



First Christian Church

Disciples of Christ

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Rev. Dr. Dedrick Minor
Senior Minister

January 5, 2025
Epiphany Sunday - Journey of the Wise Men

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 Journey of the Wise Men

Screen

WELCOMING GOD'S PRESENCE

Words of Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Dr. Dedrick Minor

*Call to Worship

Dr. Carol Madere

One: This first Sunday of 2025, let us praise God!

All: *Launching into a new year we praise the Lord who grants peace.*

One: Our Creator orders the wind and water.

All: *We lift our voices to sing our praise.*

One: Great is our Lord, abundant in power!

All: *To this God alone we offer our prayers of thanksgiving!*

* Hymn of Praise

Angels, from the Realms of Glory

#149, vv. 1, 4

GOD SPEAKS TO US

* Invocation and Lord's Prayer

Dr. Carol Madere

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

Psalm 147:12-20

Leonardo Morgan

Hymn

Seek Ye First

#354, v. 1

Children's Moment

Ashley Bourgeois

COMMUNITY PRAYER AND GATHERING AT THE TABLE

Prayer Hymn	<i>We Three Kings</i>	#172, vv. 1, 5
Pastoral Prayers		Rev. Dr. Dedrick Minor
Communion Hymn	<i>For the Bread, Which You Have Broken</i>	#411, vv. 1, 3
Invitation to the Table		Rev. Dr. Dedrick Minor
Communion Prayer		Tony Fatta
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	John 1:1-18	Tony Fatta
Hymn	<i>Praise Him! Praise Him!</i>	#93, vv. 1, 3
Scripture Reading	Revelation 21:1-6	Rev. Dr. Dedrick Minor
Sermon	A Whole New World	Rev. Dr. Dedrick Minor

COMMISSIONING TO GOD'S WORK

*Hymn of Invitation	<i>Blessed Assurance</i>	#543, vv. 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.