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Lectionary Readings: January 1-31, 2023

Monday, January 1, 2024: *Holy Name of Jesus*

Tuesday, January 2, 2024: *Psalm 148; Proverbs 1:1-7; James 3:13-18*

Wednesday, January 3, 2024: *Psalm 110; Proverbs 1:20-33; James 4:1-10*

Thursday, January 4, 2024: *Psalm 110; Proverbs 3:1-12; James 4:11-17*

Friday, January 5, 2024: *Psalm 110; Proverbs 22:1-9; Luke 6:27-31*

Saturday, January 6, 2024: *Epiphany of the Lord*

Sunday, January 7, 2024: *Baptism of the Lord*

Monday, January 8, 2024: *Psalm 69:1-5, 30-36; Genesis 17:1-13; Romans 4:1-12*

Tuesday, January 9, 2024: *Psalm 69:1-5, 30-36; Exodus 30:22-38; Acts 22:2-16*

Wednesday, January 10, 2024: *Psalm 69:1-5, 30-36; Isaiah 41:14-20; John 1:29-34*

Thursday, January 11, 2024: *Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18; Judges 2:6-15; 2 Corinthians 10:1-11*

Friday, January 12, 2024: *Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18; Judges 2:16-23; Acts 13:16-25*

Saturday, January 13, 2024: *Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18; 1 Samuel 2:21-25; Matthew 25:1-13*

Sunday, January 14, 2024: *Second Sunday after the Epiphany*

Monday, January 15, 2024: *Psalm 86; 1 Samuel 9:27-10:8; 2 Corinthians 6:14-7:1*

Tuesday, January 16, 2024: *Psalm 86; 1 Samuel 15:10-31; Acts 5:1-11*

Wednesday, January 17, 2024: *Psalm 86; Genesis 16:1-14; Luke 18:15-17*

Thursday, January 18, 2024: *Psalm 62:5-12; Jeremiah 19:1-15; Revelation 18:11-20*

Friday, January 19, 2024: *Psalm 62:5-12; Jeremiah 20:7-13; 2 Peter 3:1-7*

Saturday, January 20, 2024: *Psalm 62:5-12; Jeremiah 20:14-18; Luke 10:13-16*

Sunday, January 21, 2024: *Third Sunday after the Epiphany*

Monday, January 22, 2024: *Psalm 46; Genesis 12:1-9; 1 Corinthians 7:17-24*

Tuesday, January 23, 2024: *Psalm 46; Genesis 45:25-46:7; Acts 5:33-42*

Wednesday, January 24, 2024: *Psalm 46; Proverbs 8:1-21; Mark 3:13-19a*

Thursday, January 25, 2024: *Psalm 111; Deuteronomy 3:23-29; Romans 9:6-18*

Friday, January 26, 2024: *Psalm 111; Deuteronomy 12:28-32; Revelation 2:12-17*

Saturday, January 27, 2024: *Psalm 111; Deuteronomy 13:1-5; Matthew 8:28-9:1*

Sunday, January 28, 2024: *Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany*

Monday, January 29, 2024: *Psalm 35:1-10; Numbers 22:1-21; Acts 21:17-26*

Tuesday, January 30, 2024: *Psalm 35:1-10; Numbers 22:22-28; 1 Corinthians 7:32-40*

Wednesday, January 31, 2024: *Psalm 35:1-10; Jeremiah 29:1-14; Mark 5:1-20*

Thank You's and Acknowledgements

I so enjoy the sermons! Thank you for them! I also thank the people of the church, members, employees, elders all do such a wonderful job of portraying a Christian life, for others.

*May God Bless,
L.E. Alonzo*

A grateful thank you to all the Christmas Elves for the Christmas Bags. It was much appreciated knowing I have been missed at the Sunday services. A big thank you to Nancy and Tony Fatta for not only making the delivery but taking time for a little visit. First Christian Church always thinks about their congregation and this means so much to me.

May all of you have a Blessed Christmas.

*Love to all at FCC,
Martha Denova*

Thank you for the opportunity to share your Sunday Morning Services.

