



# First Christian Church

## Disciples of Christ

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

**November 30, 2025**  
First Sunday of Advent

# Welcome to this house of worship for all people!

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

( \* indicates please stand if you are able )

Prelude

Aaron Turnipseed

Video: Hope

Screen

## WELCOMING GOD'S PRESENCE

Words of Welcome

Rev. Dr. Dedrick Minor

Announcements

Sherry McInnis

### \*Call to Worship

Nancy Fatta

One: We've gathered to give thanks to God and call on God's 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 Hallelujah and tell the earth, "God is our saving grace!"**

\*Hymn of Praise

*Angels, from the Realms of Glory*

#149, vv. 1, 2, 4

## GOD SPEAKS TO US

\*Invocation and Lord's Prayer

Nancy Fatta

*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

## ADVENT SERVICE

Advent Wreath

Sisters in Christ

Carmen Jones, Diane Sympson, Julie Theunissen

Advent Wreath Hymn

*One Candle Is Lit*

#128, v. 1

Scripture Reading	Isaiah 2:1-5	Leonardo Morgan
Hymn	<i>Seek Ye First</i>	#354, v. 1
Children's Moment		Michael Rankin

## COMMUNITY PRAYER AND GATHERING AT THE TABLE

Prayer Hymn	<i>Emmanuel, Emmanuel</i>	#134, Sing twice
Pastoral Prayers		Rev. Stephen Sanders
Communion Hymn	<i>Eat This Bread</i>	#414, Sing twice
Invitation to the Table		Rev. Stephen Sanders
Communion Prayer		Sherry McInnis
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	Romans 13:11-14	Sherry McInnis
Congregational Hymn	<i>like a child</i>	#133, vv. 1, 3
Scripture Reading	John 6:25-35	Rev. Dr. Dedrick Minor
Sermon		Rev. Dr. Dedrick Minor

## COMMISSIONING TO GOD'S WORK

*Hymn of Invitation	<i>Fill My Cup, Lord</i>	#351, 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](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 •  
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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](http://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](http://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.***

