

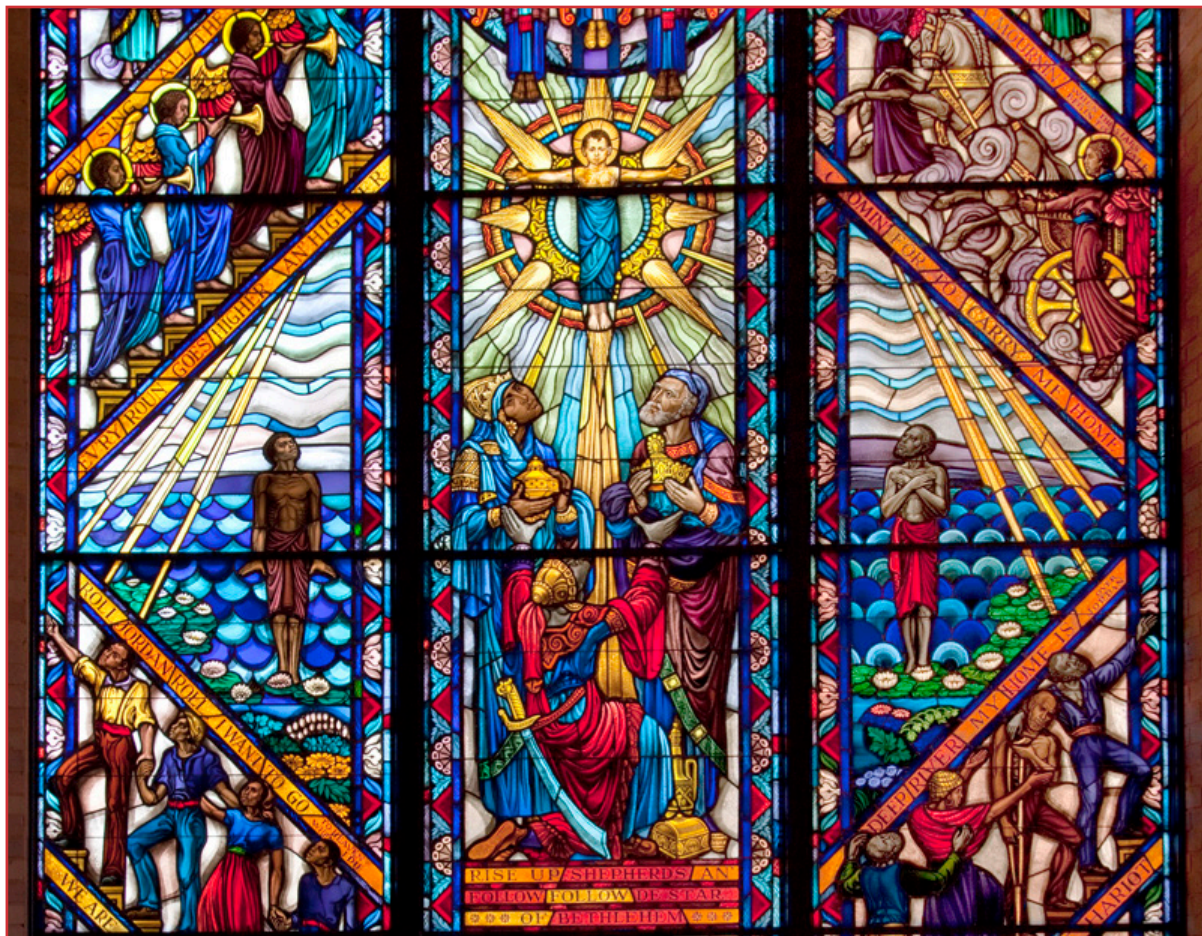


# First Christian Church

## Disciples of Christ

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January 2, 2022  
*Second Sunday after Christmas*

# Welcome to this house of worship for all people!

Please check in at [fcbirla.org/sunday](https://fcbirla.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. Dedrick Minor

\* Call to Worship

Jerry Moses

One: Stand up and Shine! For your light has come.

**Many: The glory of the Lord is setting us ablaze with Light!**

One: Lift up your eyes and look around.

**Many: Now is the time to see and be radiant!**

One: It's time to rejoice, for God is at work.

**Many: So now is our time to look up! Light up!**

**All: Let us worship the Lord our God!**

\* Hymn of Praise

*Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

#2, vs 1, 4

## GOD SPEAKS TO US

\* Prayer of Illumination and Lord's Prayer

Jerry Moses

*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 8

Anderson Krupala

Children's Moment

Leatus Still

**COMMUNITY PRAYER AND GATHERING AT THE TABLE**

Prayer Hymn	<i>What Child Is This</i>	#162, vs 1, 3
Pastoral Prayers		Rev. Dr. Dedrick Minor
Communion Hymn	<i>One Bread, One Body</i>	#393, vs 1, 2
Invitation to the Table		Rev. Dr. Dedrick Minor
Communion Prayer		Pam Comeaux
Words of Institution		Rev. Dr. Dedrick Minor
*Doxology	<i>Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow</i>	#46

**HEARING GOD’S WORD**

Special Music	<i>Who Would Imagine A King</i>	Rebekah Alphonso
Scripture Reading	Galatians 4:4-7	Pam Comeaux
Scripture Reading	Exodus 13:21-22, 14:10-14	Rev. Dr. Dedrick Minor
Sermon	<b><i>Don’t Look Back</i></b>	Rev. Dr. Dedrick Minor

**COMMISSIONING TO GOD’S WORK**

*Hymn of Invitation	<i>I Have Decided to Follow Jesus</i>	#344
*Benediction		Rev. Dr. Dedrick Minor
*Congregational Refrain	<i>Peace Be Upon You</i>	#441
*Postlude		Dr. João Casarotti

## The Latest at First Christian Church:

- **Rev. Dr. Dedrick Minor's Office Hours:** Rev. Minor will be in the church office on Wednesdays, 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm, and on Saturdays, 10:30 am to 1:00 pm. He can be reached via email at [dedrick@fccbrla.org](mailto:dedrick@fccbrla.org).
- **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 back classroom of the Fellowship Hall.
- **Remove Christmas Decorations:** Everyone is encouraged to join us on Saturday, January 8th, at 10:00am to remove the Christmas decorations from the sanctuary. If you have any questions, please contact Lucy Cody or Sherry McInnis, Worship Co-Chairs.
- **Name Change:** The Crafts Ladies have chosen a new name for their group. Their name is now Silver Angels. All ladies of the church are invited to join them. They meet every Thursday in the Youth Building at 9:30 a.m. for fellowship and food.

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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 credenzas in the narthex*** 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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Church office hours: Tuesday-Thursday, 9 am until 3 pm

