

# First Christian Church

Disciples of Christ

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## 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.

Palm Sunday Video Screen

Prelude Dr. João Casarotti

#### WELCOMING GOD'S PRESENCE

Words of Welcome & Announcements Rev. Dr. Tip Tipton

\* Call to Worship Sherry McInnis

One: Come! Shout for joy to the One who comes in the name of the Lord!

All: Blessed is the one who comes for us all! Sing praises!

One: Praise God on earth, and shout hallelujah in the highest heaven!

All: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

\* Hymn of Praise This Is a Day of New Beginnings #518, vv. 1, 3, 4

#### **GOD SPEAKS TO US**

\*Invocation and Lord's Prayer

**Sherry McInnis** 

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

Service of Baptism

Rev. Dr. Dedrick Minor

Jordan Bourgeois, Collin Landry, Kinzley McCoy, Leonardo Morgan

#### **COMMUNITY PRAYER AND GATHERING AT THE TABLE**

Prayer Hymn He Is I ord #117 Pastoral Prayers Rev. Dr. Tip Tipton Communion Hymn One Bread, One Body #393, vv. 1, 2 Invitation to the Table Rev. Dr. Tip Tipton Communion Prayer Chris Culp Words of Institution Rev. Dr. Tip Tipton Invitation to Share Offerings Rev. Dr. Tip Tipton Offertory Dr. João Casarotti \*Doxology Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow #46 \*Dedication Prayer for our Offerings Rev. Dr. Tip Tipton

### **HEARING GOD'S WORD**

Easter Cantata "O What A Savior!" Chancel Choir

Special Guest: Derrica Morris (Soprano); Wendell Mitchell (Speaker)

### **COMMISSIONING TO GOD'S WORK**

*Hymn of Invitation	My Jesus, I Love Thee	#349, vv. 1, 3
Introduction of New Members		Rev. Dr. Dedrick Minor
*Benediction		Rev. Dr. Dedrick Minor

\*Congregational Refrain Peace Be Upon You #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. Rev. Dedrick is also available at other times. Please contact him to make an appointment. He can be reached via email at dedrick@fccbrla.org.
- The Adult Sunday School Class meets at 9:00 a.m. Please join them for fellowship and sharing in The Study located in the rear of the Fellowship Hall.
- Meet The Candidate: We will hold a "meet and greet" the candidate chosen by the Search & Call Committee and the Board on Sunday, April 24, immediately following worship. Rev. Minor will tell the congregation about himself and his spiritual journey and then the congregation will have an opportunity to ask him guestions.
- Catered Fellowship Luncheon: Immediately following the "meet and greet" on Sunday, April 24, we will gather in the Fellowship Hall to enjoy a catered meal and fellowship with one another. We hope you will be with us for these events.

**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 tables 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 plates as they are passed by the deacons during the worship service. To donate online, please visit our website at <a href="mailto:fccbrla.org/giving.">fccbrla.org/giving.</a> or via PayPal at <a href="mailto:paypal.me/fccbrla">paypal.me/fccbrla</a> 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 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*.

**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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