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Lectionary Readings: February 1-28, 2023

Wednesday, February 1, 2023: Psalm 37:1-17; Ruth 3:1-13; 4:13-22; Luke 6:17-26

Thursday, February 2, 2023: Presentation of the Lord - Malachi 3:1-4 • Psalm 84 or Psalm 24:7-10 • Hebrews 2:14-18 • Luke 2:22-40

Thursday, February 2, 2023: Psalm 112:1-9; Deuteronomy 4:1-14; 1 John 5:1-5

Friday, February 3, 2023: Psalm 112:1-9; Isaiah 29:1-12; James 3:13-18

Saturday, February 4, 2023: Psalm 112:1-9; Isaiah 29:13-16; Mark 7:1-8

Sunday, February 5, 2023: Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany - Isaiah 58:1-9a (9b-12) • Psalm 112:1-9 (10) • 1 Corinthians 2:1-12 (13-16) • Matthew 5:13-20

Monday, February 6, 2023: Psalm 119:105-112; 2 Kings 22:3-20; Romans 11:2-10

Tuesday, February 7, 2023: Psalm 119:105-112; 2 Kings 23:1-8, 21-25; 2 Corinthians 4:1-12

Wednesday, February 8, 2023: Psalm 119:105-112; Proverbs 6:6-23; John 8:12-30

Thursday, February 9, 2023: Psalm 119:1-8; Genesis 26:1-5; James 1:12-16

Friday, February 10, 2023: Psalm 119:1-8; Leviticus 26:34-46; 1 John 2:7-17

Saturday, February 11, 2023: Psalm 119:1-8; Deuteronomy 30:1-9a; Matthew 15:1-9

Sunday, February 12, 2023: Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany - Deuteronomy 30:15-20 • Psalm 119:1-8 • 1 Corinthians 3:1-9 • Matthew 5:21-37

Monday, February 13, 2023: Psalm 119:9-16; Exodus 20:1-21; James 1:2-8

Tuesday, February 14, 2023: Psalm 119:9-16; Deuteronomy 23:21-24:4, 10-15; James 2:1-13

Wednesday, February 15, 2023: Psalm 119:9-16; Proverbs 2:1-15; Matthew 19:1-12

Thursday, February 16, 2023: Psalm 2; Exodus 6:2-9; Hebrews 8:1-7

Friday, February 17, 2023: Psalm 2; Exodus 19:9b-25; Hebrews 11:23-28

Saturday, February 18, 2023: Psalm 2; 1 Kings 21:20-29; Mark 9:9-13

Sunday, February 19, 2023: Transfiguration Sunday - Exodus 24:12-18 • Psalm 2 or Psalm 99 • 2 Peter 1:16-21 • Matthew 17:1-9

Monday, February 20, 2023: Psalm 78:17-20, 52-55; Exodus 33:7-23; Acts 7:30-34

Tuesday, February 21, 2023: Psalm 78:17-20, 52-55; 1 Kings 19:9-18; Romans 11:1-6

Wednesday, February 22, 2023: Ash Wednesday - Joel 2:1-2, 12-17 or Isaiah 58:1-12 • Psalm 51:1-17 • 2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10 • Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

Thursday, February 23, 2023: Psalm 51; Jonah 3:1-10; Romans 1:1-7

Friday, February 24, 2023: Psalm 51; Jonah 4:1-11; Romans 1:8-17

Saturday, February 25, 2023: Psalm 51; Isaiah 58:1-12; Matthew 18:1-7

Sunday, February 26, 2023: First Sunday in Lent - Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7 • Psalm 32 • Romans 5:12-19 • Matthew 4:1-11

Monday, February 27, 2023: Psalm 32; 1 Kings 19:1-8; Hebrews 2:10-18

Tuesday, February 28, 2023: Psalm 32; Genesis 4:1-16; Hebrews 4:14-5:10

Pastor's Class Scheduled

Pastor Dedrick will be holding a Pastor's Class this spring which is open to any kids turning nine years old in 2023, or older. The classes will meet on Saturdays at 10:30am in the church office on March 18, March 25, and April 1, with Baptism and Confession of Faith to follow on Palm Sunday, April 2. Any parents interested in registering their young people for this class should reach out to the church office at either 225-926-4175 or via email to churchoffice@fccbrla.org.

Keep An Eye Out

The new service year begins on March 1. Please keep an eye out for updated serving schedules to come from the office sometime in February. You can also follow the Sunday assignments online at our website, [here](#) (or visit fccbrla.org, select "Worship With Us" along the top menu, then "Worship Assignments").

