



First Christian Church

Disciples of Christ

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Rev. Dr. Dedrick J. Minor
Senior Minister

April 30, 2023
Fourth Sunday of Easter

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

Aaron Turnipseed

Video - This Is Holy Ground

Screen

WELCOMING GOD'S PRESENCE

Words of Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Dr. Dedrick Minor

* Call to Worship

Vicki Krupala

One: We're gathered to catch our breath, with God as our shepherd.

All: No need to be afraid when God walks by our side.

One: The Lord's staff makes us feel secure.

All: How glad we are, knowing the Lord's love chases after us every day!

One: Come home! This place is God's house, and it's a place for all people.

All: For all our lives, we have a place and a shepherd!

* Hymn of Praise

God of Grace and God of Glory

#464, v. 1, 2

GOD SPEAKS TO US

* Invocation and Lord's Prayer

Vicki Krupala

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

Psalms 23

Anderson Krupala

Children's Moment

Pam Comeaux

COMMUNITY PRAYER AND GATHERING AT THE TABLE

Prayer Hymn	<i>My Shepherd, You Supply My Need</i>	#80, v. 1
Pastoral Prayers		Rev. Dr. Dedrick Minor
Communion Hymn	<i>Let Us Break Bread Together</i>	#425, vv. 1, 2
Invitation to the Table		Rev. Dr. Dedrick Minor
Communion Prayer		Lucy Cody
Words of Institution		Rev. Dr. Dedrick Minor
Invitation to Share Offerings		Rev. Dr. Dedrick Minor
Offertory		Aaron Turnipseed
*Doxology	<i>Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow</i>	#46
*Dedication Prayer for our Offerings		Rev. Dr. Dedrick Minor

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Musical Offering	<i>We Are One, Lord</i>	Chancel Choir
Scripture Reading	1 Peter 2:19-25	Lucy Cody
Ordination Anniversary Recognition		Rev. Dr. Dedrick Minor
Scripture Reading	John 10:7-15	Rev. Dr. Dedrick Minor
Sermon	The Good Shepherd	Rev. Dr. Dedrick Minor

COMMISSIONING TO GOD'S WORK

*Hymn of Invitation	<i>Great Is Thy Faithfulness</i>	#86, vv. 1, 2, 3
*Benediction		Rev. Dr. Dedrick Minor
*Congregational Refrain	<i>Peace Be Upon You</i>	#441
*Postlude		Aaron Turnipseed

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 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.
- **Thursday Afternoon Bible Study:** Please join us on Thursdays at 1:00 p.m. in the Youth Building for Bible study. The study is lead by Rev. Tom Cody.
- **Lectionary Link:** Please click here to access the readings: <https://lectionary.library.vanderbilt.edu/daily.php?year=A>
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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, or via PayPal at 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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