

**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](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, October 22**  
 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, October 23**

**Tuesday, October 24**

**Wednesday, October 25**  
 6:30 a.m. Men's Fellowship (Panera)  
 6:00 p.m. Youth Groups (F)  
 6:00 p.m. Choir Practice (CR)

**Thursday, October 26**

**Friday, October 27 Church Office Closed**

**Saturday, October 28**

**Announcements**

Trunk or Treat is Sunday, October 29th from 5-7. Trick or treating, Games, & Food! Contact Meaghan Murphy for questions!

The Empty Bowls event is Thursday, October 26 @ 6:00-8:00 p.m. at the RiverPark Center. Tickets are \$20.00 and you must get them online at [www.eboky.org](http://www.eboky.org) or at the door on the 26th.

The Service Project for DWM in October is CASA. We are collecting items for volunteers to use with the Children. Those include: balls, board games, toys geared towards toddlers that make noise, barbie dolls, & toy cars. Please bring them by the FCC Office!



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Twenty First Sunday After Pentecost  
 October 22, 2023

**SEEKING THE PRESENCE OF GOD**

Welcome Meaghan Murphy

Bringing of the Light

Bell of Mindfulness

(Please use this time for quiet reflection.)

Prelude Ann Jeannette Pierce, Piano

"Praise to God, Immortal Praise"

Sir Francis Champneys

arr. Larry Shackley

\*Call to Worship Angela Bruce

One: Praise God, with shouts of joy, all people

**All: Sing to the glory of God's name, offer the Holy One glorious praise.**

One: Praise God, whose presence has been with the faithful ones in times past.

**All: With the people of Israel when they escaped from Egypt, with the immigrants and refugees coming into the land of promise.**

One: Praise God, whose care is for each person, struggling or free.

**All: God hears our prayers, loves us, and gives us new life.**

**\*Hymn 6**

**"Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above" (vs 1, 2, & 4)**

\*Invocation and Lord's Prayer Angela Bruce  
(using "debts" and "debtors")

Scripture Reading

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

One: The Word of God for the people of God

**All: Thanks be to God.**

Children's Blessing Meaghan Murphy

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 Meaghan Murphy

**HEARING THE WORD OF GOD**

Choir Message

"Is He Worthy?"

arr. Hayes

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

**All: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon Meaghan Murphy

Invitation to Discipleship

**\*Hymn 600 "Jesu, Jesu" (vs. 1- 3)**

**OFFERING OURSELVES TO GOD**

Preparation for the Offering Meaghan Murphy

Offertory Ann Jeannette Pierce, Piano

"O Coule I Speak the Matchless Worth"

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

arr. Penny Rodriguez

\*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 Brian Belcher & Caroline Williams

Words of Institution

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Communion Music Ann Jeannette Pierce, Piano

"I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say"

Traditional English Melody

Arr. John Turner

**GOING IN PEACE TO LOVE AND TO SERVE**

\*Benediction Meaghan Murphy

One: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

\*Please stand, if you are able.

**Scripture Readings**

1 Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy,

To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:

Grace to you and peace.

2 We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly 3 remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labour of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. 4 For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, 5 because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of people we proved to be among you for your sake. 6 And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, 7 so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. 8 For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place where your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. 9 For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, 10 and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.