



# First Christian Church

## Disciples of Christ

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Rev. Dr. Dedrick J. Minor  
Senior Minister

August 6th, 2023  
*Back to School: Blessing of the Backpack*

# 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

Patrick Summers

Video- Live More Like Jesus

Screen

## WELCOMING GOD'S PRESENCE

Words of Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Dr. Dedrick Minor

\*Call to Worship

Lucy Cody

One: When Jacob wrestled at Jabbok, he would not give up until he gained a blessing.

**All: Sometimes, we find ourselves wrestling with God, yearning for a blessing.**

One: May this hour of worship open the door for each of us, and all of us, to pursue **the gifts God willingly provides.**

**All: Today, we continue our search for the face of God,**

One: knowing in God's presence we'll find our peace.

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

\* Hymn of Praise

*Holy Ground*

#112, sing twice

## GOD SPEAKS TO US

\* Invocation and Lord's Prayer

Lucy Cody

*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 17:1-7, 15

Cora Cody

Blessing the Backpacks

Rev. Dr. Dedrick Minor

## COMMUNITY PRAYER AND GATHERING AT THE TABLE

Prayer Hymn	<i>Sweet Hour of Prayer</i>	#570, vs. 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		Judy Lester
Words of Institution		Rev. Dr. Dedrick Minor
Invitation to Share Offerings		Rev. Dr. Dedrick Minor
Offertory		Patrick Summers
*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		
Scripture Reading	Romans 9: 1-5	Judy Lester
Scripture Reading	Matthew 14:13-21	Rev. Dr. Dedrick Minor
Sermon	<b>Bread of Heaven</b>	Rev. Dr. Dedrick Minor

## COMMISSIONING TO GOD'S WORK

*Hymn of Invitation	<i>Fill My Cup, Lord</i>	#351, all verses
*Benediction		Rev. Dr. Dedrick Minor
*Congregational Refrain	<i>Peace Be Upon You</i>	#441
*Postlude		Patrick Summers

## 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.
- **Thursday Afternoon Bible Study:** Please join us on Thursdays at 1:00pm 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](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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