

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
 Instagram: @fccowb



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!

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 19

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 20

Owensboro Youth Orchestra Concert

Tuesday, November 21

Wednesday, November 22

6:30 a.m	Men's Fellowship (Panera)
	Church Office Closed

Thursday, November 23

Happy Thanksgiving!
Church Office Closed

Friday, November 24

Church Office Closed

Saturday, November 25

Announcements

The Church office will be CLOSED on Wednesday and Thursday to celebrate the Thanksgiving holiday.

- Blue Christmas Service will be held on **11/26** at 5:00 p.m.
- Christmas Tree Decorating Day- Monday **11/27** from 9-12
- Symphony Sunday- **December 10th**
- Congregational Meeting- Sunday, **December 17th** right after service

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.



Staff

Sr. Minister.....	Rev. J. Chris Michael
Financial Manager.....	Kristin Callis
Administrative Assistant	Krista Tischer
Information Technology.....	Curtis Hannah
Director of Education & Youth Activities	Meaghan Murphy
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Twenty Fifth Sunday After Pentecost
 November 19, 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 Handbells

"Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"

George J. Elvey

arr. Barbara Kinyon

*Call to Worship Chris Castlen

One: We will proclaim your greatness as we worship, O Loving God.

All: We will proclaim your greatness. From generation to generation, you have inspired your people.

One: We will proclaim your mercy as we worship, O Loving God.

All: We will proclaim your mercy. Through deeds of compassion and sacrifice, your Way has been made known.

One: We will proclaim your justice as we worship, O Loving God.

All: We will proclaim your justice. Your people have fed the hungry and encouraged the powerless.

One: We will proclaim your faithfulness as we worship, O Loving God.

All: We will proclaim your faithfulness. Those who suffer loss and live in fear have known your sustaining presence.

***Hymn 517**

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" (all)

*Invocation and Lord's Prayer Chris Castlen

(using "debts" and "debtors")

First Scripture Reading Chris Castlen

Matthew 25: 14-18

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 Ella Edwards, Violin & Logan Robinson, Cello

"Gratitude Changes Everything"

Hayes

Second Scripture Reading Rev. Chris Michael

Matthew 25:19-30

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon Rev. Chris Michael

"Grace or Fear?"

Invitation to Discipleship

***Hymn 621 "Are Ye Able," Said the Master" (vs. 1 & 4)**

OFFERING OURSELVES TO GOD

Preparation for the Offering Rev. Chris Michael

Offertory Handbells

"For the Beauty of the Earth"

Conrad Kocher

arr. Barbara Kinyon

*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 Handbells

"We Gather Together"

Netherlands Folk Hymn

Arr. Barbara Kinyon

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 25:14-18

14 'For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; 15 to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. 16 The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. 17 In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. 18 But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money.

Second Reading- Matthew 25:19-30

19 After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. 20 Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, "Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents." 21 His master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master." 22 And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, "Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents." 23 His master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master." 24 Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, "Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; 25 so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours." 26 But his master replied, "You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? 27 Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. 28 So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. 29 For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. 30 As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."