



# First Christian Church

## Disciples of Christ

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January 23, 2022  
*Third Sunday after the Epiphany*

# 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. Dedrick Minor

\* Call to Worship

Lisa Fennell

One: The Spirit of the Lord!

**Many: Come! Let's tune our hearts and minds to the Spirit.**

One: The Spirit anoints Jesus' followers.

**Many: That's us! We are Jesus's followers.**

One: The Spirit of the Lord promises good news to the poor, release for the captives, and setting free the oppressed.

**Many: May our worship embolden us to action!**

\* Hymn of Praise

*Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore*

#342, vs. 1,2

## GOD SPEAKS TO US

\* Invocation and Lord's Prayer

Lisa Fennell

*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

Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10

Leonardo Morgan

Children's Moment

Dr. Carol Madere

## COMMUNITY PRAYER AND GATHERING AT THE TABLE

Prayer Hymn	<i>Be Still, My Soul</i>	#566, vs. 1, 2
Pastoral Prayers		Rev. Dr. Dedrick Minor
Communion Hymn	<i>Be Known to Us in Breaking Bread</i>	#398, vs. 1, 2
Invitation to the Table		Rev. Dr. Dedrick Minor
Communion Prayer		Lucy Cody
Words of Institution		Rev. Dr. Dedrick Minor
*Doxology	<i>Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow</i>	#46

## HEARING GOD'S WORD

Anthem	<i>I Love the Lord</i>	Chancel Choir
Scripture Reading	Psalm 19	Lucy Cody
Scripture Reading	1 Corinthians 12:12-17, 21-26; 13:1	Rev. Dr. Dedrick Minor
Sermon	<i>The Beloved Community</i>	Rev. Dr. Dedrick Minor

## COMMISSIONING TO GOD'S WORK

Special Music	<i>Hold Us Together</i>	Amber Turnipseed/Congregation
*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.
- **Ministry Opportunities:** Inserted in today's bulletin is the 2022 Volunteer Opportunities sheet. Please review this information and sign up for the areas in which you can participate in the life of the church.

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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

