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Lectionary Readings: January 1-31, 2023

Sunday, January 1, 2023: New Year's Day - Ecclesiastes 3:1-13 • Psalm 8 • Revelation 21:1-6a • Matthew 25:31-46

Monday, January 2, 2023: Psalm 20; Genesis 12:1-7; Hebrews 11:1-12

Tuesday, January 3, 2023: Psalm 72; Genesis 28:10-22; Hebrews 11:13-22

Wednesday, January 4, 2023: Psalm 72; Exodus 3:1-5; Hebrews 11:23-31

Thursday, January 5, 2023: Psalm 72; Joshua 1:1-9; Hebrews 11:32-12:2

Friday, January 6, 2023: Epiphany of the Lord - Isaiah 60:1-6 • Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14 • Ephesians 3:1-12 • Matthew 2:1-12

Saturday, January 7, 2023: Psalm 72; 1 Kings 10:1-13; Ephesians 3:14-21

Sunday, January 8, 2023: Baptism of the Lord - Isaiah 42:1-9 • Psalm 29 • Acts 10:34-43 • Matthew 3:13-17

Monday, January 9, 2023: Psalm 89:5-37; Genesis 35:1-15; Acts 10:44-48

Tuesday, January 10, 2023: Psalm 89:5-37; Jeremiah 1:4-10; Acts 8:4-13

Wednesday, January 11, 2023: Psalm 89:5-37; Isaiah 51:1-16; Matthew 12:15-21

Thursday, January 12, 2023: Psalm 40:1-11; Isaiah 22:15-25; Galatians 1:6-12

Friday, January 13, 2023: Psalm 40:1-11; Genesis 27:30-38; Acts 1:1-5

Saturday, January 14, 2023: Psalm 40:1-11; 1 Kings 19:19-21; Luke 5:1-11

Sunday, January 15, 2023: Second Sunday after the Epiphany - Isaiah 49:1-7 • Psalm 40:1-11 • 1 Corinthians 1:1-9 • John 1:29-42

Monday, January 16, 2023: Psalm 40:6-17; Exodus 12:1-13, 21-28; Acts 8:26-40

Tuesday, January 17, 2023: Psalm 40:6-17; Isaiah 53:1-12; Hebrews 10:1-4

Wednesday, January 18, 2023: Psalm 40:6-17; Isaiah 48:12-21; Matthew 9:14-17

Thursday, January 19, 2023: Psalm 27:1-6; 1 Samuel 1:1-20; Galatians 1:11-24

Friday, January 20, 2023: Psalm 27:1-6; 1 Samuel 9:27-10:8; Galatians 2:1-10

Saturday, January 21, 2023: Psalm 27:1-6; 1 Samuel 15:34-16:13; Luke 5:27-32

Sunday, January 22, 2023: Third Sunday after the Epiphany - Isaiah 9:1-4 • Psalm 27:1, 4-9 • 1 Corinthians 1:10-18 • Matthew 4:12-23

Monday, January 23, 2023: Psalm 27:7-14; Judges 6:11-24; Ephesians 5:6-14

Tuesday, January 24, 2023: Psalm 27:7-14; Judges 7:12-22; Philippians 2:12-18

Wednesday, January 25, 2023: Psalm 27:7-14; Genesis 49:1-2, 8-13, 21-26; Luke 1:67-79

Thursday, January 26, 2023: Psalm 15; Deuteronomy 16:18-20; 1 Peter 3:8-12

Friday, January 27, 2023: Psalm 15; Deuteronomy 24:17-25:4; 1 Timothy 5:17-24

Saturday, January 28, 2023: Psalm 15; Micah 3:1-4; John 13:31-35

Sunday, January 29, 2023: Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany - Micah 6:1-8 • Psalm 15 • 1 Corinthians 1:18-31 • Matthew 5:1-12

Monday, January 30, 2023: Psalm 37:1-17; Ruth 1:1-18; Philemon 1-25

Tuesday, January 31, 2023: Psalm 37:1-17; Ruth 2:1-16; James 5:1-6

Mark Your Calendars!

Organizational meetings for the 2023 service year have been scheduled as noted below. *It is important that both those serving in a capacity for the first time as well as those with more experience turn out for these brief organizational meetings.* Each meeting should last less than half an hour.

We will elect a chair for each group, discuss pertinent service items, and answer any questions. We will also pair any first-timers with someone to show them the ropes, so to speak.

- **Sunday, January 15 - Elders** to meet in the **sanctuary** immediately following service
- **Sunday, January 22 - Deacons** to meet in the **sanctuary** immediately following service
- **Sunday, January 29 - Sacraments** to meet in the **library** immediately following Sunday service

Board Meeting

Pam Jones has scheduled a board meeting for **Tuesday, January 17, at 6:30 p.m.** in the Youth Building. Both outgoing and incoming members are invited to attend.

