



# First Christian Church

## Disciples of Christ

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Rev. Dr. Dedrick Minor  
Senior Minister

March 9, 2025  
*First Sunday in Lent*

# 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.

( \* indicates please stand if you are able )

Prelude

Aaron Turnipseed

Video - Reflections on Lent: Week 1

Screen

## WELCOMING GOD'S PRESENCE

Words of Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Dr. Dedrick Minor

\*Call to Worship

Anderson Krupala

One: Come! Let us worship the Lord our God!

**All: *It's the first Sunday of our journey called "Lent".***

One: Today, we're reminded how Jesus wrestled with temptation; he fasted, he prayed, he responded with scripture to what was offered in the wilderness.

**All: *As we begin this season of Lent, we want to grow more like Jesus, so we pray for a new or a renewed passion in our faith.***

One: Through all the days ahead

**All: *let us follow the One who resolutely turned to God with body, mind, heart and soul.***

\* Hymn of Praise

*Be Thou My Vision*

#595, vv. 1, 4

## 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

Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16

Leonardo Morgan

Hymn

*Seek Ye First*

#354, v. 1

Children's Moment

Nancy Fatta

## COMMUNITY PRAYER AND GATHERING AT THE TABLE

Prayer Hymn	<i>Give Me a Clean Heart</i>	#515
Pastoral Prayers		Rev. Dak McInnis
Communion Hymn	<i>Seed, Scattered and Sown</i>	#395, v. 1
Invitation to the Table		Rev. Dak McInnis
Communion Prayer		Donna Embree
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	Romans 10:8b-13	Donna Embree
Congregational Hymn	<i>His Eye Is on the Sparrow</i>	#82, vv. 1, 3
Scripture Reading	Luke 6:20-23	Rev. Dr. Dedrick Minor
Sermon	<b>For You will Laugh</b>	Rev. Dr. Dedrick Minor

## COMMISSIONING TO GOD'S WORK

*Hymn of Invitation	<i>Amazing Grace!</i>	#546, vv. 1, 4
*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.