



First Christian Church

Disciples of Christ

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Rev. Dr. Dedrick J. Minor
Senior Minister

February 14, 2024
Ash Wednesday

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- We Seek You

Screen

WELCOMING GOD'S PRESENCE

Words of Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Dr. Dedrick Minor

* Hymn of Praise

Rock of Ages

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GOD SPEAKS TO US

* Invocation and Lord's Prayer

Dr. Carol Madere

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

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Responsive Reading

Psalm 51

Ashley Bourgeois

One: Have mercy on me, Oh God, according to your loving kindness. In your compassion blot out my offenses.

All: **Wash me through and through from my wickedness and cleanse me from my sin.**

One: For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. Against you have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight.

All: **And so you are justified when you speak your judgment. Indeed I have been wicked from my birth, a sinner from my mother's womb.**

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One: Purge me from my sin, and I shall be pure; wash me, and I shall be clean. Make me hear of joy and gladness, that the body you have broken may rejoice.

All: Hide your face from my sins, and blot out my iniquities. Create in me a clean heart, Oh God, and renew a right spirit within me.

One: Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. Give me the joy of your saving help again.

All: I shall teach your ways to the wicked, and sinners shall return to you. Deliver me from death, Oh God, and my tongue shall sing of your righteousness.

One: Open my lips, Oh Lord, and my mouth shall proclaim your praise. Had you desired it, I would have offered burnt offerings.

All: But the sacrifice of God is a troubled spirit; a broken and contrite heart, God will not despise.

One: Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be. Amen.

Special Music	<i>Great is Thy Faithful</i>	Aaron Turnipseed, piano solo
Scripture Reading	Joel 2: 12-18	Ed Atkins
Scripture Reading	Matthew 6: 1-6; 16-21	Dak McInnis
Scripture Reading	Psalms 51:1-6	Rev. Dr. Dedrick Minor
Sermon	It's Me, It's Me, O Lord	Rev. Dr. Dedrick Minor

COMMUNION AND IMPOSITION OF ASHES

Invitation Rev. Dr. Dedrick Minor

Prayer Dr. Trey Earle

Distribution Lisa Fennell, David Fennell

Proceed down the center aisle to Rev. Dedrick, who will impose the ashes. Thereafter, please move to one of the communion stations to receive the elements by intinction before returning to your pew.

Reflection and Meditation Rev. Dr. Dedrick Minor

COMMISSIONING TO GOD'S WORK

*Benediction Rev. Dr. Dedrick Minor

*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 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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