Welcome, Visitors! If you are visiting today, we are so pleased that you chose to worship with us. If we can do anything to make you more comfortable during your visit, please feel free to reach out to an usher or our Pastor. Here at First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) we take Communion each Sunday. Anyone who is a follower of Christ is invited to partake. If you are interested in membership or learning more about our church, please speak with Rev. Michael following the service.

Children in Worship

Children are always welcome to participate in Worship. We do offer childcare for infants to 3 year olds while parents attend Worship and Sunday School. As an alternative to Sanctuary Worship, we offer Worship and Wonder, an experience designed to give children the opportunity to hear Bible stories and learn the Gospel at their own level. Children ages 3 through 2nd grade are welcome to join us following the "Children's Blessing."

If you haven't checked out our website and social media pages, we'd love to connect with you in that way:

Website: www.fccowb.org
Facebook: FCCOwensboro
Instagram: @fccowb

Online Giving

Online giving is now live for tithes and offerings. To submit your gift, visit www.fccowb.org/give or text "FCCOWB" to 73256. You may also scan the QR code to the left!

Staff

Sr. Minister.....Rev. J. Chris Michael
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Minister of Finance.....Kristin Callis
Education & Youth Activities .....Meaghan Murphy
Education & Children's Activities .....Riley Payne
Executive Assistant.....Stacy Castlen
Pianist.....Ann Jeannette Pierce
Nursery.....Kacee Glenn, Kaydence Coomes, & Sherry Rhoads
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This week at First Christian Church (DOC)

CR- Choir Room; C- Conference Room; F-Fellowship Hall; FHL-Fa-Ho-Lo Room; S-Sanctuary

Sunday, December 7
9:00 a.m. — Worship Service (S)
10:00 a.m. — Fellowship (F)
10:20 a.m. — Sunday School
5:00 p.m. — Handbells Rehearsal

Monday, December 8
7:00 p.m. — OCTC Chorus Concert

Tuesday, December 9
10:00 a.m. — Primetimers Christmas Celebration at The Miller House

Wednesday, December 10
6:30 a.m. — Men's Fellowship (Great Harvest on Frederica)
5:30 p.m. — Dinner
6:15 p.m. — Worship Service
6:30 p.m. — Youth Group

Thursday, December 11

Friday, December 12 — Church Office Closed

Saturday, December 13

Announcements

The Youth Bake Sale and Raffle Fundraiser is TODAY! Every dollar raised goes towards shopping for the Angel Tree at Foust Elementary.

The 83rd presentation of Handel's Messiah, is THIS afternoon at Third Baptist Church at 2:30 p.m. directed by Connie Ford.

The OCTC Chorus Concert will be 12/8 @ 7:00 p.m. at OUR Church and is directed by Connie Ford. FCC members Angela and Mike Bruce, Bonnie Brown, Janet Corum, Janet Estes, & Mike Tichenor are singing. Come out and support our community and hear some beautiful voices.

Primetimers Christmas Celebration is THIS Tuesday at 10 a.m. at The Miller House. The date to RSVP was Dec 2.

We are collecting mittens, hats, & scarves for kids and teens that will be donated to the schools and shelters. You can donate any and all and place them on the tree in the lobby now until January 4th.

Every household, please fill out a pledge card and let the Church have an idea what you are planning to give in 2026. If you are currently giving through a bank draft or by some other automatic means, you NEED to fill out a card for 2026. Your pledge will NOT automatically renew after January 1, 2026. We need to plan the 2026 mission and ministry in our Church and our community.

We have just 6 bags of fresh pecans for sale in the Church lobby and sold by St. Joseph Peace Mission at $14 a bag. Get yours today!

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FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

(Disciples of Christ)

Second Sunday of Advent
December 7, 2025

December 7, 2025 Second Sunday of Advent

SEEKING THE PRESENCE OF GOD

Welcome Rev. Chris Michael
Bringing of the Light
Bell of Mindfulness
(Please use this time for quiet reflection.)

Prelude Ann Jeannette Pierce, Piano

Prelude
"In the Bleak Midwinter"
Gustav Holst
Arr. Mark Hayes

Call to Worship Cathy Perrin
One: In this season of bumper to bumper stress, with life more crowded than the stores,
All: God welcomes us to a feast of faithfulness, where we may sit in peace and gentleness.
One: In these times of rancorous rants and snide remarks, with people too busy to offer words of compassion,
All: Jesus whispers of hope for broken hearts, sings carols of justice for all the outsiders.
One: In these days of more and more time spent with devices, and fewer moments with those who could touch us with joy,
All: the Spirit embraces us with peace that comforts, and loves us with passion.

***Hymn #125**
"Come, O Long Expected Jesus"

*Invocation and Lord's Prayer Cathy Perrin
(using "debts" and "debtors")

Lighting of the Advent Wreath - Candle of Peace

Children's Blessing Rev. Chris Michael
Children ages 3 through 2nd grade are invited forward for a blessing, then will be escorted to Worship and Wonder
(located at the end of the first floor education wing)

Pastoral Prayer Rev. Chris Michael

HEARING THE WORD OF GOD

Special Music

Hymn #127
"Creator of the Stars of Night" (vs. 1, 2, & 4)

Second Scripture Reading Rev. Chris Michael

Isaiah 11:1-10

One: The Word of God for the people of God.
All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon Rev. Chris Michael

" With Righteousness and Equity"

Invitation to Discipleship
***Hymn #148**
"O Come, All Ye Faithful" (vs. 1 & 4)

OFFERING OURSELVES TO GOD

Preparation for the Offering Rev. Chris Michael
Offertory Ann Jeannette Pierce, Piano

"What Child is This?"
Traditional English Carol
Arr. Jay Rouse

*Doxology and Presentation of Gifts (Page 46)
*Dedication Prayer

RENEWING THE COVENANT IN THE LORD'S SUPPER

We are one in Christ, let everyone share in this communion without regard for denominational affiliation.
You are invited to take the cup and bread after your prayers.

Invitation to Communion Chris Michael & Leslie Mobley
Words of Institution
Prayer of Thanksgiving

Communion Music Ann Jeannette Pierce, Piano

"It Came Upon the Midnight Clear"
Richard S. Willis
Arr. Joel Raney

GOING IN PEACE TO LOVE AND TO SERVE

*Benediction Rev. Chris Michael
One: The Lord be with you.
All: And also with you.

*Please stand if you are able.

Scripture Reading

Reading- Isaiah 11:1-10

1 A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse,
and a branch shall grow out of his roots.
2 The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him,
the spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the spirit of counsel and might,
the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord.
3 His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord.
He shall not judge by what his eyes see
or decide by what his ears hear,
4 but with righteousness he shall judge for the poor
and decide with equity for the oppressed of the earth;
he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,
and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.
5 Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist
and faithfulness the belt around his loins.
6 The wolf shall live with the lamb;
the leopard shall lie down with the kid;
the calf and the lion will feed together,
and a little child shall lead them.
7 The cow and the bear shall graze;
their young shall lie down together;
and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.
8 The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp,
and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den.
9 They will not hurt or destroy
on all my holy mountain,
for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord
as the waters cover the sea.
10 On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.