*Merry Christmas,
Judy Parker.*

January Meetings

- **Children Worship and Wonder** will meet on **Sunday, January 7th**, during the worship service. All kids, ages 3-11, are invited to participate in this worship experience for youth.
- **Disciples Women** will meet on **Thursday, January 25th**.
- **Elders** are scheduled to meet in the sanctuary immediately following worship service on **Sunday, January 28th**.
- **Chancel Choir** rehearsals occur in the Sanctuary every **Wednesday at 6:30pm**.
- **Deacons Organization Meeting** will meet **Sunday, January 14th 11:00am** in the Sanctuary.
- **Sacraments Organization Meeting** will meet **Sunday, January 21st 11:00am** in the Library.
- **Elders Organization Meeting** will meet **Sunday, January 28th 11:00am** in the Sanctuary.

The Study on Sunday Mornings

"The Study" meets **each Sunday morning at 9:00 a.m.** This class will meet in the Youth Building while the Fellowship Hall is under construction and is led by Dak McInnis. Join in anytime! Currently, the class has begun reading and meditating on Paul's first letter to the Church in Corinth. These early Christians faced many of the same basic questions and issues that confront us today. Join with us as we study and grow in faith through God's Word each week. All are welcome!

Next Book Club Meeting

The FCC Book Club will meet again on **January 28 at 5:30 in the Youth Building**. The book is "When the Day Comes" by Gabrielle Meyer.

EPIPHANY CELEBRATION

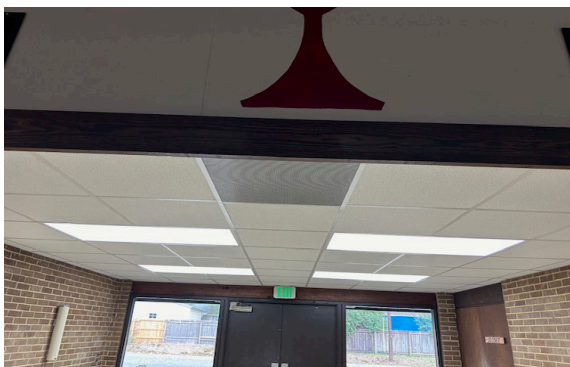
On **Sunday, January 7** our congregation will be observing EPIPHANY.

This is the time we celebrate the wise men searching for and worshipping Jesus. As this story unfolds, we find the intrigue and treachery that follows Jesus's birth. The quiet manger scene is no longer....read Matthew 2.

Office Hours

Reminder regular office hours are Monday- Thursday 9:00am-3:00pm.

Fellowship Hall Updates



Construction has been successfully completed on the Fellowship Hall (30 days early). It looks GREAT. Because the Classrooms (west end of the building) are now so light and bright, the walls and flooring look pretty dingy. While all the furniture is out, we will be painting the walls and base. Also, the carpet is particularly bad and probably saw it's better years some time ago. We (Mike's interior designer with connections) are exploring alternatives for new carpet options and costs with carpet manufacturer's and their representatives. Keep fingers crossed we can find a generous source that likes to help churches...

Mike Wilson

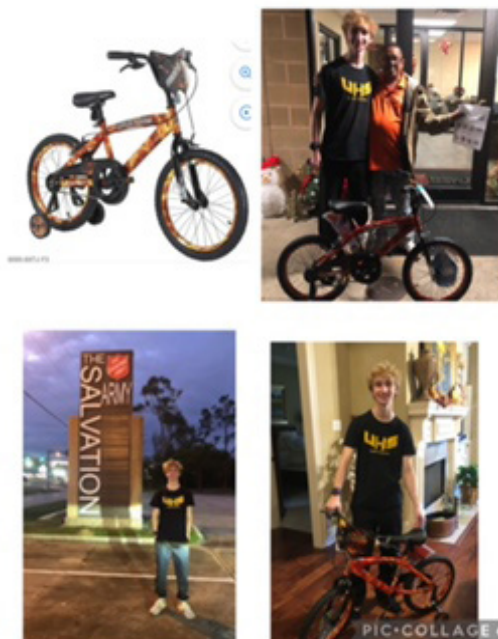
Dear Members of FCC,

I would like to thank everyone who so generously contributed to the bake sale I had on Sunday, December 3rd at the church. I was baking sweets as part of my service project with U-High's International Baccalaureate program, in order to raise money in support of the Salvation Army's 'Angel Tree' Christmas program. With your help I was able to completely fill the 'wish list' of items for a 10 month old little boy named Tylan, as well as purchase a brand new bike for another 6 year old boy. The Salvation Army was extremely grateful for the Angel Tree Wish List items and will deliver them to the children's parents for wrapping this week.

Thank you again for helping these children have a very Merry Christmas!

