



First Christian Church

Disciples of Christ

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Rev. Dr. Dedrick Minor
Senior Minister

August 16, 2026
Twelfth 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 please silence your cell phone.

*(*Indicates to please stand, if you are able.)*

*Prelude	<i>I'm So Glad, Jesus Lifted Me</i>	#529, vv. 1, 2, 3
Words of Welcome		Rev. Dr. Dedrick Minor
Video - One Day At A Time		Screen
Announcements		Carmen Jones

WELCOMING GOD'S PRESENCE

*Call to Worship

Dr. Tracy Shaffer

One: This is Sabbath dedicated to our God.
Let this gathering place be a home for all people.

**All: May God be gracious to us and bless us.
May God's face shine over all the earth's people.**

One: Let all the people praise the God of all nations.
Let us give thanks and enjoy the blessings God gives.

**All: May God grant us understanding and courage.
May faith grow beyond our doubts.**

One: The earth has yielded its blessing.
Let all the ends of the earth revere our Creator.

**All: God brings us together in unity of purpose.
May our circle grow as we welcome newcomers.**

* Hymn of Praise *This Is a Day of New Beginnings* #518, vv. 1, 2, 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 Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32 Leonardo Morgan

Hymn
Children's Moment

Seek Ye First

#354, v. 1
Chris Culp

COMMUNITY PRAYER AND GATHERING AT THE TABLE

Prayer Hymn	<i>Lord, Have Mercy upon Us</i>	#300, sing twice
Pastoral Prayer		Rev. Dak McInnis
Comunion Hymn	<i>Seed, Scattered and Sown</i>	#395, vv. 1, 3
Invitation to the Table		Rev. Dak McInnis
Communion Prayer		Carmen Jones
Words of Institution		Rev. Dak McInnis
Invitation to Share Offerings		Rev. Dak McInnis
Offertory		Aaron Turnipseed
*Doxology	<i>Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow</i>	#46
*Dedication Prayer for our Offerings		Rev. Dak McInnis
*Offering Response	<i>We Give Thee but Thine Own</i>	#382

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading	Matthew 15:21-28	Carmen Jones
Musical Offering	<i>Standing on the Promises</i>	#552, vv. 1, 4
Scripture Reading	Genesis 32:22-24	Rev. Dr. Dedrick Minor
Sermon		Rev. Dr. Dedrick Minor

COMMISSIONING TO GOD'S WORK

*Hymn of Invitation	<i>Give Me Jesus</i>	Screen, vv. 1, 2
#Benediction		Rev. Dr. Dedrick Minor
*Congregational Refrain	<i>Peace Be Upon You</i>	#441
*Postlude		

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 8:45 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=A#id207>
 - **Church Office Hours:** Monday - Thursday, 9 am until 3 pm
 - **Contact Information:** Office phone: 225-926-4175 • Email: churchoffice@fccbrla.org
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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, 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.



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