Easter Cantata

If you are interested in participating in the Easter Cantata, please contact Aaron Turnipseed and let him know. Our Chancel Choir rehearses Wednesday evenings at 6:30 p.m. Singers and musicians are welcome and appreciated!

Thank You!

As I step down from the position of Board Chair, I can't help but think back on the past few years and all that has encompassed. I am so grateful to so many for all the prayers and support shown to me, the Board, the lay leaders and the staff as we have gone through so much together - pandemic, starting to live-stream, losing a minister, gaining a minister, new parking lot, and Hurricane Ida to name but a few. I love First Christian Church of Baton Rouge and I love you all, my church family. I believe there are great things to come in our future and I look forward to seeing what's next.

Peace and love,
Pam

Greetings, Church Family:

As the incoming Board chair, I would first like to thank outgoing Board chair Pam Jones and the 2022 Board for all their hard work and dedication on behalf of First Christian Church Baton Rouge. A special thanks also to Brenda and Jerry Hilgendorf for all they have done to get us through the transition from Rev. Chisham's ministry to the ministry of Rev. Dr. Dedrick Minor.

We've all been through a lot the last couple of years. When I look out at the congregation from the choir loft, I feel so blessed to have such a faithful church family. I look forward to what we will accomplish as a congregation in 2023, such as fellowship events and welcoming more new members into our congregation.

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Outreach at First Christian Church, Baton Rouge

Thank you, Thank you, Thank you for your kind & caring generosity!



SOUTHEAST MINISTRIES

Thank you to everyone who shopped for groceries, donated money or individual food items, sorted, and/or delivered grocery bags to Southeast Ministries! We delivered 23 complete meal bags, a collection of other needed food items, and contributed \$500 towards the purchase of holiday turkeys or hams. **WELL DONE!**

During the month of February, we are asking for donations of **hot and cold cereals, and just-add-water pancake mixes**. Breakfast ... yum!

FCCBRLA VISITS

Whether you were on the giving or receiving end of this ministry...it felt like a warm hug for those in our church family.



BAKERS... Thanks to all our fantastic bakers! Your homemade treats are SO looked forward to and brought cheer to everyone who received them.



DRIVERS... Thanks to all our drivers! Your smiling faces and conversations lifted some loneliness and strengthened the bonds between us.



WEEK OF COMPASSION OFFERING

The annual offering taken for our denominational global ministry outreach fund, administered by Week of Compassion, will be collected on Sunday, February 26, 2023. The WoC office manages our outreach ministries around the globe by supporting the work of ministry partners who are on the ground wherever there is suffering and need. We hope you will generously support them! Make checks payable to the church, with a "Week of Compassion" notation in the memo field. You may also indicate there if you wish your donation to be directed to a specific area of outreach: disaster response, refugee aid, COVID-19 response, or sustainable development. As Bill Withers so aptly put it in song:

*Lean on me when you're not strong ~ And I'll be your friend
I'll help you carry on ~ For it won't be long
'Til I'm gonna need ~ Somebody to lean on*

More Church Family News

"Thank You!" notes from our Christmas Outreach recipients include **Ann Achord** who writes, "Thank you so much for the bag of goodies! Donald and I have enjoyed everything so much. We really enjoyed the visit with Lucy! May you all have a blessed New Year."

Keeping Up with Our Kids



Tyler Mercil, grandson of Jerry & Brenda Hilgendorf, made the Dean's List this last semester. He is a freshman at LSU and is studying Business.

Carol and Pete Madere are looking forward to another grandchild! **Elise Madere Lee** is expecting a July baby.

Brandy Joseph's sons **Javier Breaux** and **Brayden Joseph** each racked up awards during the fall semester at Geo Prep Academy. **Javier** earned Perfect Attendance and Good Conduct awards, made the Principal's List, and met NWEA Goals. **Brayden** was recognized for meeting the NWEA Goals in both Math and Science. Way to go guys!

Your Gifts at Work

FCC has supported Southeast Ministries for several years, now. They shared figures with us regarding the number of people helped over the years, and we wanted to pass that along to you. You trust your gifts are helping when you donate - whether food, money, or time - but it's nice to see what sort of impact is being made!

<u>Year</u>	<u>Children</u>	<u>Adults</u>	<u>Elderly</u>	<u>Disabled</u>	<u>Households</u>	<u>Total Individuals</u>
thru 09/2022	2016	2699	989	249	2052	5704
2021	3029	4047	1476	346	3007	8551
2020	4353	5981	1333	477	4410	11667
2019	4452	5529	1246	681	4318	11227
2018	3420	4596	895	669	3721	8911

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I also look forward to working closely with Pastor Dedrick, whose ministry has been so inspiring in his first year with us. Aaron, Earl, and the choir have been working hard as well to enhance our spiritual experience with music. We also have a new sound board and video equipment to better accommodate our livestream viewers, and we've had a very dynamic outreach program under the leadership of Judy Lester, who has even more good ideas for this year. We're off to a great start in 2023.

