



**First Christian Church of Decatur  
(Disciples of Christ)**

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*Resolve to Love 🌐 Agree to Differ 🌐 Unite to Serve 🌐 Break Bread Together*

**Sunday, January 19, 2025**

Worship Theme:

I know that sometimes people drop change from their pockets;  
that it might mean nothing.  
I believe that sometimes those little coins show up as a sign;  
that it means something.  
I know that clouds are naturally formed from water and wind;  
that they might mean nothing.  
I believe that often they look like shapes that I know;  
and that means something.  
I know that God is real and active in the world;  
but knowing means nothing.  
I believe that God cares for us and calls us to love;  
and believing means everything.



## We Gather to Connect with God and One Another

Theme	Ryan McGinness
Prelude	Kathy Westbrook
Welcome, Announcements	Rev. Daniel Brower
† Opening Hymn	<i>“My Hope is Built”</i> <b>537</b>
† Call to Worship ( <i>by Katherine Hawker</i> )	Ryan McGinness

One: Come to hear the Word!  
**Many: Come to do the Word.**  
One: Come to experience comfort.  
**Many: Come to experience challenge.**  
One: Come to find cost.  
**Many: Come to find joy!**  
One: Come to find humanity.  
**Many: Come to find community.**  
One: Come to find church.  
**Many: Come to find God.**

† Unison Prayer of Invocation	Ryan McGinness
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**Holy Lord, maker of us all, you call us to love our neighbors as ourselves and teach us that faith without works is dead. Open us to the opportunities for ministry that lie before us, where faith and words and the need of our neighbor come together in name of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.**

† Song of Praise	<i>“Refrain from We Three Kings”</i> <b>172</b>
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*O star of wonder, star of light,  
star with royal beauty bright  
Westward leading, still proceeding,  
guide us to thy perfect light!*



**Many: Thanks be to God.**

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer Rev. Daniel Brower

Anthem Congregational Hymn Sing

Sermon Rev. Daniel Brower

Communion Hymn "How Firm a Foundation" **618**

Invitation to Faithful Stewardship & Holy Communion Rev. Daniel Brower

Prayers for the Bread and Cup Ryan McGinness

*(Christ invites you to partake of Holy Communion. As part of the one body of Christ, we welcome all to the Lord's Table as God has welcomed us. After the Words of Institution are proclaimed, you are invited to partake of the Bread and the Cup.)*

Words of Institution Rev. Daniel Brower

One: For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when He was betrayed took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it, and said,

**Many: "This is my body which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me."**

One: In the same way also the cup, after supper, saying,

**Many: "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."**

One: For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you remember the Lord until He comes.

Unison Prayer of Commission Ryan McGinness

**God our help: We thank you for this supper, shared in the spirit with your son Jesus, who makes us new and strong, who brings us life eternal. We praise you for giving us all good gifts in Him and pledge ourselves to serve you, even as in Christ you have**



## Welcome Statement

*All In*



*First Christian Church of Decatur (Disciples of Christ) is an open and affirming congregation. We welcome everyone into full participation in the life and membership of the church.*

*Inspired and informed by God's love, mercy, and justice, we are purposefully involved in the healing and helping of our community and our world. We covenant with God and the greater community to nurture a spirit of love and service to neighbors, honor one another's differences, and fellowship in the breaking of the bread.*

*Actively striving to honor each other's race, age, sexual orientation, gender identity, nationality, ethnicity, marital status, physical or mental ability, family configuration, political affiliation, economic circumstance, or theological perspective, we truly welcome all.*

### **Online Giving**



First Christian Church of Decatur is a spiritual community that transcends physical distance. In this unprecedented time, online giving is a positive way that this growing faith community can be supported.

As we often say in worship at the Invitation to Faithful Stewardship, "Those in need, please take; those with abundance, please give." If and when you find yourself in need, please let us know so we might be of assistance. You matter to your Church, which is the Body of Christ. The missions of our church are imperative to nurture a hurt and hurting world.

For those who would like to give out of gratitude for all the Lord is doing in our lives, please click the following link:

<https://www.osvhub.com/decaturdisciples/giving/funds>

***Thank you for your support and prayers.***

**Ministers: All the People**

**Your Church Staff:**

Rev. Daniel C. Brower, *Interim Minister*

Russell Broomfield-Ranney, *Church Bookkeeper*

Adam Cole, *Organist*

Tanya DePree, *Church Administrator*

William E. Garner, *Director of Music*

Kedric Kelly, *Facility Manager*

Church Office Hours: Monday thru Friday, 8:30 am to 3 pm