

**Welcome, Visitors!** If you are visiting today, we are pleased that you chose to worship with us. 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 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](http://www.fccowb.org)  
 Facebook: FCCOwensboro  
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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, April 23**  
 9:00 a.m. Worship Service (S)  
 10:00 a.m. Fellowship (F)  
 10:20 a.m. Sunday School

**Monday, April 24**  
 6:30 pm OCTC Choir Rehearsal (S)

**Tuesday, April 25**

**Wednesday, April 26**  
 6:30 a.m Men's Fellowship (Panera)  
 5:30 pm All Church Potluck (F)  
 6:00 p.m Youth Groups (F)  
 6:00 p.m Choir Practice (CR)

**Thursday, April 27**

**Friday, April 28** Church Office Closed

**Saturday, April 29** Fellowship Hall in Use

**Announcements**

**Spring Potluck - Wednesday, April 26, 5:30 pm**

**Bring a dish to serve 10-12.**

**Church will provide meat and drink.**

**Camp Kum-Ba-Ya**

**Register Today! Deadline May 1, 2023**

**June 5-10 Chi Rho Camp Grades 6-8**  
**June 11-17 CYF Camp Grades 9-12**  
**June 19-23 Spirit Sailing Grades 6-12**  
**June 23-25 Discovery Camp Grades K-2 (with an adult)**  
**June 26-30 Junior Camp Grades 3-5**

**Help Office donations are always appreciated. The April item is cereal. Please place items in the dog house in the lobby.**



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Third Sunday of Easter  
 April 23, 2023

**SEEKING THE PRESENCE OF GOD**

Welcome Chris Gaddis

Bringing of the Light

Bell of Mindfulness  
(Please use this time for quiet reflection.)

Prelude Ann Jeannette Pierce, Piano  
"Brethren, We Have Met to Worship"  
William Moore; Arr. Craig Curry

\*Call to Worship Andy Goodaker

**All: We come before you, God, and rejoice.**

One: Risen in hope,  
**All: We come before you, God, in anticipation.**

One: Risen in love,  
**All: We come before you, God, with thankful hearts.**

One: Risen for the world,  
**All: We come before you, God, in solidarity with all your suffering people. Amen.**

**\*Hymn 218 "Thine Is the Glory"**

\*Invocation and Lord's Prayer Andy Goodaker  
(using "debts" and "debtors")

First Scripture Reading Luke 24:13-27 Andy Goodaker  
One: The Word of God for the people of God  
**All: Thanks be to God.**

Children's Blessing Chris Gaddis  
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 Chris Gaddis

**HEARING THE WORD OF GOD**

Message in Music "Now Let Me Fly" Shirley Sandifer, Piano  
arr. Victor Johnson  
1st/3rd Quartet

Second Scripture Reading Meaghan Glenn

Luke 24:28-35

One: The Word of God for the people of God.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon Meaghan Glenn

Invitation to Discipleship

**\*Hymn 419 "All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly" (vs. 1 & 3)**

**OFFERING OURSELVES TO GOD**

Preparation for the Offering Chris Gaddis

Offertory Ann Jeannette Pierce, Piano

"Wade in the Water"

Traditional Spiritual

Arr. Mark Hayes

\*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 partake the cup and bread after your prayers.*

Invitation to Communion Ginger Norris, Leslie Mobley

Words of Institution

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Communion Music Ann Jeannette Pierce, Piano

"Wherever We May Wander"

New England Folk Melody

Arr. Anna Laura Page

**GOING IN PEACE TO LOVE AND TO SERVE**

\*Benediction Meaghan Glenn

One: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

**Scripture Readings**

**First Reading - Luke 24:13-27**

13 Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, 14and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. 15While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, 16but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. 17And he said to them, 'What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?' They stood still, looking sad.18Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, 'Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?' 19He asked them, 'What things?' They replied, 'The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, 20and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. 21But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. 22Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, 23and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. 24Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him.' 25Then he said to them, 'Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! 26Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?' 27Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

**Second Reading - Luke 24:28-35**

28 As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. 29But they urged him strongly, saying, 'Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.' So he went in to stay with them. 30When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. 31Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. 32They said to each other, 'Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?' 33That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. 34They were saying, 'The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!' 35Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

\*Please stand, if you are able.