



This week at First Christian Church (DOC)

*CR- Choir Room; C- Conference Room; F-Fellowship Hall;
FHL-Fa-Ho-Lo Room; S-Sanctuary*

Sunday, December 14
9:00 a.m. Worship Service (S)
10:00 a.m. Fellowship (F)
10:20 a.m. Sunday School
5:00 p.m. Handbells Rehearsal
Youth Christmas Play and Cookies with Santa

Monday, December 15
11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Retired Teacher Lunch Meeting

Tuesday, December 16
Wednesday, December 17
6:30 a.m. **No Dinner/Church Service**
5:00 p.m. Men's Fellowship (Great Harvest on Frederica)
Youth Caroling & Wrapping
Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, December 18
10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Refugee Food Pantry

Friday, December 19 Church Office Closed

Saturday, December 20
10:00 a.m. - 12:00p.m. Salvation Army Angel Tree Pick up - Gifts & Food

Announcements

Come back to Church TONIGHT for a show, dessert, and a visit from Santa! Our Youth Group Christmas Play begins at 5:00 p.m.

ALL wrapped gifts for the Salvation Army Angel Tree are due by Wednesday, December 17th. Gifts & food will be picked up this Saturday 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

There is NO Church Dinner or Service this Wednesday 12/17. The Youth are caroling and wrapping gifts starting at 5:00 p.m.

There is a Congregational Meeting immediately after the 9:00 a.m. Church Service on December 21.

Christmas Eve Service is at 5:00 p.m. The Church Office will be closed 12/24, 12/25, 12/31, & 1/1/2026.

We are collecting mittens, hats, & scarves for kids and teens that will be donated to the schools and shelters. You can donate any and all and place them on the tree in the lobby now until January 4th.

Every household, please fill out a pledge card for 2026! Your 2025 pledge will NOT automatically renew after January 1, 2026. We need to plan the 2026 mission and ministry in our Church and our community.

We have just a few bags of fresh pecans for sale in the Church lobby and sold by St. Joseph Peace Mission at \$14 a bag. Get yours today!



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Third Sunday of Advent
Symphony Sunday
December 14, 2025

Welcome, Visitors! If you are visiting today, we are so pleased that you chose to worship with us. If we can do anything to make you more comfortable during your visit, please feel free to reach out to an usher or our Pastor. 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 do offer childcare for infants to 3 year olds 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 now live 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 to the left!

Staff

Sr. Minister.....Rev. J. Chris Michael
Minister of Music.....Dr. Phillip Mitchell
Minister of Finance.....Kristin Callis
Education & Youth ActivitiesMeaghan Murphy
Education & Children's ActivitiesRiley Payne
Executive Assistant.....Stacy Castlen
Pianist.....Ann Jeannette Pierce
Nursery.....Kacee Glenn, Kaydence Coomes, & Sherry Rhoads
AV Team.....Max and Miles Baur, & Christian Murphy

Contact Us:

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Web Address: www.fccowb.org
Guest Wifi Password: FCCGuest!

SEEKING THE PRESENCE OF GOD

Welcome Rev. Chris Michael

Bringing of the Light

Bell of Mindfulness
(Please use this time for quiet reflection.)

Prelude

"Finale" (The Dargason)
from *St. Paul's Suite*
Gustav Holst

Call to Worship Patrick Whitmer

One: Come, let us rejoice this day in the God who is near in everyone around us.

All: We will sing glad songs of the One who is rebuilding neighborhoods in our midst.

One: Come, let us rejoice always in Jesus who baptizes us with hope and compassion.

All: We will join in choruses of praise of the One who brings justice to the forgotten in our midst.

One: Come, let us rejoice again and again in the Spirit who offers us new life in every moment.

All: We will sing full throttle of the One who fills us with gifts to share with everyone in our midst.

*Hymn #142

"People, Look East"

*Invocation and Lord's Prayer Patrick Whitmer
(using "debts" and "debtors")

Lighting of the Advent Wreath - Candle of Love

Pastoral Prayer Rev. Chris Michael

HEARING THE WORD OF GOD

Anthem

"I Heard the Bells"
Arr. Bradley Knight
Andrea Ross, Soprano

Scripture Reading Rev. Chris Michael

Revelation 5:11-14

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"With Full Voice"

Rev. Chris Michael

Invitation to Discipleship

*Hymn #144

" O Little Town of Bethlehem"

OFFERING OURSELVES TO GOD

Preparation for the Offering

Rev. Chris Michael

Offertory

"Pie Jesu"

from *Requiem*

Gabriel Faure/arr. John Rutter

Andrea Ross, Soprano

*Doxology and Presentation of Gifts (Page 46)

*Dedication Prayer

Communion Hymn #151

"The First Noel"

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 take the cup and bread after your prayers.

Invitation to Communion

Mike & Angela Bruce

Words of Institution

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Communion Meditation

" Fantasia on Greensleeves"

Ralph Vaughan Williams

GOING IN PEACE TO LOVE AND TO SERVE

Benediction

Rev. Chris Michael

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Finale

"Mary Did You Know?"

Arr. Douglas E. Wagner

"Jig"

from *St. Paul's Suite*

Gustav Holst

*Please stand if you are able.

Scripture Reading

Revelation 5:11-14

¹¹ Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels surrounding the throne and the living creatures and the elders; they numbered myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, ¹² singing with full voice,

"Worthy is the Lamb that was slaughtered to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!"

¹³ Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea and all that is in them, singing,

"To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!"

¹⁴ And the four living creatures said, "Amen!" And the elders fell down and worshiped.



Owensboro Symphony Chamber Orchestra

Troy Quinn, Music Director/Conductor

Vocalist

Andrea Ross

Cello

Graham Cullen
Sari Reist

Violin I

Christina McGann
Sabrina Tabby
Yuri Cho
Li-Che Wang

Bass

Greg Olson

Flute

Leanne Hampton

Violin II

Michael Chu
Melissa Bull
Bingxin Leng

Oboe

Bonnie Farr

Timpani

Todd Sheehan

Viola

Mark Hatlestad
Katja Yeager

Harp

Mary Dicken

Piano

Diane Earle

