



# First Christian Church

## Disciples of Christ

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*Twenty-sixth 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

Pam Jones

\* Call to Worship

Vicki Krupala

Leader: Grace to you and peace from the One who is, who was, and who is to come!

**People: We're gathered in the name of Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the Ruler of all rulers on earth.**

Leader: We are in the line of rulers, and leaders, because of Jesus, who loves us.

**People: So we lift our voices to worship God, who is, who was, and who is to come.**

Leader: Together, let us pray to the Alpha and the Omega.

**People: Eagerly we stand giving glory and power to the Lord, our God.**

\* Hymn of Praise

*Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

#517

## GOD SPEAKS TO US

\* Prayer of Illumination and Lord's Prayer

Vicki Krupala

*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*

#36

Scripture Reading

Psalm 93

Anderson Krupala

Children's Moment

Leatus Still

**COMMUNITY PRAYER AND GATHERING AT THE TABLE**

Prayer Hymn	<i>O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee</i>	#602, vs 1, 3
Pastoral Prayers		Rev. Dr. Dedrick Minor
Communion Hymn	<i>Come, Share The Lord</i>	#408
Invitation to the Table		Rev. Dr. Dedrick Minor
Communion Prayer		Dr. Carol Madere
Words of Institution		Rev. Dr. Dedrick Minor
*Doxology	<i>Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow</i>	#46

**HEARING GOD’S WORD**

Special Music		Dr. João Casarotti
Scripture Reading	Psalm 132:13-18	Dr. Carol Madere
Scripture Reading	Luke 10:38-42	Rev. Dr. Dedrick Minor
Sermon	<i>The Heart of Worship</i>	Rev. Dr. Dedrick Minor

**COMMISSIONING TO GOD’S WORK**

*Hymn of Invitation	<i>I’m Gonna Live So God Can Use Me</i>	#614
*Benediction		Rev. Dr. Dedrick Minor
*Hymn Refrain	<i>Peace Be Upon You</i>	#441
*Postlude		Dr. João Casarotti

## The Latest at First Christian Church:

- **Thanksgiving Luncheon:** Immediately following worship service, please join us in the Fellowship Hall for a potluck Thanksgiving meal. Everyone is invited to share in this time of fellowship and food.
- **Church Office Hours Next Week:** The church office will be closed on Thursday, November 25th in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday. The office will be open next week Monday - Wednesday, 9:00 am to 3:00 pm.
- **Decorate the Sanctuary:** Everyone is invited to join us on Saturday, November 27th, at 10:00am as we decorate the sanctuary for our Advent season.
- **Thanksgiving Offering:** Information on our Thanksgiving special day offering is included in your bulletin. The offering is used for higher education and leadership ministries of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), i.e., colleges, universities, seminaries, and divinity houses.
- 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 Parlor.

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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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