power lifting. Meredith is applying



Meredith Taliaferro

to several universities and has been accepted to University of Arkansas, Southeastern University and Southern Mississippi. She hopes to follow in her father's footsteps in being a nurse.



She is also extremely proud of **her brothers Justin and Aaron** who will both graduate from college this May. Aaron has been accepted into

the MBA program at LSU, and Justin is exploring employment opportunities. Amy and Greg Taliaferro, their parents, are busy, busy, busy, but so very grateful for so much!



Abby Lester (left)

Abby Lester, who is in seventh grade at Pelham Middle School in Alabama, has joined show choir this school term. She's pictured, left, in one of their shows, and with her proud dad, Tim, and elated grandmother Judy Lester.



Tim, Judy, and Abby Lester

Earl Poole advises his son, **Grayson**, can tank down a whole box of pizza. Big personalities require big nourishment!

Collin Landry is in sixth grade at St. Jean Vianney and trying out for the role of Sebastian in *The Little Mermaid* musical the school is producing in the spring of 2023.

Gage Goodspeed is at Specialist rank in the Army. He's doing great and still stationed in Colorado. Collin is the son of Ann and David Landry, and Gage is the son of Ann Landry and the late Fred Goodspeed.



Grayson Poole



Collin Landry



SPC Gage Goodspeed

Parents and grandparents: Feel free to reach out to the church office with news you'd like to share for future issues! Email churchoffice@fccbrla.org

SUNDAY ASSIGNMENTS

Please check your worship assignments in advance and arrange for a sub in the case of a scheduling conflict. We appreciate that very much! You can check assignments [online, here](#), or contact Brenda in the church office at 225-926-4175.

December 4, 2022

Church Opening Pam Jones
Sacraments Jerry Hilgendorf
Greeter Lisa Fennell
Deacons David Fennell, Lisa Fennell, Dak McInnis, Sherry McInnis
Liturgist Bill Trotter
Youth Reader Leonardo Morgan
Children's Moment Carol Madere
Elder Trey Earle
Video Tech Callie Cody
Sound Tech Jeff Cody
Livestream Anderson Krupala
Church Closing Cathi Pourciau
Program Builder Jill Brian

December 18, 2022

Church Opening David Fennell
Sacraments Jerry Hilgendorf
Greeter Steve Gibson
Deacons Steve Gibson, Anderson Krupala, Bill Trotter, Lorry Trotter
Liturgist Chris Culp
Youth Reader Zachary Trotter
Children's Moment Ashley Bourgeois
Elder Judy Lester
Video Tech Frank Dickinson
Sound Tech Jeff Cody
Livestream Nicolas Morgan
Church Closing James Morgan
Program Builder Carol Madere

December 11, 2022

Church Opening Frank Dickinson
Sacraments Jerry Hilgendorf
Greeter Jeff Cody
Deacons Callie Cody, Jeff Cody, Shelly Cody, Greg Comeaux
Liturgist Phyllis Willis
Youth Reader Callie Cody
Children's Moment Nancy Fatta
Elder Lucy Cody
Video Tech Brenda Hilgendorf
Sound Tech Greg Taliaferro
Livestream Charles Riddle
Church Closing Pam Jones
Program Builder Jeff Cody

December 25, 2022

Church Opening Pam Jones
Sacraments Jerry Hilgendorf
Greeter Joann Taliaferro
Deacons Joann Taliaferro
Liturgist Pam Comeaux
Youth Reader Callie Cody
Children's Moment Tip Tipton
Elder Michael Wilson
Video Tech Jeff Cody
Sound Tech Greg Taliaferro
Livestream Pam Jones
Church Closing Jeff Cody
Program Builder Brenda Hilgendorf

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:

Ed Atkins & the family of Kenny Sexton, Ann Baskin, Ron & Dora Blackburn, Bill Burt, the family of Lois Burt, Dan Calvert, Robert Calvert, Norma Carr, Jordan Chapaneri, Jody Chrisope, Marjorie Clark, Melanie Cobb, Pam Culp, Rhonda Culp, Martha Denova, Lorrinda Dickinson, Nancy Fatta, Paul Foster, Rich Griswold, Lee Gullett, Ruth Horn, Presley Hutchinson, Vicki Krupala, Marie Ladner, Ann Landry, Carol Madere, BJ McRae, Helen Mitchener, Kristin Morgan, Jerry Moses, Bob & Jennifer Netterville, Michael Rankin, Flo Rink and family, Kelly & Gladys Runnels, Aaron Turnipseed and family, Beverly Weselak, the family of Wally Weselak, Phyllis Willis, family of Gail Willson, Mike Wilson

Friends & Family of Members in our prayers:

Adam Alsobrook, Jason Barnett, Don & Donna Bohlcke, Deborah Broome, Dean Fife, Drew Iacona, Jeff Judice, Eric Krissman, Sophie Leblanc, Dennis & Shannon Merritt, Missy Perilloux, Eddie Rankin, Debbie Rhodes, family of Matthew Rink, Alyssa Russell, Melissa Stephenson, Blake Stevenson, Lynn Smith, family of Adam Tipton, family of Rebecca Vahey, John & Carol Vickers, family of Paul Vickers, Lavada Washington, Ann Weeks, Mila Wilbur, Elijah Williams, those affected by Hurricane Ian

Members in Active Military Service:

PFC Gage Goodspeed

December Calendar Notes

<i>Day/Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Description</i>
Sunday, December 4	11:15 a.m.	Annual Congregational Meeting
Wednesday, December 11	11:00 a.m.	LOLL gathering at Lucy & Tom Cody home
Thursday, December 15	9:30 a.m.	Disciples Women - Christmas Potluck (YB)
Sunday, December 18	10:00 a.m.	Christmas Cantata (Sanctuary)
Saturday, December 24	6:00 p.m.	Christmas Candlelight Ceremony (courtyard)

Ongoing Meetings:

Sundays	9:00 a.m.	The Study (FH) - Adult Bible Study
Wednesdays	6:30 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Church)
Thursdays 12/1, 12/8, 12/29	9:30 a.m.	Silver Angels (YB)
Thursdays	1:00 p.m.	Thursday Afternoon Bible Study (YB)



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The Rev. Dr. Dedrick Minor, *Senior Minister*

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Minister's Hours: Wed. 4-7 pm; Sat. 10:30 am-1:00 pm, and by appointment

Aaron Turnipseed, M.M.P., *Director of Music*

Earl Poole, *Music Worship Leader*

Brenda Hilgendorf, *Administrator/Bookkeeper*

Charles Riddle, *Facilities*

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DAILY LECTIONARY READINGS: [Vanderbilt Divinity Library - Year A](#)