



# First Christian Church

## Disciples of Christ

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Rev. Dr. Dedrick Minor  
Senior Minister

May 4, 2025  
Pastor Appreciation Day

# Welcome to this house of worship for all people!

Please check in at [fcbrrla.org/sunday](https://fcbrrla.org/sunday) or on our Facebook page, then silence your cell phone.  
( \* indicates please stand if you are able )

Prelude

Aaron Turnipseed

Video - Dear Pastor

Screen

## WELCOMING GOD'S PRESENCE

### Words of Welcome & Announcement

Dr. Trey Earle

\*Call to Worship

Michael Rankin

ONE: For God alone our souls wait in silence.  
Our hope is from God, our fortress.

**ALL: God is our rock and our salvation.  
God is our refuge and our deliverance.**

ONE: Trust in God at all times, in all places.  
Pour out your hearts to the One who hears.

**ALL: All people are valuable in God's sight.  
No one is more important than another.**

ONE: Worship God, who is ready to speak to us.  
Open your lives to God's steadfast love.

**ALL: All power in the universe belongs to God.  
Yet God depends on our faithful service.**

\* Hymn of Praise

*Lift High the Cross*

#107, vv. 1, 4

## GOD SPEAKS TO US

\* Invocation and Lord's Prayer

Michael Rankin

*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

Isaiah 26:19-20

Leonardo Morgan

Hymn

*Seek Ye First*

#354, v. 1

Children's Moment

Michael Rankin

# COMMUNITY PRAYER AND GATHERING AT THE TABLE

Prayer Hymn	<i>Be Still, My Soul</i>	#566, vv. 1, 3
Pastoral Prayers		Dr. Trey Earle
Communion Hymn	<i>In Remembrance of Me</i>	#403, vv. 1, 2
Invitation to the Table		Dr. Trey Earle
Communion Prayer		Rev. Dak McInnis
Words of Institution		Dr. Trey Earle
Invitation to Share Offerings		Dr. Trey Earle
Offertory		Aaron Turnipseed
*Doxology	<i>Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow</i>	#46
*Dedication Prayer for our Offerings		Dr. Trey Earle
Offering Response	<i>We Give Thee but Thine Own</i>	#382, v. 1

# HEARING GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading	Luke 24:13-35	Rev. Dak McInnis
Music Offering	<i>Be Still and Know, that I am God</i>	Chancel Choir
Scripture Reading	John 20:11-31	Dr. Trey Earle
Sermon	<b>Come Monday, It'll be Alright</b>	Dr. Trey Earle

# COMMISSIONING TO GOD'S WORK

*Hymn of Invitation	<i>Just as I Am, Without One Plea</i>	#339, vv. 1, 4
*Benediction		Dr. Trey Earle
*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
- **Contact Information:** Office phone: 225-926-4175 • Email: [churchoffice@fccbrla.org](mailto:churchoffice@fccbrla.org)

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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.