2023 Ministry Opportunities

Starting in January, we will once again be signing up for volunteer opportunities for the March 1, 2023-February 28, 2024 service year.

You can view the 2022 list, here: fccburla.org/serve/. 2023 updates and changes will be coming, soon.

Please be in prayerful consideration at this time of how best you might serve in the coming year.

- **Opening Church** • **Closing Church** • *Children's Moment* •
- **Building Video Program** • *Liturgist* • **Sound Tech** • *Video Tech* •
- *Streaming Tech* • **Choir** • **Visitor Follow-up** • *Adult Education/Bible Study* •
- **Children Worship & Wonder** • **Work Days** • **Education Committee** •
- **Evangelism Committee** • *Facilities Committee* •
- *Hospitality Committee* • **Fellowship Luncheons** • **Mission & Outreach** •
- **Stewardship** • *Worship Committee* •

Christmas Poinsettias

in the church were given by the following:

J. D. & Judy Albin in honor of Gladys Albin. (1)

Ed Atkins in honor of the birth of Jesus Christ and my sister, Glynda Priestler; in memory of Kenny Sexton. (3)

J.P. & Kay Averette in memory of Susan Everly Harris. (1)

Tom & Lucy Cody in honor of Rev. Dr. Dedrick Minor; in memory of Fred & Ruth Day, James & Hazel Cody, Darrel Evans, Milton & Bonnie Evans, and Billy Cody. (3)

Martha Denova in memory of Marion Denova. (1)

Tony & Nancy Fatta in honor of our children and grandchildren; in memory of heavenly family members. (2)

Jerry & Brenda Hilgendorf in honor of our grandchildren; in memory of Grandma Toy, Vivian Hilgendorf Williams, Michael Swisher Sr., Lynda Cadarette, John Grigg, and Don Leinweber. (2)

Pam Jones in honor of Pastor Dedrick Minor, FCC, Jerry & Brenda Hilgendorf, and John & Marlene Jones; in memory of Marion Denova and Wally Weselak. (3)

James, Vicki, & Anderson Krupala in memory of Charlotte & Otis Anderson and Frances & Charles Krupala. (1)

Charlene Landry in memory of James Dean Rudd. (1)

Judy Lester in honor of my siblings. (1)

Cathi Pourciau in memory of James & Jean Pourciau and Una B. & John C. Engelsman. (2)

Diane Sympson in honor of Harper Sympson. (1)

Paul & Mary Thompson in honor of the birth of our Lord Jesus and with love to our church family at FCCBR. (2)

Bill & Lorry Trotter in memory of Christie Trotter Williams and J. J. Trotter. (2)

Phyllis Willis in memory of Guye Willis. (1)

Mike & Toni Wilson in honor of Brenda & Jerry Hilgendorf. (4)

Our Church Family News

Thank you from our Christmas Outreach recipients including Margaret and Tom Moore who wrote, "Appreciation to the many people that prepared and delivered that large gift bag of many types of cookies, *Upper Room*, ornament, and greeting card expressing the Christian love of our church."

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January 29, 2023

Church Opening Pam Jones

Sacraments Sally Bremer

Greeter Pam Jones

Deacons Presley Hutchinson,

Joann Taliaferro

Liturgist Jerry Moses

Youth Reader Callie Cody

Children's Moment Nancy Fatta

Elder Sally Bremer

Video Tech Frank Dickinson

Sound Tech Greg Taliaferro

Livestream Pam Jones

Church Closing Cathi Pourciau

Program Builder Carol Madere

Keeping Up with Our Kids (Vol 2)

Margaret and Tom Moore's granddaughter **Olivia Pitre**, received her B.S. in Middle School Education with specialization in mathematics from Southeastern Louisiana University on December 10, 2022. Olivia will teach mathematics in Ascension Parish. (We shared in October that granddaughter Kaylee was an August graduate from LSU in Plant, Environmental and Soil Sciences from LSU.)

Brandy Joseph's son, **Javier Breaux**, made Honor Roll with all A's at Geo Prep Academy in MidCity which Mom is excited about. We're pretty sure Javier is more excited about that pizza reward!



Sara Shaffer, daughter of Tracy and Doug Shaffer, is a junior at University High School. This year she was also accepted into New Orleans Center for Creative Arts in the visual arts program. As a dual-enrolled student, she takes her core classes at U-High in the mornings, and then she drives to New Orleans to take her art electives in the afternoon. This semester, she was instructed in 2D Painting, 2D with 3D perspective, photography and digital art. She is an excellent student and finished this semester with a 4.5 GPA. She is

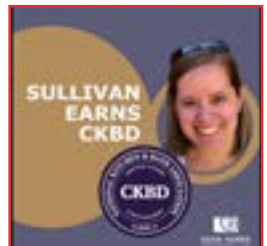
also an entrepreneur and has started an Etsy store where she sells her art.

