



First Christian Church

Disciples of Christ

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Rev. Dr. Dedrick Minor
Senior Minister

November 16, 2025
Twenty-third 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: A Song of Thanksgiving

Screen

WELCOMING GOD'S PRESENCE

Words of Welcome

Rev. Dr. Dedrick Minor

Announcements

Carmen Jones

*Call to Worship

Michael Rankin

One: We've gathered to give thanks to God and call on His name.

All: We've come to sing praise to God and lift up the works of our Lord.

One: What makes us rejoice?

All: Our great God is in the midst of us! Hallelujah!

One: So, sing out with joy!

All: Let's shout and tell the earth, "God is our saving grace!"

*Hymn of Praise

My Hope Is Built

#537, 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

2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

Cora Cody

Hymn

Seek Ye First

#354, v. 1

Children's Moment

Pam Comeaux

COMMUNITY PRAYER AND GATHERING AT THE TABLE

Prayer Hymn	<i>Sweet Hour of Prayer!</i>	#570, vv. 1, 3
Pastoral Prayers		Rev. Stephen Sanders
Communion Hymn	<i>Become to Us the Living Bread</i>	#423, vv. 1, 3
Invitation to the Table		Rev. Stephen Sanders
Communion Prayer		Carmen Jones
Words of Institution		Rev. Stephen Sanders
Invitation to Share Offerings		Rev. Stephen Sanders
Offertory		Aaron Turnipseed
*Doxology	<i>Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow</i>	#46
*Dedication Prayer for our Offerings		Rev. Stephen Sanders
Offering Response	<i>We Give Thee But Thine Own</i>	#382, v. 1

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading	Luke 21:5-9	Carmen Jones
Musical Offering	<i>Goodness of God</i>	Earl Poole and Carmen Jones
Scripture Reading	Genesis 50:15-21	Rev. Dr. Dedrick Minor
Sermon		Rev. Dr. Dedrick Minor

COMMISSIONING TO GOD'S WORK

*Hymn of Invitation	<i>Spirit Song</i>	#352, 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](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.

