

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



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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!

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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, April 14

9:00 a.m. Worship Service (S)
 10:00 a.m. Fellowship (F)
 10:20 a.m. Sunday School

Monday, April 15

Tuesday, April 16

Wednesday, April 17

6:30 a.m. Men's Fellowship (Panera)
 5:30 p.m. Fellowship Meal
 5:30 p.m. Youth Groups (F)
 6:00 p.m. Choir Practice (CR)

Thursday, April 18



Friday, April 19

Church Office Closed

Saturday, April 20

7:00 a.m. Operation Community Cleanup Day

Announcements

Men's Mass Community Choir concert is today at FCC at 3:00 p.m.

Fellowship Meal is on Wednesday @ FCC at 5:30 p.m. It will be a potluck style dinner. FCC will provide fried chicken and chicken tenders, everyone else bring a side to feed 10 people. Friends and family welcome!

Operation Community Cleanup is on Saturday, April 20th. Registration is open at 7:00 a.m. same day! Please contact Meaghan Murphy for signup. More information to follow.

OCTC Spring Choir Concert is on Monday, April 29th at 7:00 p.m. at FCC. Directed by Connie Ford.



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Third Sunday of Easter
 April 14, 2024

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
 "On Jordan's Stormy Banks"
 Traditional American Melody
 arr. Jay Rouse

*Call to Worship Andy Goodaker
 One: God's Word calls us to thanksgiving.
All: "Give thanks to God; God is good, God's love is eternal."
 One: God's Word calls us to praise.
All: "Praise God! All who serve God, all who worship in the Lord's house."
 One: God's Word calls us to community in faith.
All: "How wonderful it is, how pleasant for God's people to live together in harmony."
 One: God's Word calls us to freedom and justice.
All: "God hears the groans of the prisoners, and sets free those who were doomed to die."

*Hymn #562
"Because He Lives"

*Invocation and Lord's Prayer Andy Goodaker
 (using "debts" and "debtors")

First Scripture Reading Andy Goodaker
 Acts 9:1-9
 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
 "Order My Steps"
 Burleigh
 arr. Schrader

Second Scripture Reading Rev. Chris Michael
 Acts 9:10-20
 One: The Word of God for the people of God.
All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon Rev. Chris Michael
 "A Call to What?"

Invitation to Discipleship

*Hymn #200
"What Wondrous Love" (vs. 1 & 3)

OFFERING OURSELVES TO GOD

Preparation for the Offering Rev. Chris Michael
 Offertory Ann Jeannette Pierce, Piano
 "Go Down, Moses"
 Traditional American Melody
 arr. Alex Zsolt

*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 take the cup and bread after your prayers.
 Invitation to Communion Aloma Dew & Anne Carlisle
 Words of Institution
 Prayer of Thanksgiving

Communion Music Ann Jeannette Pierce, Piano
 "Wayfaring Stranger"
 Traditional American Melody
 Arr. Brent Edstrom

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 Reading

First Reading- Acts 9:1-9

Meanwhile Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest 2 and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. 3 Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. 4 He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, 'Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?' 5 He asked, 'Who are you, Lord?' The reply came, 'I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. 6 But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do.' 7 The men who were travelling with him stood speechless because they heard the voice but saw no one. 8 Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing; so they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. 9 For three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank.

Second Reading- Acts 9:10-20

10 Now there was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, 'Ananias.' He answered, 'Here I am, Lord.' 11 The Lord said to him, 'Get up and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul. At this moment he is praying, 12 and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight.' 13 But Ananias answered, 'Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints in Jerusalem; 14 and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who invoke your name.' 15 But the Lord said to him, 'Go, for he is an instrument whom I have chosen to bring my name before Gentiles and kings and before the people of Israel; 16 I myself will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name.' 17 So Ananias went and entered the house. He laid his hands on Saul and said, 'Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on your way here, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit.' 18 And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and his sight was restored. Then he got up and was baptized, 19 and after taking some food, he regained his strength. For several days he was with the disciples in Damascus, 20 and immediately he began to proclaim Jesus in the synagogues, saying, 'He is the Son of God.'