



First Christian Church

Disciples of Christ

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Rev. Dr. Dedrick Minor
Senior Minister

December 29, 2024
First Sunday after Christmas

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: Christ

Screen

WELCOMING GOD'S PRESENCE

Words of Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Dak McInnis

*Call to Worship

Anderson Krupala

One: Come praise the Lord!

All: *From the earth and sky, from trees and animals, young and old, we're here to praise God!*

One: God's name is exalted, God's glory is above heaven and earth.

All: *For God spoke, commanding response, and all life was created.*

One: Today we praise God for the gift of Jesus, born in Bethlehem.

All: *Today we give thanks to God for sending the Beloved One to live among us.*

* Hymn of Praise

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

#164, vv. 1, 3

GOD SPEAKS TO US

* Invocation and Lord's Prayer

Anderson 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

Scripture Reading

1 Kings 17:13-14

Brynleigh Comeaux

Hymn

Seek Ye First

#354, v. 1

Children's Moment

Rev. Tom Cody

COMMUNITY PRAYER AND GATHERING AT THE TABLE

Prayer Hymn	<i>What Child is This</i>	#162, vv. 1, 3
Pastoral Prayers		Rev. Dak McInnis
Communion Hymn	<i>A Hymn of Joy We Sing</i>	#404, vv. 1, 3
Invitation to the Table		Rev. Dak McInnis
Communion Prayer		Nancy Fatta
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

Scripture Reading	Matthew 14:15-18	Nancy Fatta
Musical Offering	<i>O Holy Night</i>	Joshua Hebert, saxophone
Scripture Reading	John 4:7-10, 16-17, 25-26	Rev. Dak McInnis
Sermon	But first,...	Rev. Dak McInnis

COMMISSIONING TO GOD'S WORK

*Hymn of Invitation	<i>I Surrender All</i>	Screen, vv. 1, 3, 4
*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.
- **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.