

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
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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, August 20

9:00 a.m.
10:00 a.m.
10:20 a.m.

Worship Service (S)
Fellowship (F)
Sunday School

Monday, August 21

6:00 p.m.

OCTC Choir Practice

Tuesday, August 22

Wednesday, August 23

6:30 a.m
6:00 p.m

Men's Fellowship (Panera)
Choir Practice (CR)

Thursday, August 24

Friday, August 25

Church Office Closed

Saturday, August 26

Announcements

OCTC Choir Practice will begin on Monday, August 21st @ 6:00 p.m.

The HELP Office donation food of the month is Canned Fruit

Youth Group will begin meeting again on Wednesday, August 30th at 6:00 p.m.

Ministry Fair is Sunday, August 27th in the Fellowship Hall

Kevin Priebe Concert will be held on Sunday, August 27th @6:00 p.m



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FIRST
CHRISTIAN
CHURCH

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Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost
August 20, 2023

SEEKING THE PRESENCE OF GOD

Welcome

Bringing of the Light

Bell of Mindfulness

(Please use this time for quiet reflection.)

Rev. Chris Michael

Prelude

Ann Jeannette Pierce, Piano

"The Solid Rock"

William Bradbury

Arr. Mark Hayes

*Call to Worship

Eric Farmer

One: We come into your presence, O God, a community of faith, proud of our venturing heritage.

All: Abraham set out with Sarah and found a new land.

One: Moses went into the desert, to escape the persecution of Pharaoh.

All: Nehemiah returned to Jerusalem, and re-established a worshipping community.

One: Jesus returned to Jerusalem and overcame the forces of evil.

All: In the confidence of our faith tradition, let us worship God!

*Hymn #22

"To God Be the Glory" (all)

*Invocation and Lord’s Prayer

Eric Farmer

(using “debts” and “debtors”)

First Scripture Reading

Eric Farmer

Psalms 43

One: The Word of God for the people of God

All: Thanks be to God.

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

Message in Music

Maurice Hanley, Solo

"Holy Forever"

Tomlin

Second Scripture Reading

Rev. Chris Michael

Matthew 15:21-28

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Rev. Chris Michael

"Gone to the Dogs"

Invitation to Discipleship

*Hymn #284

"Have Thine Own Way, Lord!" (all)

OFFERING OURSELVES TO GOD

Preparation for the Offering

Rev. Chris Michael

Offertory

Ann Jeannette Pierce, Piano

"I Need Thee Every Hour"

Robert Lowry

Arr. Mary McDonald

*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 & Cate Gaddis

Words of Institution

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Communion Music

Ann Jeannette Pierce, Piano

"Just As I Am, Without One Plea"

William Bradbury

Arr. Mark Hayes

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 Readings

First Reading- Psalm 43

1 Vindicate me, O God, and defend my cause against an ungodly people; from those who are deceitful and unjust deliver me!

2 For you are the God in whom I take refuge; why have you cast me off?

Why must I walk about mournfully because of the oppression of the enemy?

3 O send out your light and your truth; let them lead me;

let them bring me to your holy hill and to your dwelling.

4 Then I will go to the altar of God, to God my exceeding joy; and I will praise you with the harp, O God, my God.

5 Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you disquieted within me? Hope in God; for I shall again praise him, my help and my God.

Second Reading- Matthew 15:21-28

21 Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. 22 Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, ‘Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon.’ 23 But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, ‘Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us.’ 24 He answered, ‘I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.’ 25 But she came and knelt before him, saying, ‘Lord, help me.’ 26 He answered, ‘It is not fair to take the children’s food and throw it to the dogs.’ 27 She said, ‘Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters’ table.’ 28 Then Jesus answered her, ‘Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.’ And her daughter was healed instantly.