



First Christian Church

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Rev. Dr. Dedrick Minor
Senior Minister

December 8, 2024
Second Sunday of Advent

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 Unexpected Messiah - Peace

Screen

WELCOMING GOD'S PRESENCE

Words of Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Dr. Dedrick Minor

*Call to Worship

Chris Culp

One: Welcome to this time of worship, for the Lord has done great things for us! Let us rejoice with our hearts, our minds, and our voices.

All: *Yes! The Lord has done great things for us.*

One: We may have wept for moments or for days, but now it's time to rejoice!

All: *We no longer focus on our grief, but turn to God with shouts of joy!*

One: The Lord is doing great things.

All: *Let's offer our praise to the Lord our God.*

* Hymn of Praise

Angels, from the Realms of Glory

#149, vv. 1, 4

GOD SPEAKS TO US

* Invocation and Lord's Prayer

Chris Culp

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

Advent Wreath - Board Officers

Tony Fatta, Rev. Dak McInnis

Ashley Bourgeois, Michael Wilson

Advent Hymn

One Candle Is Lit

#128, v. 2

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| Scripture Reading | Malachi 3:1-4 | Leonardo Morgan |
| Hymn | <i>Seek Ye First</i> | #354, v. 1 |
| Children's Moment | | Dr. Tracy Shaffer |

COMMUNITY PRAYER AND GATHERING AT THE TABLE

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| Prayer Hymn | <i>Lead Me, Guide Me</i> | #583, sing twice |
| Pastoral Prayers | | Rev. Dr. Dedrick Minor |
| Communion Hymn | <i>Here is Bread</i> | Screen, vv. 1, 3 |
| Invitation to the Table | | Rev. Dr. Dedrick Minor |
| Communion Prayer | | Rev. Tom Cody |
| Words of Institution | | Rev. Dr. Dedrick Minor |

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| 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

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| Scripture Reading | Luke 3:1-6 | Rev. Tom Cody |
| Congregational Hymn | <i>What Child Is This</i> | #162, vv. 1, 3 |

COMMISSIONING TO GOD'S WORK

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| *Hymn of Invitation | <i>Have Thine Own Way, Lord!</i> <i>Spirit of the Living God</i> | #588, v. 1 (sing twice) #259 (sing twice) |
| *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 - 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.
- **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
- **Contact Information:** Office phone: 225-926-4175 • Email: churchoffice@fccbrla.org

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.

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.