Happy Holidays,

Anderson Krupala



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 7, 2023

Church Opening Jerry Hilgendorf
Sacraments Brenda Hilgendorf
Liturgist Ashley Bourgeois
Children's Moment Dr. Carol Madere
Youth Reader Cora Cody
Elder Frank Dickinson
Greeter David Fennell
Deacons Ed Atkins, Ashley Bourgeois, David Fennell, Lisa Fennell
Livestream Anderson Krupala
Video Tech Nicolas Morgan
Sound Tech Joshua Dotts
Church Closing James Morgan
Program Builder Brenda Hilgendorf

January 21, 2023

Church Opening David Fennell
Sacraments Brenda Hilgendorf
Liturgist Vicki Krupala
Children's Moment Pam Comeaux
Youth Reader Brynleigh Comeaux
Elder Dr. Trey Earle
Greeter Bill Trotter
Deacons Anderson Krupala, Zachary Trotter, Lorry Trotter, Steve Gibson
Livestream Brenda Hilgendorf
Video Tech Callie Cody
Sound Tech Carmen Jones
Church Closing Tony Fatta
Program Builder Dr. Carol Madere

January 14, 2023

Church Opening Charles Riddle
Sacraments Brenda Hilgendorf
Liturgist Nancy Fatta
Children's Moment Rev. Tom Cody
Youth Reader Anderson Krupala
Elder Chris Culp
Greeter Shelly Cody
Deacons Callie Cody, Jeffy Cody, Shelly Cody, Bill Egger
Livestream Nicolas Morgan
Video Tech Frank Dickinson
Sound Tech Pam Jones
Church Closing Judy Lester
Program Builder Jeff Cody

January 28, 2023

Church Opening James Morgan
Sacraments Brenda Hilgendorf
Liturgist Carmen Jones
Children's Moment Nancy Fatta
Youth Reader Brynleigh Comeaux
Elder Vicki Krupala
Greeter Dr. Tracy Shaffer
Deacons Nicolas Morgan, Doug Shaffer, Tracy Shaffer, Joann Taliaferro
Livestream Charles Riddle
Video Tech Jeff Cody
Sound Tech Tony Fatta
Church Closing Jerry Hilgendorf
Program Builder Jill Brian

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 days.

Members in our prayers:

The Family of Tom Moore, Ashley Bourgeois, Dan Calvert, Robert Calvert, Norma Carr, Jody Chrisope, Marjorie Clark, Rev. Tom Cody, The Family of Pam Culp, Frank Dickinson, Martha Denova, Jason Dotts, Paul Foster, Sue Grigg, Lee Gullett, Ruth Horn, Presley Hutchinson, Clayton Johnson, Rev. Frank & Jane Johnson, Jeff Judice, Marie Ladner, Charlene Landry, BJ McRae, William Miguez, Helen Mitchener, James Morgan Family, Jerry Moses, Bob & Jennifer Netterville, Helen Rankin, Ruth Riddle, Kelly & Gladys Runnels, Scott Sanders, Bill & Lorry Trotter, Claudia Wagner, Abbey Weselak.

Friends & Family of Members in our prayers:

The Family of Jeremy Lee, Adam Alsobrook, Jason Barnett, Stanley Bihm, Colette Blanchard, Don & Donna Bohlcke, Viola Bradshaw, Jennifer Cangelosi, Mary Ann Giacone, Trudy Graves, Bill Hebert, Patty Hubeny, Jake Huisingh, Drew Iacona, Ruth Jernigan, Cindy L, Sophie Leblanc, Paula Mack, Betty Marche, Linda Medine, Dawn Minton, Cindy Moon, Aubrey Moran, Missy Perilloux, Christy Rodrigue, Christopher Sanders, Savannah Smith, Ramilla Soni, Willa Jo Fowler, John Townsend, Joshua Dale Watson

Active Military Service:

SPC Gage Goodspeed

January Calendar Notes

Sunday, January 7	10:30a.m.	Children's Worship and Wonder (CW&W Room)
Sunday, January 14	11:00a.m.	Deacon's Organization Meeting (Sanctuary)
Sunday, January 21	11:00a.m.	Sacraments Organization Meeting (Library)
Sunday, January 28	11:00a.m.	Elder's Organization Meeting (Sanctuary)

Ongoing Meetings:

Sundays	9:00a.m.	The Study - Adult Bible Study
Wednesdays	6:30 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal - Sanctuary
Thursdays	9:30 a.m.	Silver Angels - YB



January 2024 Outreach



ADVENT - UKRAINE PROJECT

THANKS to YOUR generosity, we raised \$2520 and shipped 33 pairs of socks (with Christmas cards and candy) to support displaced teens in war-ravaged Ukraine! Updated photographs from this ministry will be posted upon receipt.



