

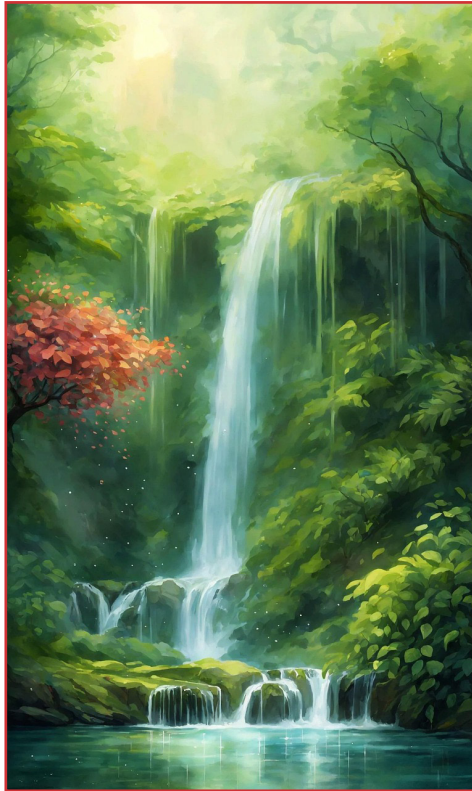


First Christian Church

Disciples of Christ

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Rev. Dr. Dedrick Minor
Senior Minister

September 7, 2025
Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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.

(* indicates please stand if you are able)

Prelude

Aaron Turnipseed

Video: Prayer Equips Us

Screen

WELCOMING GOD'S PRESENCE

Rev. Dr. Dedrick Minor

Words of Welcome & Announcements

One: Gathered to worship God, we give thanks for God
knows each and all of us.

Alicia Levell

All: God knows our thoughts!

One: We praise God who designed us and formed us.

All: Our Creator holds us close.

One: So, we lift our voices to sing our joy,

All: grateful for God's presence in every moment of our lives!

*Hymn of Praise

I Have Decided to Follow Jesus

#344, vv. 1, 2, 4

GOD SPEAKS TO US

Alicia Levell

*Invocation and Lord's

*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

Philemon 1:8-15

Cora Cody

Hymn

Seek Ye First

#354, v. 1

Children's Moment

Ashley Bourgeois

COMMUNITY PRAYER AND GATHERING AT THE TABLE

Prayer Hymn	<i>Have Thine Own Way, Lord!</i>	#588, vv. 1, 3
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		Sherry McInnis
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	Luke 14:25-33	Sherry McInnis
Congregational Hymn	<i>This Little Light of Mine</i>	#screen, vv. 1, 2
Scripture Reading	Isaiah 58:10-12	Rev. Dr. Dedrick Minor
Sermon	The Repairer of the Breach	Rev. Dr. Dedrick Minor

COMMISSIONING TO GOD'S WORK

*Hymn of Invitation	Here I Am, Lord	#452, vv. 1, 2
*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*.

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.