



# First Christian Church

## Disciples of Christ

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Rev. Dr. Dedrick Minor  
Senior Minister

December 15, 2024  
*Third Sunday of Advent*

# 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 - The Unexpected Messiah - Joy

Screen

## WELCOMING GOD'S PRESENCE

Words of Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Dr. Dedrick Minor

\*Call to Worship

Carmen Jones

One: Rejoice in the Lord always!

**All: *The Lord is near, so we come together to let our requests be made known to God.***

One: From our minds and hearts, we pray for peace.

**All: *May the peace of God guard our hearts and guide our action!***

One: We give thanks for all God's good gifts to us and to all.

**All: *Today and all days, we rejoice in the Lord!***

\* Hymn of Praise

*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

#119, vv. 1, 4

## GOD SPEAKS TO US

\* Invocation and Lord's Prayer

Carmen Jones

***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

Frank & Lorrinda Dickinson

Charles & Sally Bremer

Advent Hymn

*One Candle Is Lit*

#128, v. 3

Scripture Reading	Zephaniah 3:14-20	Cora Cody
Hymn	<i>Seek Ye First</i>	#354, v. 1
Children's Moment		Pam Comeaux

## **COMMUNITY PRAYER AND GATHERING AT THE TABLE**

Prayer Hymn	<i>My Soul Gives Glory to My God</i>	#130, vv. 1, 5
Pastoral Prayers		Rev. Dr. Dedrick Minor
Communion Hymn	<i>Become to Us the Living Bread</i>	#423, vv. 1
Invitation to the Table		Rev. Dr. Dedrick Minor
Communion Prayer		Donna Embree
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	Philippians 4:4-7	Donna Embree
Christmas Cantata	<i>A Thrill of Hope</i>	Chancel Choir
	Conducted by Aaron Turnipseed, Director of Music	
	Accompanist, Dr. Henry Jones	

## **COMMISSIONING TO GOD'S WORK**

*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](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=C#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.