Please feel free to call me at 225-931-4413, [email me at cmadere@selu.edu](mailto:cmadere@selu.edu), or just catch me at church if you have any suggestions or concerns. Members are also welcome to attend our board meetings, which are on the third Tuesday of the months of March, May, July, September, and November at 6:30 p.m. in the Youth Building. The new Board members and I covet your prayers as well that we may discern the Spirit's leading for our church this year.

Carol Madere

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.

February 5, 2023

Church Opening Pam Jones
Sacraments Diane Sympson
Greeter David Fennell
Deacons David Fennell, Lisa Fennell, Dak McInnis, Sherry McInnis
Liturgist Tracy Shaffer
Youth Reader Anderson Krupala
Children's Moment Ashley Bourgeois
Elder Lucy Cody
Video Tech Nicolas Morgan
Sound Tech Jeff Cody
Livestream Tom Cody
Church Closing Pam Jones
Program Builder Jill Brian

February 19, 2023

Church Opening Frank Dickinson
Sacraments Diane Sympson
Greeter Steve Gibson
Deacons Steve Gibson, Anderson Krupala, Bill Trotter, Lorry Trotter
Liturgist Vicki Krupala
Youth Reader Callie Cody
Children's Moment Chris Culp
Elder Jerry Moses
Video Tech Greg Taliaferro
Sound Tech Jeff Cody
Livestream Charles Riddle
Church Closing Jeff Cody
Program Builder Carol Madere

February 12, 2023

Church Opening James Morgan
Sacraments Diane Sympson
Greeter Callie Cody
Deacons Callie Cody, Jeff Cody, Shelly Cody, Greg Comeaux
Liturgist Michael Wilson
Youth Reader Brayden Joseph
Children's Moment Tip Tipton
Elder Sue Grigg
Video Tech Brenda Hilgendorf
Sound Tech Greg Taliaferro
Livestream Anderson Krupala
Church Closing James Morgan
Program Builder Jeff Cody

February 26, 2023

Church Opening David Fennell
Sacraments Diane Sympson
Greeter Ed Atkins
Deacons Joann Taliaferro, Ed Atkins, Tony Fatta
Liturgist Carmen Jones
Youth Reader Leonardo Morgan
Children's Moment Pam Comeaux
Elder Frank Johnson
Video Tech Callie Cody
Sound Tech Greg Taliaferro
Livestream Nicolas Morgan
Church Closing Chris Culp
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, Ann Baskin, Bill Burt, Dan Calvert, Robert Calvert, Norma Carr, Jody Chrisope, Marjorie Clark, Melanie Cobb, Pam Culp, Rhonda Culp, Martha Denova, Nancy Fatta, Paul Foster, Lee Gullett, Ruth Horn, Presley Hutchinson, Marie Ladner, Ann Landry, Carol Madere, BJ McRae, Helen Mitchener, Jerry Moses, Bob & Jennifer Netterville, Helen Rankin, Kelly & Gladys Runnels, Aaron Turnipseed, Beverly Weselak

Friends & Family of Members in our prayers:

Adam Alsobrook, Jason Barnett, Don & Donna Bohlcke, family of Sharon DeSalvo, Kelly Hepburn & Family, Patty Hubeny, Annie Hughes, Jake Huisingh, Drew Iacona, Jeff Judice, Eric Krissman, family of Lydia Lampo, Sophie Leblanc, Missy Perilloux, Debbie Rhodes, Lavada Washington, Ann Weeks

Members in Active Military Service:

PFC Gage Goodspeed

February Calendar Notes

<i>Day/Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Description</i>
Wednesday, February 1	10:00 a.m.	LOLL (Lots of Living Left!) - YB
Sunday, February 5	10:00 a.m.	Children Worship & Wonder - Sanctuary/YB
Tuesday, February 21		Mardi Gras (office closed)
Wednesday, February 22		Ash Wednesday
Thursday, February 23	9:30 a.m.	Disciples Women - YB
Sunday, February 26	11:00 a.m.	Elders Meeting - Sanctuary
<i>Ongoing Meetings:</i>		
Sundays	9:00 a.m.	The Study - Adult Bible Study - FH
Wednesdays	6:30 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal - Sanctuary
Thursdays	9:30 a.m.	Silver Angels - YB
Thursdays	1:00 p.m.	Thursday Afternoon Bible Study - YB



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

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](#)