

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
 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, February 26

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

Monday, February 27

6:30 pm OCTC Rehearsal (S)
 11:30 am Primetimers' Plus Gathering at IHOP

Tuesday, February 28

12:10 pm DWM Lenten Devotional & To-Go Meal (S, FH)

Wednesday, March 1

6:30 a.m. Men's Fellowship (Panera)
 6:00 p.m. Youth Groups (F)
 6:00 p.m. Choir Practice (CR)

Thursday, March 2

1:30 pm Refugee Food Pantry

Friday, March 3

Church Office Closed

Saturday, March 4

Announcements

The DWM Lenten Devotionals and To-Go Lunches begin Tuesday, February 28, at 12:10 pm in the Sanctuary. The first Speaker will be Pam Woodward, with Norman Woodward as the Leader. A to-go boxed lunch (\$7.00) will be available for pick up in the entry hall immediately following the service. All are invited. The Devotionals will continue each Tuesday through March 28.

Lenten Devotional books are available on the welcome desk for \$5.

Help office donations are appreciated. The March item is canned Mixed fruit. Please place items in the dog house in the lobby.

Primetimers' Plus will gather at IHOP on Monday, February 27, at 11:30 am. Speaker will be Anji Edge with Mentoring Mothers. Contact Ron Waite with your reservation 812-454-8555.



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First Sunday in Lent
 February 26, 2023

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
 "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"
 Lowell Mason; Arr. Carol Tornquist

*Call to Worship Pam Woodward
 One: Lead us, O God, as we enter the Lenten season.
All: Give us the courage of Jesus, who did not hang back from confronting evil.

One: Lead us, O God, as we enter the Lenten season.
All: Give us the dedication of Jesus, who was not diverted from preaching the Gospel.

One: Lead us, O God, as we enter the Lenten season.
All: Give us the compassion of Jesus, who saw the suffering ones and was moved to help them.

One: Lead us, O God, as we enter the Lenten season.
All: Give us the faithfulness of Jesus, who saw the cross but did not turn back.

***Hymn #197**
"Beneath the Cross of Jesus"

*Invocation and Lord's Prayer Pam Woodward
 (using "debts" and "debtors")

First Scripture Reading Pam Woodward
 Psalm 6

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

Choir Message
 "God So Loved the World"
 Stainer

Second Scripture Reading Rev. Chris Michael
 John 6:35-40
 One: The Word of God for the people of God.
All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon Rev. Chris Michael
 "I Am the Light of the World"

Invitation to Discipleship

***Hymn #354**
"Seek Ye First"

OFFERING OURSELVES TO GOD

Preparation for the Offering Rev. Chris Michael
 Offertory Ann Jeannette Pierce, Piano
 "Quiet Thoughts"
 Kevin Boesiger

*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 Vicki & Tab Quisenberry
 Words of Institution
 Prayer of Thanksgiving

Communion Music Ann Jeannette Pierce, Piano
 "Lead Me to Calvary"
 William J. Kirkpatrick; Arr. Dan Forrest

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 6**

1 O Lord, do not rebuke me in your anger, or discipline me in your wrath.
 2 Be gracious to me, O Lord, for I am languishing; O Lord, heal me, for my bones are shaking with terror.
 3 My soul also is struck with terror, while you, O Lord—how long?

4 Turn, O Lord, save my life; deliver me for the sake of your steadfast love.
 5 For in death there is no remembrance of you; in Sheol who can give you praise?

6 I am weary with my moaning; every night I flood my bed with tears; I drench my couch with my weeping.
 7 My eyes waste away because of grief; they grow weak because of all my foes.

8 Depart from me, all you workers of evil, for the Lord has heard the sound of my weeping.
 9 The Lord has heard my supplication; the Lord accepts my prayer.
 10 All my enemies shall be ashamed and struck with terror; they shall turn back, and in a moment be put to shame.

Second Reading - John 6:35-40

35 Jesus said to them, 'I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty. 36But I said to you that you have seen me and yet do not believe. 37Everything that the Father gives me will come to me, and anyone who comes to me I will never drive away; 38for I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will, but the will of him who sent me. 39And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last day. 40This is indeed the will of my Father, that all who see the Son and believe in him may have eternal life; and I will raise them up on the last day.'