

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 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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Online Giving

Online giving is available 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 on the left!

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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, November 12
 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, November 13

Tuesday, November 14
 5:30 p.m. Board Meeting

Wednesday, November 15
 6:30 a.m. Men's Fellowship (Panera)
 All Church Meal

Thursday, November 16
 1:30 p.m. Refugee Food Pantry

Friday, November 17
Church Office Closed

Saturday, November 18

Announcements

FCC Thanksgiving Meal will be held on Wednesday, 11/15 at 5:30 p.m. We will provide meat, stuffing, and drinks. Please bring a dish large enough to feed 8-10 people. Friends and Family are all welcome to join!

Blue Christmas Service will be held on Sunday, 11/26 at 5:00 p.m

Stewardship Opportunity

Over the next several weeks we will be conducting our 2024 Stewardship campaign. Your contribution will support our church operations as we strive to serve our members, friends, and neighbors. Giving cards and envelopes have been placed on the table as you enter the sanctuary. Please prayerfully consider your giving pledge. You can fill out the card, and return it in the offering plate, to the church office, or in the mail. Your support of FCC is important and appreciated.



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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 Ann Jeannette Pierce, Piano
"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"
Traditional American Melody
arr. Carol Tornquist

Baptism of David Nikiza, Estimee Gakiza, & Chanella Igiraneza

*Call to Worship Pam Woodward
One: Wonderful Covenant Maker, we come before you.
All: We are your people and you are our God, and we rejoice!
One: Great Teacher from the beginning, we come before you.
All: We are ready for fresh understanding; your Word will open up new ideas.
One: Source of all Forgiveness, we come before you.
All: Our sins and shortcomings trouble us; we are ready to begin again.
One: Eternal Loved One, we come before you.
All: We know that your love at the depth of our being, your love at the heart of our church, will transform everything.

***Hymn 15**
"Rejoice, You Pure in Heart" (vs 1, 3, & 5)

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

First Scripture Reading Pam Woodward
Romans 6:1-11

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
"Hold On To Me" Maurice Hanley, Solo
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Second Scripture Reading Rev. Chris Michael
Matthew 25:1-13

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

All: Thanks be to God.
Sermon Rev. Chris Michael
"How Can You Tell?"

Invitation to Discipleship
***Hymn 337 "Jesus Calls Us O'er the Tumult" (vs. 1,3,5)**

OFFERING OURSELVES TO GOD

Preparation for the Offering Rev. Chris Michael
Offertory Ann Jeannette Pierce, Piano
"Now Thank We All Our God"
Johann Cruger
arr. Larry Shackley
*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 John & Janey Burns
Words of Institution
Prayer of Thanksgiving
Communion Music Maurice Hanley, Piano
"In Christ Alone"

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- Romans 6:1-11

What then are we to say? Should we continue in sin in order that grace may abound? 2 By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? 3 Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? 4 Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. 5 For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. 6 We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. 7 For whoever has died is freed from sin. 8 But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. 9 We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. 10 The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. 11 So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

Second Reading- Matthew 25:1-13

25 'Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. 2 Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. 3 When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; 4 but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. 5 As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. 6 But at midnight there was a shout, "Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him." 7 Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. 8 The foolish said to the wise, "Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out." 9 But the wise replied, "No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves." 10 And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. 11 Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, "Lord, lord, open to us." 12 But he replied, "Truly I tell you, I do not know you." 13 Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.