



First Christian Church

Disciples of Christ

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Rev. Dr. Dedrick Minor
Senior Minister

November 23, 2025
Thanksgiving Sunday

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: Thanksgiving Every Day

Screen

WELCOMING GOD'S PRESENCE

Words of Welcome

Rev. Dr. Dedrick Minor

Announcements

Rev. Dak McInnis

*Call to Worship

Dr. Tracy Shaffer

One: In a season with growing hours of dark, Zechariah sings,

All: "by the mercy of our God, the dawn from on high will break upon us."

One: God will give light to those who sit in darkness.

All: God guides our feet into the way of peace!

One: So, raise your voices! Sing out!

All: Bless now, O God, the journey that all your people make, the path through noise and silence, the way of give and take. The trail is found in desert and winds the mountain round, then leads beside still waters, the road where faith is found.

*Hymn of Praise

Trust and Obey

#556, vv. 1, 4

GOD SPEAKS TO US

*Invocation and Lord's Prayer

Dr. Tracy Shaffer

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 65:17-25

Leonardo Morgan

Hymn

Seek Ye First

#354, v. 1

Children's Moment

Rev. Stephen Sanders

COMMUNITY PRAYER AND GATHERING AT THE TABLE

Prayer Hymn	<i>My Tribute</i>	#39, Sing twice
Pastoral Prayers		Rev. Dr. Dedrick Minor
Communion Hymn	Come Share the Lord	#408, vv. 1, 3
Invitation to the Table		Rev. Dr. Dedrick Minor
Communion Prayer		Rev. Dak 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 23:33-43	Rev. Dak McInnis
Musical Offering	<i>Goodness of God</i>	Earl Poole and Carmen Jones
Scripture Reading	Romans 2:1-4	Rev. Dr. Dedrick Minor
Sermon		Rev. Dr. Dedrick Minor

COMMISSIONING TO GOD'S WORK

*Hymn of Invitation	<i>The Goodness of God</i>	Screen, v. 1
*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.

