

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:

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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 26
 9:00 a.m. Worship Service (S)
 10:00 a.m. Fellowship (F)
 10:20 a.m. Sunday School
 5:00 p.m. Blue Christmas Service

Monday, November 27
 Christmas Decorating Day

Tuesday, November 28

Wednesday, November 29
 6:30 a.m. Men's Fellowship (Panera)
 6:00 p.m. Youth Groups (F)
 6:00 p.m. Choir Practice (CR)

Thursday, November 30

Friday, December 1 Church Office Closed

Saturday, December 2

Announcements

Blue Christmas Service will be TONIGHT at 5:00 p.m. How do I navigate "the most wonderful time of the year" with grief and loss? Join us for a time of worship to prepare for the Christian season that actually can help with life in all its joy and sorrows.

The Owensboro Choral Society, directed by Connie Ford, will present Handel's Messiah on Sunday, Dec. 3rd at 2:30 at Third Baptist Church. All proceeds go to the Goodfellows of Owensboro.

The OCTC Community Chorus will present a Christmas concert on Monday, Dec. 4th, at 7:00 p.m. at First Christian Church. Directed by Connie Ford and accompanied by Anna Sparks, the 40-voice chorus will present a variety of Christmas choral works. Church members in the chorus include Janet Corum, Carroll Laswell, Beverly and Kirby Chelgren, Janet Estes, Mike Tichenor, and Bonnie Brown.



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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
"Arise, My Soul, Arise"
Lewis Edson
arr. Molly Ijames

*Call to Worship Meg Lawson

One: God spoke to Abraham.

All: Abraham heard God's voice, and set out confidently into the unknown.

One: God challenged Moses.

All: Moses heard God's voice, and brought freedom to a people.

One: God empowered Amos.

All: Amos heard God's voice, and exposed attitudes of selfishness and greed to the light of day.

One: God anointed Jesus.

All: Jesus was aware of God's presence, and lives to transform humankind.

One: God's call comes to our faith community.

All: We respond to God's call with worship and with life-bringing work.

***Hymn 715**

"Now Thank We All Our God" (all)

*Invocation and Lord's Prayer Meg Lawson
(using "debts" and "debtors")

First Scripture Reading Meg Lawson
Matthew 25:31-36

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
"O Come, Emmanuel" Shirley Sandifer, Piano
Hagenberg
1st/3rd Quartet

Second Scripture Reading Rev. Chris Michael
Matthew 25:37-46

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon Rev. Chris Michael
"When Was It?"

Invitation to Discipleship

***Hymn 683 "O for a World" (vs. 1,2, & 5)**

OFFERING OURSELVES TO GOD

Preparation for the Offering Rev. Chris Michael
Offertory Connie Ford, Flute

"Simple Gifts"

Shaker Melody

arr. A.J. Pierce

*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 Jason Roberts & Shannon Divine

Words of Institution

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Communion Music Ann Jeannette Pierce, Piano

"Let All Things Now Living"

Traditional Welsh Melody

Arr. Pepper Choplin

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 25:31-36

31 'When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. 32 All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, 33 and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. 34 Then the king will say to those at his right hand, "Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; 35 for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, 36 I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me."

Second Reading- Matthew 25:37-46

37 Then the righteous will answer him, "Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? 38 And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? 39 And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?" 40 And the king will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me." 41 Then he will say to those at his left hand, "You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; 42 for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, 43 I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me." 44 Then they also will answer, "Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?" 45 Then he will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me." 46 And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.'