



# First Christian Church

## Disciples of Christ

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Rev. Tom Cody  
Guest Minister

May 15, 2022  
*Fifth Sunday of Easter*

# 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. Tom Cody

\*Call to Worship

Pam Comeaux

One: Come to worship God whose love was revealed in Jesus. Let all the ends of the earth turn to our God.

**Many: We will worship the Almighty and sing praises. We will proclaim good news to others.**

One: We are called to love as God loves us. We are to love one another as sisters and brothers.

**Many: Everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. We seek to let God's love be perfected in us.**

One: Remember that you have been baptized. God claims you and has high expectations of you.

**Many: Christ is the vine; we are the branches. We will bear fruit when we abide in the vine.**

\* Hymn of Praise

*Be Thou My Vision*

#595, vv. 1, 4

## GOD SPEAKS TO US

\* Invocation and Lord's Prayer

Pam Comeaux

*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 148

Zachary Trotter

Children's Moment

Rev. Tom Cody

## COMMUNITY PRAYER AND GATHERING AT THE TABLE

Prayer Hymn	<i>Sweet Hour of Prayer</i>	#570, v. 1
Pastoral Prayers		Rev. Tom Cody
Communion Hymn	<i>Fill My Cup, Lord</i>	#351, v. 1
Invitation to the Table		Rev. Tom Cody
Communion Prayer		Dr. Carol Madere
Words of Institution		Rev. Tom Cody
Invitation to Share Offerings		Rev. Tom Cody
Offertory		Dr. João Casarotti
*Doxology	<i>Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow</i>	#46
*Dedication Prayer for our Offerings		Rev. Tom Cody

## HEARING GOD'S WORD

Musical Offering	<i>Walk with Me Lord</i>	Carmen Jones, Soloist Aaron Turnipseed, Piano
Scripture Reading	John 13:31-35	Dr. Carol Madere
Scripture Reading	Acts 11:1-18	Rev. Tom Cody
Sermon		Rev. Tom Cody

### How God Will Sometimes Bop Us On The Head

## COMMISSIONING TO GOD'S WORK

*Hymn of Invitation	<i>Standing in the Need of Prayer</i>	#579, vv. 1, 2
*Benediction		Rev. Tom Cody
*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. 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](mailto:dedrick@fccbrla.org).
- **The Sunday Adult 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.
- **Istrouma Music Project:** We are still collecting funds for the Istrouma Magnet school music program. A check will be presented to the school at the recital held in our sanctuary on May 18th. We still need volunteers to help with the reception following the recital. Please contact Judy Lester if you can help.
- **Installation Service:** Rev. Minor will be installed as our Senior Minister on Sunday, June 26th. Rev. Dr. Nadine Burton, Regional Minister, will also be with us that day. A fellowship event will be held in the Fellowship Hall immediately following worship.

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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 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 [fccbrla.org/giving](http://fccbrla.org/giving), or via PayPal at [paypal.me/fccbrla](https://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 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

