



# First Christian Church

## Disciples of Christ

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Rev. Dak McInnis  
Minister

October 27, 2024  
*Twenty-third 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 - Live More Like Jesus

Screen

## WELCOMING GOD'S PRESENCE

Words of Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Dak McInnis

\*Call to Worship

Tony Fatta

One: Friends, we're gathered to bless the Lord!

**All: Praise God! Let glad shouts of blessing open this hour.**

One: The Lord answers us in our time of need, and will deliver us from our fears.

**All: From home and work, from school and play, in good times and tough times, we will bless God.**

One: Happy are those who take refuge in the Lord.

**All: God's praises will continuously fill our mouths!**

\* Hymn of Praise

*Take My Life*

#609, vv. 1, 5, 6

## 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

2 Kings 4:1-7

Brynleigh Comeaux

Hymn

*Seek Ye First*

#354, v. 1

Children's Moment

Dr. Tracy Shaffer

## COMMUNITY PRAYER AND GATHERING AT THE TABLE

|                                      |  |                  |
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| Prayer Hymn                          | <i>Through It All</i>                          | #555             |
| Pastoral Prayers                     |  | Rev. Dak McInnis |
| Communion Hymn                       | <i>Let Us Break Bread Together</i>             | #425, vv. 1, 2   |
| Invitation to the Table              |  | Rev. Dak McInnis |
| Communion Prayer                     |  | Sherry McInnis   |
| Words of Institution                 |  | Rev. Dak McInnis |
| Invitation to Share Offerings        |  | Rev. Dak McInnis |
| Offertory                            |  | Aaron Turnipseed |
| *Doxology                            | <i>Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow</i> | #46              |
| *Dedication Prayer for our Offerings |  | Rev. Dak McInnis |
| Offering Response                    | <i>We Give Thee but Thine Own</i>              | #382, v. 1       |

## HEARING GOD'S WORD

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| Scripture Reading | John 4:24-30                           | Sherry McInnis                                       |
| Musical Offering  | <i>Ancient Words</i>                   | Dr. Trey Earle, soloist<br>Aaron Turnipseed, pianist |
| Scripture Reading | John 1:1-5, 14                         | Rev. Dak McInnis                                     |
| Sermon            | <b>Empty Vessels, Gather Not A Few</b> | Rev. Dak McInnis                                     |

## COMMISSIONING TO GOD'S WORK

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| *Hymn of Invitation     | <i>Shalom to You Now</i> | #436             |
| *Benediction            |                          | Rev. Dak McInnis |
| *Congregational Refrain | <i>Peace Be Upon You</i> | #441             |
| *Postlude               |                          | Aaron Turnipseed |

## The Latest at First Christian Church:

- **Rev. Dr. Dedrick Minor - Appointment Hours:** Rev. Minor is available to meet with parishioners. 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 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
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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.