



First Christian Church

Disciples of Christ

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Rev. Jason Dunham
Guest Minister

December 31, 2023
First Sunday After Christmas Day

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- The Greatest Story Ever Told

Screen

WELCOMING GOD'S PRESENCE

Words of Welcome & Announcements

Dak McInnis

*Call to Worship

Pam Comeaux

One: Gathered on this Sunday-between, we meet up with Simeon and Anna.

**ALL: We're here after all the joy and uproar, and all the loneliness,
and all the memories of Christmases past.**

One: We're here to claim the light and the glory of Jesus,

ALL: born in our hearts once more, to be a blessing for each and for all.

One: So we can step from this year to the next, praising God!

**ALL: Praise God! May we breathe in God's peace, like a sleepy child
breathing in the presence of a loving parent!**

* Hymn of Praise

Once in Royal David's City

#165 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

Brynleigh Comeaux

Children's Moment

Ashley Bourgeois

COMMUNITY PRAYER AND GATHERING AT THE TABLE

Prayer Hymn	<i>Silent Night, Holy Night</i>	#145 vv. 1, 4
Pastoral Prayers		Dak McInnis
Communion Hymn	<i>Hark! the Herald Angels Sing</i>	#150 vv. 1, 3
Invitation to the Table		Dak McInnis
Communion Prayer		Carmen Jones
Words of Institution		Dak McInnis
Invitation to Share Offerings		Dak McInnis
Offertory		Aaron Turnipseed
*Doxology	<i>Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow</i>	#46
*Dedication Prayer for our Offerings		Dak McInnis

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Musical Offering	God Rest Ye Merry Gentleman	Earl Poole, soloist
Scripture Reading	Galatians 4:4-7	Carmen Jones
Scripture Reading	John 6:22-59	Rev. Jason Dunham

COMMISSIONING TO GOD'S WORK

*Hymn of Invitation	<i>Good Christian Friends, Rejoice</i>	#164 vv. 1, 3
Benediction		Dak McInnis
*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 Youth Building.
- **Lectionary Link:** Please click here to access the readings: <https://lectionary.library.vanderbilt.edu/daily.php?year=A>

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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