



# First Christian Church

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Footprints in the Sand

**Rev. Dr. Dedrick Minor**  
Senior Minister

**December 2, 2025**  
Service of Remembrance

# Welcome to this house of worship for all people!

Please check in at [fccbrla.org/sunday](https://fccbrla.org/sunday) or on our Facebook page, then silence your cell phone.

( \* indicates please stand if you are able )

## SERVICES OF REMEMBRANCE

Tuesday, December 2, 2025

7:00 pm

PRELUDE Aaron Turnipseed

WORDS OF WELCOME Rev. Dr. Dedrick Minor

ANTHEM Earl Poole

MEDITATION Ashley Bourgeois

PRAYER (in unison) Lorrinda Dickinson

*Dear Lord, I call upon you in my time of sorrow, asking that you give me the strength and will to bear my heavy burdens until I can again feel the warmth and love of your divine compassion. Please be mindful of me and have mercy on me while I struggle to comprehend life's hardships. I pray as I worship this evening, that by listening to scripture and praying, I learn that I am never alone in times of trouble. I believe I can face and overcome all things through Christ who strengthens me. Please touch my heart, mind, and soul with your healing hand this holiday season. I ask these things in Jesus' holy name. Amen*

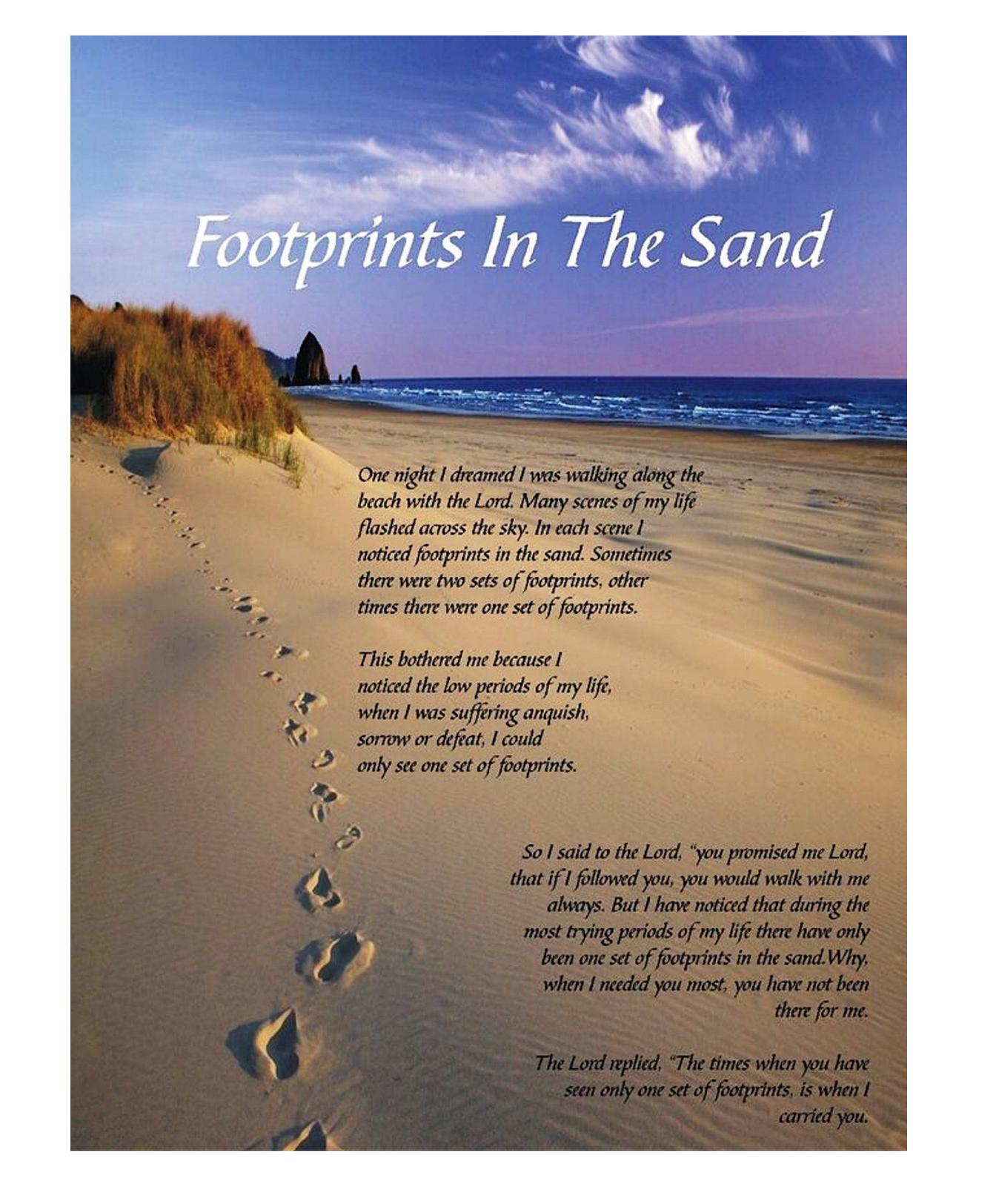
REFLECTION ON SORROW Dr. Carol Madere  
*Meditation - A Gift From God*

REFLECTION ON MOURNING Bruce Weselak  
*Meditation - Dealing With Grief*

FLAMES OF HONOR Rev. Dr. Dedrick Minor  
*Congregation comes forward to light candles acknowledging their losses.*

REFLECTION ON HEALING <i>Meditation - Loss is a Part of Life</i>	Rev. Stephen Sanders
PRAYER OFFERINGS	Rev. Dr. Dedrick Minor
OFFERING COLLECTION	Alicia Levell and Carl Cotten
PRAYER	Rev. Dr. Dedrick Minor
ANTHEM	Earl Poole
REFLECTION ON STRENGTH <i>Meditation - When Life Breaks You</i>	Ray Acardo
REFLECTION ON GRATITUDE <i>Meditation - Having a Grateful Heart</i>	Julie Theunissen
REFLECTION ON JOY <i>Meditation - Happy Isn't Joy</i>	Dr. Trey Earle
*HYMN <i>How Great Thou Art</i>	Screen
CLOSING PRAYER	Rev. Dr. Dedrick Minor
POSTLUDE	Aaron Turnipseed

*Peace be upon you and guard you forever,  
Go in the knowledge that God is with you.*



# *Footprints In The Sand*

*One night I dreamed I was walking along the beach with the Lord. Many scenes of my life flashed across the sky. In each scene I noticed footprints in the sand. Sometimes there were two sets of footprints, other times there were one set of footprints.*

*This bothered me because I noticed the low periods of my life, when I was suffering anguish, sorrow or defeat, I could only see one set of footprints.*

*So I said to the Lord, "you promised me Lord, that if I followed you, you would walk with me always. But I have noticed that during the most trying periods of my life there have only been one set of footprints in the sand. Why, when I needed you most, you have not been there for me.*

*The Lord replied, "The times when you have seen only one set of footprints, is when I carried you.*