



# First Christian Church

## Disciples of Christ

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# JOURNEY to GENEROSITY

*The Way of Jesus*

Rev. Dr. Dedrick Minor  
Senior Minister

September 8, 2024  
*Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost*

# 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 - "Call To Worship"

Screen

## WELCOMING GOD'S PRESENCE

Words of Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Dr. Dedrick Minor

Consecration Moment

Michael Wilson

\*Call to Worship

Dr. Trey Earle

One: We've come together to praise God as people who trust in God's goodness.

**All: As God's beloved sons and daughters, we put our trust in the Lord.**

One: God surrounds us, as the mountains surround Jerusalem.

**All: Encircled by the Holy One, we pray God will do good for us.**

One: Today, let's celebrate with whole hearts, rejoicing in God's steadfast love.

**All: Thanks be to God for all the ways we're encircled by our Creator, our Redeemer, and our Sustainer.**

\* Hymn of Praise

*In Christ There Is No East or West*

#687, vv. 1, 4

## GOD SPEAKS TO US

\* Invocation and Lord's Prayer

Dr. Trey Earle

***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 125: 1-5

Brynleigh Comeaux

Hymn

*Seek Ye First*

#354, v. 1

Children's Moment

Nancy Fatta

## COMMUNITY PRAYER AND GATHERING AT THE TABLE

Prayer Hymn	<i>Heal Me, Hands of Jesus</i>	#504, vv. 1, 2
Pastoral Prayers		Rev. Dr. Dedrick Minor
Communion Hymn	<i>In Remembrance of Me</i>	#403, vv. 1, 2
Invitation to the Table		Rev. Dr. Dedrick Minor
Communion Prayer		Rev. Tom Cody
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
Offering Response	<i>We Give Thee but Thine Own</i>	#382, v. 1

## HEARING GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading	James 2:1-10	Rev. Tom Cody
Congregational Hymn	<i>Open My Eyes, That I May See</i>	#586, vv. 1, 2, 3
Scripture Reading	John 11:28-36	Rev. Dr. Dedrick Minor
Sermon	<b>The God Who Weeps</b>	Rev. Dr. Dedrick Minor

## COMMISSIONING TO GOD'S WORK

*Hymn of Invitation	<i>Because He Lives</i>	#562, refrain only, 3 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 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=B#id207>
- **Church Office Hours:** Monday - Thursday, 9 am until 3 pm
- **Contact Information:** Office phone: 225-926-4175 • Email: [churchoffice@fccbrla.org](mailto:churchoffice@fccbrla.org)

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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.

**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.