ADVENT - FCCBR LA SHUT-IN COOKIE DELIVERY



Santa's
Cookie
Shop





A Huge Thanks to All!

Our cookie drive was a HUGE success this year. A special thank-you to everyone who baked and/or delivered cookies!



Carol Madere
Nancy Fatta
Pam Comeaux
Toni Wilson
Vicki Krupala
Kay Everly
Sherry McInnis
Dr. Tracy Shaffer
Phyllis Willis
Donna Embree



Tony Fatta
Vicki Krupala
Morgan & Poché Families
Dak McInnis
Lucy, Tom, and Callie Cody
Brenda and Jerry Hilgendorf
Helen Rankin
Chris Culp
Dr. Trey Earle
Dave Hughes

Our Outreach response this past year was extraordinary! It is always a team-effort. Your Christian faith and love shine a light in the darkness. May God bless you during the New Year!!!

- Judy

WORDS FROM THE WORSHIP COMMITTEE

Greetings from your 2023 Worship Chair, Nancy Fatta. I am pleased to say that our Advent and Christmas services along with our decorated sanctuary and narthex were well received by the congregation. I hope we achieved a combination of beauty, reverence, and spirituality in our services, music and décor that complimented Pastor Minor's amazing sermons. Thank you to all who participated by sharing their talents and serving during this season. I have also been appointed as the 2024 Worship Chairman. As many of you know, I love decorating and coordinating events. I would be thrilled for anyone who also loves these things to work with me this coming year. Banners, flowers, special services, logistics, coordinating with the Pastor, the office and music staffs, those participating in the services, etc. It's a lot of work but it's so much fun! Come and see me if you would like to help.

WELL DESERVED THANKS

I want to give a shout-out and huge thank you to Judy Lester for coordinating two wonderful outreach projects that we had the opportunity to participate in this Advent season. First, reaching across the world to send socks and Christmas greetings to people facing hardship in Ukraine. Second, reaching out to those in our own congregation that need a little more TLC with goodie bags, cookies, and visits. I know we enjoyed our visit with Martha. Let's do Judy proud and continue to reach out to those who can't be with us in person.

WALKING THE WALK

So proud of Anderson Krupala for his school Christmas service project. He made great cookies and popcorn treats for us to purchase and used the money he raised to "adopt" a child, who does not have all our advantages, for Christmas. He actually earned enough to adopt two children! Way to go, Anderson!

NOTES FROM THE BOARD CHAIR

I am Tony Fatta, your newly elected 2024 Board Chair. Greetings to our congregation. I am looking forward to working with you to continue to keep First Christian Church moving in a positive, spiritual, and vibrant direction.

I have been a member of the Disciples of Christ denomination since 1972, in Buffalo, NY, Brandon, FL and now Baton Rouge since 1995. I have previously served as various committee chairs, Deacon, Elder, and Vice Chair of the Board. I am excited to see what we can accomplish in 2024. My goal is to expand participation in our governance and social events. We are family here, and as they say, "teamwork makes the dream work."

I would like to thank those who served on the Board in 2023. Their tireless efforts have us headed in the right direction. One major accomplishment was revamping our by-laws. Our Committee Chairs will now be members of the Board. This will ensure better communication and cooperation in our efforts. I look forward to working with the 2024 Board (listed below) and seeing our congregation thrive under the leadership of our pastor, Rev. Dr. Dedrick Minor.

2024 ELECTED BOARD MEMBERS

Tony Fatta, Chair

Dak McInnis, Vice Chair

Ashley Bourgeois, Secretary

Mike Wilson, Treasurer

Ed Atkins, Member-at-large

Tony Babin, Member-at-large

Jeff Cody, Member-at-large

Trey Earle, Member-at-large

Nancy Fatta, Member-at-large

Charles Riddle, Member-at-large

Appointed Committee Chairs will be announced and added to the Board.

If you have any ideas or concerns for the Board, you may you may text, email or write a note to any Board Member.



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CHURCH CONTACT INFORMATION AND ONLINE LINKS:

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Office Hours: Monday-Thursday 9 am - 3 pm

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, *Bookkeeper*

Alyson Coyle, *Admin. Ass't.*

Charles Riddle, *Facilities*

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