



# First Christian Church

## Disciples of Christ

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November 7, 2021  
*Twenty-fourth 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.

Prelude

Dr. João Casarotti

## WELCOMING GOD'S PRESENCE

Words of Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Dr. Michael Elmore

\* Call to Worship

Frank Dickinson

Leader: Amazing grace

**People:** How sweet the sound.

Leader: That saved a wretch like me.

**People:** I once was lost,

Leader: But now am found.

**People:** Was blind, but now I see.

**ALL:** *Lord of all, you have called us toward a new way of life. Give us a vision of that new life today as we worship you.*

\* Hymn of Praise

*O, How I Love Jesus*

#99

## GOD SPEAKS TO US

\* Prayer of Illumination and Lord's Prayer

Frank Dickinson

*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.*

\* Gloria Patri

*Glory Be to the Father*

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Scripture Reading

Psalm 24 (CEV)

Callie Cody

Saints Remembrance

Bulletin Insert

## COMMUNITY PRAYER AND GATHERING AT THE TABLE

Prayer Hymn	<i>For All the Saints</i>	#637, vs 1, 2, 3, 4
Pastoral Prayers		Rev. Dr. Michael Elmore
Communion Hymn	<i>Just a Closer Walk with Thee</i>	#557
Invitation to the Table		Rev. Dr. Michael Elmore
Communion Prayer		Pam Comeaux
Words of Institution		Rev. Dr. Michael Elmore
*Doxology	<i>Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow</i>	#46

## HEARING GOD'S WORD

Special Music

Scripture Reading	Mark 12:38-44 (NRSV)	Pam Comeaux
Scripture Reading	1 John 4:7-21 (NRSV)	Rev. Dr. Michael Elmore
Sermon	<i>Son of Encouragement</i>	Rev. Dr. Michael Elmore

## COMMISSIONING TO GOD'S WORK

*Hymn of Invitation	<i>Shall We Gather at the River</i>	#701
*Benediction		Rev. Dr. Michael Elmore
*Hymn Refrain	<i>Peace Be Upon You</i>	#441
*Postlude		Dr. João Casarotti

## The Latest at First Christian Church:

- **2022 General Fund Budget:** We will be working on the budget for 2022 in the next few weeks. If you are planning on making a pledge but have not done so yet, please do so as soon as possible. There are Estimate of Giving cards in the narthex or you can contact Brenda in the church office either by phone (225-926-4175) or by email (brenda@fccbrla.org).
- **Cooks Needed for Thanksgiving Luncheon:** We are in need of volunteers to cook turkeys and hams for the Thanksgiving luncheon to be held on Sunday, November 21. The turkeys and hams have been purchased by the church -- you just need to come by and pick it up. If you can help, please contact the church office.
- **Attendance Books:** Please fill out the attendance book located at the end of each of the pews. Please pass to those next to you so they may sign in as well.
- The **Sunday Adult class** has moved their meeting time to 9:00 a.m. Please join them each week for fellowship and study in the Fellowship Hall.

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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 the offering plate located in the rear of the sanctuary on the back pew to the right as you enter. To donate online, please visit our website at [fccbrla.org/giving](http://fccbrla.org/giving), or via PayPal at [paypal.me/fccbrla](http://paypal.me/fccbrla) or text 73256 (e.g. "fccbrla \$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: [fccbrla](https://www.facebook.com/fccbrla).

**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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