Sean Wilkerson, (pictured, right) son of Kaylan Grigg and grandson of Sue Grigg, graduated from ULL with a Bachelor of Science degree in Informatics with a concentration in CyberSecurity.



Ashley Bourgeois (pictured, left) has earned her Bachelor of Social Work from Southeastern Louisiana University which was awarded in the winter commencement exercises.

Melissa Sullivan, ASID, (pictured, right) has earned the Certified Kitchen & Bath Designer designation from the National Kitchen & Bath Association.



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.

January 1, 2023

Church Opening Jerry Hilgendorf
Sacraments Sally Bremer
Greeter Lisa Fennell
Deacons David Fennell, Lisa Fennell, Dak McInnis, Sherry McInnis
Liturgist Lucy Cody
Youth Reader Anderson Krupala
Children's Moment Pam Comeaux
Elder Chris Culp
Video Tech Greg Taliaferro
Sound Tech Jeff Cody
Livestream Tom Cody
Church Closing Chris Culp
Program Builder Jeff Cody

January 15, 2023

Church Opening Frank Dickinson
Sacraments Sally Bremer
Greeter Lorry Trotter
Deacons Steve Gibson, Anderson Krupala, Bill Trotter, Lorry Trotter
Liturgist Charlene Landry
Youth Reader Zachary Trotter
Children's Moment Tom Cody
Elder Carol Madere
Video Tech Callie Cody
Sound Tech Jeff Cody
Livestream Charles Riddle
Church Closing Aaron Turnipseed
Program Builder Jill Brian

January 8, 2023

Church Opening James Morgan
Sacraments Sally Bremer
Greeter Greg Comeaux
Deacons Callie Cody, Jeff Cody, Shelly Cody, Greg Comeaux
Liturgist Tip Tipton
Youth Reader Callie Cody
Children's Moment Chris Culp
Elder Charlene Landry
Video Tech Brenda Hilgendorf
Sound Tech Greg Taliaferro
Livestream Anderson Krupala
Church Closing Jerry Hilgendorf
Program Builder Carol Madere

January 22, 2023

Church Opening David Fennell
Sacraments Sally Bremer
Greeter Joann Taliaferro
Deacons Joann Taliaferro, Ed Atkins, Tony Fatta
Liturgist Frank Dickinson
Youth Reader Leonardo Morgan
Children's Moment Carol Madere
Elder Pam Jones
Video Tech Jeff Cody
Sound Tech Greg Taliaferro
Livestream Nicolas Morgan
Church Closing Tony Fatta
Program Builder Brenda Hilgendorf

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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, 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, Sue Grigg, 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, Helen Rankin, Kelly & Gladys Runnels, Aaron Turnipseed & Family, Beverly Weselak, the family of Wally Weselak, Phyllis Willis

Friends & Family of Members in our prayers:

Adam Alsobrook, Jason Barnett, Don & Donna Bohlcke, Sharon DeSalvo, Patty Hubeny, Jake Huisingh, Drew Iacona, Jeff Judice, Eric Krissman, Sophie Leblanc, Missy Perilloux, the family of Eddie Rankin, Debbie Rhodes, Alyssa Russell, Melissa Stephenson, family of Adam Tipton, family of Rebecca Vahey, Lavada Washington, Ann Weeks

Members in Active Military Service:

PFC Gage Goodspeed

January Calendar Notes

<i>Day/Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Description</i>
Sunday, January 8	10:00 a.m.	Children Worship & Wonder - Sanctuary/YB
Sunday, January 15	11:15 a.m.	Elders Meeting - Sanctuary
Tuesday, January 17	6:30 p.m.	FCC General Board Meeting - YB
Sunday, January 22	11:15 a.m.	Deacons Meeting - Sanctuary
Thursday, January 26	9:30 a.m.	Disciples Women - YB
Sunday, January 29	11:15 a.m.	Sacraments Committee - Library
<i>Ongoing Meetings:</i>		
Sundays	9:00 a.m.	The Study - Adult Bible Study - FH
Wednesdays	6:30 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal - Church
Thursdays	9:30 a.m.	Silver Angels - YB
Thursdays	1:00 p.m.	Thursday Afternoon Bible Study - YB



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CHURCH CONTACT INFORMATION AND ONLINE LINKS:

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

Email: dedrick@fccbrla.org

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](#)