

## The Latest at First Christian Church:

- The **Sunday Adult class will not meet** today.
- **Wednesday Bible study has been temporarily suspended**, given mask/spacing requirements, but our study and discussion will, hopefully, return soon!
- **Meal Ministry** - for FCC members who may need some temporary help with meal prep due to medical issues, etc., we're gathering names of volunteer cooks, delivery driver volunteers, as well as contributors of frozen meals to have on hand in the church kitchen for immediate needs. Call or email the [churchoffice@fccbrrla.org](mailto:churchoffice@fccbrrla.org).
- A **small piece of silver jewelry** was found in the courtyard this week and is being kept in the church office, for claiming by its owner.
- **Storm Recovery:** Please keep in touch with your Elder or by email to the church office as we begin the recovery process from the storm.
- **New Office Hours:** The church office is open Tuesday - Thursday, 9am - 3pm.

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**To our Visitors — Welcome to First Christian Church.** To help your experience with us be as wonderful as possible, please allow us to share a few things with you.

**Communion** — The Disciples of Christ welcome all to the Lord's Table as God has welcomed us. You do not need to be a member to receive communion. If you desire to take communion, **please collect a pre-packaged communion kit from one of the entrance tables**, and hold it with you until we partake, together, during the service.

**Offerings** — Your offering for the mission and work of the church can be placed in one of the offering plates near each entrance to the building. To donate online, please visit our website at [fccbrrla.org/giving](http://fccbrrla.org/giving), or via PayPal at [paypal.me/fccbrrla](https://paypal.me/fccbrrla) or text **73256** (e.g. "fccbrrla \$15").

**Joining the Church** — If you have not been baptized or made an adult profession of faith, please speak with the pastor. If you are already a baptized member of another church, please contact the church office about initiating a letter of transfer.

**Children** — We have children's books, coloring sheets tied to the theme of the day, crayons, and colored pencils in the bookshelf on the east side of the foyer. **Our professionally staffed nursery is open during this service to care for children from six-weeks through four years of age.** Or, if your youngster just needs a few minutes to re-group, the library is open and the livestream is available on the monitor.

**Check-in** — Whether a first-time visitor, or returning member, please check in by aiming your smart phone at the QR code in the corner, below; or, on our Facebook page: [fccbrrla](https://www.facebook.com/fccbrrla).

**Restrooms** — The men's room is in the southwest corner of the sanctuary and the women's room is in the southeast corner.

We thank you for being here today, and are grateful for your presence.

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September 12, 2021 — 10:00 a.m.  
*The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost*

## Welcome to this house of worship for all people!

Please check in at [fccbrla.org/sunday](http://fccbrla.org/sunday) or on our Facebook page, then silence your cell phone.

### WELCOMING GOD'S PRESENCE

Words of Welcome & Announcements Dr. Carol Madere

Prelude Dr. João Casarotti

\*Call to Worship Helen Rankin

**Leader:** You call us, Creator God, to live in faith and trust in You.

**People:** We call to You, Creator God, to create in us clean hearts.

**Leader:** You call to us, Redeemer God, to live in service of others as in Christ You have served us.

**People:** We call to You, Redeemer God, to renew a right and righteous spirit within us.

**Leader:** You call to us, Sustainer God, to pray without ceasing and love without question.

**People:** We call to You, Sustainer God, to grant us willing spirits to hear and do Your will.

**All:** In living faith and active listening, let us worship our Triune God.

\* Hymn of Praise Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above, vv. 1-3 Chalice Hymnal #6

### GOD SPEAKS TO US

\*Prayer of Illumination and Lord's Prayer Helen Rankin

*Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.*

Scripture Reading Psalm 46:1-11 (CEV) Leonardo Morgan

Hymn Response Gloria Patri - Glory Be to the Father Chalice Hymnal #36

Children's Sermon Dr. Carol Madere

### COMMUNITY PRAYER AND GATHERING AT THE TABLE

Prayer Hymn Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying Chalice Hymnal #305

Pastoral Prayers Rev. Dr. Julius R. Tipton

Communion Hymn O God, Unseen Yet Ever Near Chalice Hymnal #399

Invitation to the Table Rev. Dr. Julius R. Tipton

Communion Prayer David Brian

Words of Institution Rev. Dr. Julius R. Tipton

Music & Meditation

### HEARING GOD'S WORD

Scripture Hymn Ancient Words lyrics on screens

Scripture Reading James 1:19-27 David Brian

Scripture Reading Mark 7:1-8, 14-15 Rev. Dr. Julius R. Tipton

Sermon Tradition, Tradition Rev. Dr. Julius R. Tipton

### COMMISSIONING TO GOD'S WORK

Hymn of Invitation We've a Story to Tell Chalice Hymnal #484

Benediction Rev. Dr. Julius R. Tipton

Hymn Refrain Peace Be Upon You Chalice Hymnal #441

Postlude Dr. João Casarotti

Please promptly exit to the foyer or courtyard if you are not staying for the adult class scheduled to begin immediately following this service.