



First Christian Church

Disciples of Christ

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December 12, 2021
Third Sunday of Advent

Welcome to this house of worship for all people!

Please check in at 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. Tom Cody

* Call to Worship

Lucy Cody

Leader: Listen! Do you hear the sounds of joy? Have you heard the messenger's good news?

People: The Word was with God from the beginning. In Jesus, the Word has come to dwell among us.

Leader: Break forth into singing, people of God! Your comfort and your salvation are at hand.

People: In Christ, we are empowered as God's children. We are gifted with grace and truth.

Leader: Sing a new song and marvel at God's ways. Make a joyful noise through all the earth.

People: We celebrate the true light that enlightens us. We rejoice in the gift of new life.

* Hymn of Praise

Come, O Long-expected Jesus

#125

GOD SPEAKS TO US

* Prayer of Illumination and Lord's Prayer

Lucy Cody

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

Advent Candle Lighting

Greg & Amy Taliaferro Family

Advent Hymn

One Candle Is Lit

#128, vs 3

Scripture Reading	Isaiah 61:1-2, 10-11	Callie Cody
Children's Moment		Ashley Bourgeois

COMMUNITY PRAYER AND GATHERING AT THE TABLE

Prayer Hymn	<i>Give Thanks</i>	#528
Pastoral Prayers		Rev. Tom Cody
Communion Hymn	<i>O Come, O Come, Emmanuel</i>	#119
Invitation to the Table		Rev. Tom Cody
Communion Prayer		Vicki Krupala
Words of Institution		Rev. Tom Cody
*Doxology	<i>Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow</i>	#46

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Special Music		Dr. João Casarotti
Scripture Reading	Luke 1:46-50, 53-54	Vicki Krupala
Scripture Reading	John 1:6-8, 19-28	Rev. Tom Cody
Sermon	Joy! Joy! Joy! Coming Soon!!!	Rev. Tom Cody

COMMISSIONING TO GOD'S WORK

*Hymn of Invitation	<i>Good Christian Friends, Rejoice</i>	#164
*Benediction		Rev. Tom Cody
*Hymn Refrain	<i>Peace Be Upon You</i>	#441
*Postlude		Dr. João Casarotti

The Latest at First Christian Church:

- **Annual Congregational Meeting:** Our annual congregational meeting will be held today immediately following the worship service.
 - **Christmas Cantata:** The Chancel Choir is hard at work rehearsing for our annual Christmas Cantata. We hope that you and your family and friends will join us next Sunday for this special musical presentation.
 - **Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion:** There will be one service this year on Christmas Eve at 6:00 p.m. This service is a combination of our previous services and will offer something for everyone -- children as well as adults.
 - **Disciples Women Christmas Party:** The ladies will meet at Esther Schilf's home (12820 Deerpath Way) at 11:00 a.m. Ham and rolls will be furnished. Please bring a side dish to share and a gift (\$15-\$20) for the gift exchange. If you'd like to carpool, please meet at the church at 10:30am. Please contact the church office if you are planning to attend so we can get a head count.
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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 the narthex or 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 fccbrrla.org/giving, or via PayPal at 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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