



# First Christian Church

## Disciples of Christ

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Rev. Dr. Dedrick Minor  
Senior Minister

April 21, 2024  
*Fourth Sunday of Easter*

# 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 - He Is Worship

Screen

## WELCOMING GOD'S PRESENCE

Words of Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Dr. Dedrick Minor

\*Call to Worship

Tony Fatta

One: Come! Let us worship God, who provides a shepherd for all the sheep.

**All: We're here to listen to the voice of One who cares for us and for all of God's beloved.**

One: There will be one flock, one shepherd.

**All: Though we, like sheep, have gone astray, the shepherd will call us back.**

One: Our shepherd willingly laid down life, itself, for us!

**All: Let's rejoice in the shepherd who guards and guides us all.**

\* Hymn of Praise

*The Lord's My Shepherd*

#78, vv. 1, 5

## GOD SPEAKS TO US

\* Invocation and Lord's Prayer

Tony Fatta

*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

John 3:16-24

Leo Morgan

Hymn

Seek Ye First

#354, v. 1

Children's Moment

Dr. Carol Madere

## COMMUNITY PRAYER AND GATHERING AT THE TABLE

Prayer Hymn	<i>Abide with Me</i>	#636, vv. 1, 3
Pastoral Prayers		Rev. Dr. Dedrick Minor
Communion Hymn	<i>Bread of the World, in Mercy Broken</i>	#387
Invitation to the Table		Rev. Dr. Dedrick Minor
Communion Prayer		Dak 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

Congregational Hymn	My Shepherd, You Supply My Need	#80, vv. 1,3
Scripture Reading	Acts 4:5-12	Dak McInnis
Scripture Reading	Psalms 23	Rev. Dr. Dedrick Minor
Sermon	<b>The Lord is My Shepherd</b>	Rev. Dr. Dedrick Minor

## COMMISSIONING TO GOD'S WORK

*Hymn of Invitation	<i>He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought</i>	#545 vv. 1, 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](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 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](http://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*.

**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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