



First Christian Church

Disciples of Christ

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Rev. Dr. Dedrick Minor
Senior Minister

December 22, 2024
Fourth 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 - Love

Screen

WELCOMING GOD'S PRESENCE

Words of Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Dr. Dedrick Minor

*Call to Worship

Vicki Krupala

One: We're so close! We eagerly wait for the birth of one who will stand and feed his flock in the strength of the Lord.

All: *We've come today to remind ourselves of the one who is coming, even in the midst of all the parties and presents.*

One: For the gift of this child, the one of peace is for all to live lives of security.

All: *With destruction, war and pain all around, we plead "Come!"*

One: Come! For this is the one of peace.

All: *Come, Holy One of Peace!*

* Hymn of Praise

Joy to the World

#143, vv. 1, 3

GOD SPEAKS TO US

* Invocation and Lord's Prayer

Vicki Krupala

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 - Chancel Choir

Dr. Trey Earle, Diane Sympson

Dr. Carol Madere, Chris Culp

Advent Hymn

One Candle Is Lit

#128, v. 4

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| Scripture Reading | Micah 5:2-5 | Anderson Krupala |
| Hymn | <i>Seek Ye First</i> | #354, v. 1 |
| Children's Moment | | Nancy Fatta |

COMMUNITY PRAYER AND GATHERING AT THE TABLE

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| Prayer Hymn | <i>Hear Our Prayer, O Lord</i> | #306, sing twice |
| Pastoral Prayers | | Rev. Dak McInnis |
| Communion Hymn | <i>Be Known to Us in Breaking Bread</i> | #398 |
| Invitation to the Table | | Rev. Dak McInnis |
| Communion Prayer | | Frank Dickinson |
| 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 | Hebrews 10:5-10 | Frank Dickinson |
| Musical Offering | <i>O Little Town of Bethlehem</i> | Ensemble |
| Scripture Reading | Luke 2:1-20 | Rev. Dr. Dedrick Minor |
| Sermon | The Savior | Rev. Dr. Dedrick Minor |

COMMISSIONING TO GOD'S WORK

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| *Hymn of Invitation | <i>O Come Let Us Adore Him</i> | Screen, v. 1, 2, 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 - 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=C#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.