



# First Christian Church

## Disciples of Christ

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Rev. Dr. Dedrick J. Minor  
Senior Minister

December 10, 2023  
*Second Sunday of Advent*

# 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

Aaron Turnipseed

Video- Peace

Screen

## WELCOMING GOD'S PRESENCE

Words of Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Dr. Dedrick Minor

\*Call to Worship

Kristin Morgan

One: Good news today! Hear the beginning of the Gospel of Jesus Christ  
The prophet Isaiah declares: Prepare the way of the Lord, make those  
paths straight.

All: **John the Baptist came, preparing the way as he spoke out. Drawing  
people into the waters of baptism, inviting all to repent, declaring sin  
would be forgiven.**

One: John proclaimed: "One more powerful than I is coming."

All: **Let's all declare! "Prepare the way of the Lord."**

\* Hymn of Praise

*O Come, All Ye Faithful*

#148, vv. 1, 4

## GOD SPEAKS TO US

\* Invocation and Lord's Prayer

Kristin Morgan

*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

Advent Candle Lighting

Cody's

Advent Hymn

*One Candle is Lit*

#128, v. 2

Scripture Reading	Psalms 85:1-2, 8-13	Cora Cody
Hymn	Seek Ye First	#354, v. 1
Children's Moment		Judy Lester

## COMMUNITY PRAYER AND GATHERING AT THE TABLE

Prayer Hymn	<i>Emmanuel, Emmanuel</i>	#134, sing twice
Pastoral Prayers		Rev. Dr. Dedrick Minor
Communion Hymn	<i>Let us Break Bread Together</i>	#425 vv. 1, 3
Invitation to the Table		Rev. Dr. Dedrick Minor
Communion Prayer		Sherry McInnis
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		
Scripture Reading	2 Peter 3:8-15	Sherry McInnis
Scripture Reading	Matthew 11:25-30	Rev. Dr. Dedrick Minor
Sermon	<b>Come</b>	Rev. Dr. Dedrick Minor

## COMMISSIONING TO GOD'S WORK

*Hymn of Invitation	<i>Just As I Am, Without One Plea</i>	#339, sing verse 1 three times
*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](mailto:dedrick@fccbrla.org).
- **The Sunday Adult class** meets at 9:00 a.m. Please join them for fellowship and sharing in the Youth Building.
- **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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