

**Welcome, Visitors** - If you are visiting today, we are so 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 in the Nursery 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)  
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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, February 19**

9:00 a.m.	Worship Service (S)
10:00 a.m.	Fellowship (F)
10:20 a.m.	Sunday School
5:00 pm	Hand Bell Rehearsal

**Monday, February 20**

5:30 pm	Outreach Team Meeting (CR)
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**Tuesday, February 21**

**Wednesday, February 22**

6:30 a.m.	Men's Fellowship (Panera)
12:10 pm	Ash Wednesday Service (S)
5:30 p.m.	Youth Groups (F) Bowling
5:30 pm	Ash Wednesday Service (S)
6:00 pm	Choir Practice (CR)

**Thursday, February 23**

**Friday, February 24**

**Church Office Closed**

**Saturday, February 25**

**Announcements**

**Lenten Devotional booklets are available on the Sanctuary entry table for \$5.**

**Help office donations are appreciated. The February items are Peanut Butter and Jelly. Please place items in the dog house in the lobby.**

**Outreach Team meeting - Monday, February 20, at 5:30 pm.**

**Ash Wednesday Worship on February 22**

**\*at 12:10 and 5:30 p.m. in the sanctuary**

**\*Join us for Scripture, prayer, the Lord's Supper and the imposition of ashes on our foreheads.**

**Youth Groups: 2/22 Ash Wednesday at 5:30 at church, then bowling**



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 February 19, 2023

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**SEEKING THE PRESENCE OF GOD**

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

Prelude Connie Ford, Flute; Ann Jeannette Pierce, Piano  
 "Simple Gifts"  
 Shaker Medody  
 Arr. A. J. Pierce

\*Call to Worship Colton Clark  
 One: We come before you, our source and our sustainer.

**All: Praise be to you, O God. You hold us and the world in your hands.**

One: We worship you, our hope throughout the years and generations.

**All: Praise be to you, O God. You are eternally to be trusted.**

One: We adore you, O God. Your Way is revealed by the prophets and made clear in Jesus.

**All: Praise be to you, O God. Your justice never fails, your compassion goes beyond our understanding.**

**\*Hymn #277**  
**"Christians, We Have Met to Worship" (vs 1, 3)**

\*Invocation and Lord's Prayer Colton Clark  
 (using "debts" and "debtors")

First Scripture Reading Colton Clark  
 Matthew 7:15-20

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

Second Scripture Reading Rev. Chris Michael  
 Matthew 7:21-29

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

**All: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon Rev. Chris Michael  
 "As One With Authority"

Invitation to Discipleship

**\*Hymn #429**  
**"You Satisfy the Hungry Heart" (vs. 1 & 4)**

**OFFERING OURSELVES TO GOD**

Preparation for the Offering Rev. Chris Michael  
 Offertory Ann Jeannette Pierce, Piano  
 "Be Thou My Vision"  
 Irish Melody; Arr. Carol Tornquist

\*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 Rev. Chris Michael & Shannon Divine  
 Words of Institution  
 Prayer of Thanksgiving

Communion Music Morton Holbrook, III, Piano  
 "Sonata #21 in F Minor, Op.57"  
 2nd Movement, Andante con Moto  
 Ludwig Van Beethoven

**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- Matthew 7:15-20**

15 'Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing but inwardly are ravenous wolves. 16You will know them by their fruits. Are grapes gathered from thorns, or figs from thistles? 17In the same way, every good tree bears good fruit, but the bad tree bears bad fruit. 18A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor can a bad tree bear good fruit. 19Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. 20Thus you will know them by their fruits.

**Second Reading- Matthew 7:21-29**

21 'Not everyone who says to me, "Lord, Lord", will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only one who does the will of my Father in heaven. 22On that day many will say to me, "Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and cast out demons in your name, and do many deeds of power in your name?" 23Then I will declare to them, "I never knew you; go away from me, you evildoers."

24 'Everyone then who hears these words of mine and acts on them will be like a wise man who built his house on rock. 25The rain fell, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on rock. 26And everyone who hears these words of mine and does not act on them will be like a foolish man who built his house on sand. 27The rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell—and great was its fall!

28 Now when Jesus had finished saying these things, the crowds were astounded at his teaching, 29for he taught them as one having authority, and not as their scribes.