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 below!

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This week at First Christian

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

Sunday, April 17

9:00 a.m. Worship Service (S) No Sunday School/Fellowship Hour Today

Church Office Closed Monday, April 18

Tuesday, April 19

Wednesday, April 20

Men's Fellowship (Panera) 6:30 a.m. 6:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal (CR)

Thursday, April 21

Refugee Food Pantry (F) 2:30 p.m.

Friday, April 22 Church Office Closed

Announcements

<u>Cinco de Mayo!- Mission Trip Fundraiser</u>

Wednesday, May 4th, at 5:30pm in the Fellowship Hall Come enjoy our Mexican cuisine and support our high school summer mission trip to Memphis, Tennessee! We would love your help purchasing the ingredients! Look for a Sign-up Genius link for food donations to be emailed on Monday.

Upcoming Meetings

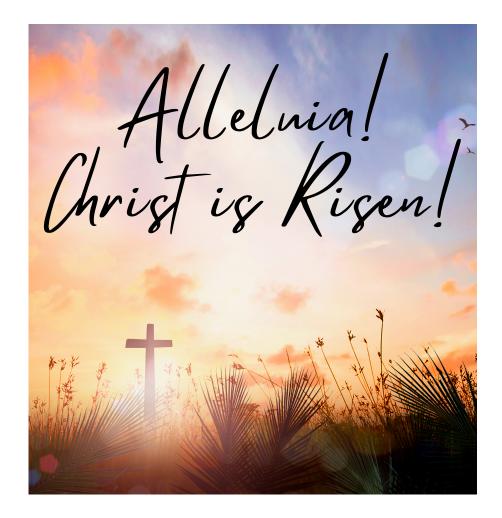
Board Meeting-Tuesday, April 19 at 5:30 p.m. Outreach Committee- Monday, April 25 at 5:30 p.m. Elders Meeting-Tuesday, May 10 at 5:30 p.m.

Primetimers+- Hold the Date

Thursday, April 28 - Farley's, Calhoun, Ky.



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(Disciples of Christ)

"Our mission is to manifest Christ's love by empowering all to compassionate service."

> **Easter Sunday April 17, 2022**

April 17, 2022 Easter Sunday 2022

SEEKING THE PRESENCE OF GOD

Welcome Rev. J. Chris Michael

Bringing of the Light

Bell of Mindfulness

(Please use this time for quiet reflection.)

Prelude Ann Jeannette Pierce and Janet Corum, piano

"Christ the Lord is Risen Today" *Lyra Davidica*, arr. Robert D. Vandall

*Call to Worship Pam Woodward

One: Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

All: Christ is risen indeed!

One: Darkness has been vanquished!

All: The brilliant light of hope has come!

One: Come let us worship and celebrate the Good News!

All: Alleluia! Christ is risen! Amen.

***Hymn #216** EASTER HYMN

"Christ, the Lord, is Risen Today"

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

First Scripture Reading Pam Woodward

Acts 10:34-43

One: The Word of God for the people of God

All: Thanks be to God.

Children's Blessing Rev. 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. Michael

HEARING THE WORD OF GOD

Message in Music Choir

"I Know That My Redeemer Lives"
Sacred Harp, arr. by Austin C. Lovelace

Second Scripture Reading Rev. Michael

Luke 24:1-12

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon Rev. Michael

"An Idle Tale...."

Invitation to Discipleship

*Hymn #224 CHRIST AROSE

"Christ Arose!"

OFFERING OURSELVES TO GOD

Preparation for the Offering Rev. Michael
Offertory Ann Jeannette Pierce, piano
"Morning Has Broken"

Traditional Gaelic Melody; arr. Larry Shackley

*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 Pam Woodward

Words of Institution
Prayer of Thanksgiving

Communion Music Ann Jeannette Pierce, piano

"God So Loved the World" from *The Crucifixion* by John Stainer, arr. Larry Shackley

GOING IN PEACE TO LOVE AND TO SERVE

*Benediction Rev. Michael

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

*Please stand if you are able.

Scripture Reading

First Reading- Acts 10:34-43

34 Then Peter began to speak to them: 'I truly understand that God shows no partiality, 35 but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. 36 You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. 37 That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: 38 how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. 39 We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; 40 but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, 41 not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. 42 He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. 43 All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

Easter lilies have been generously donated by many in our congregation. Please see the insert for more information. If you purchased a lily, feel free to take it home after worship.

The arrangement in the silver pitcher is given by Mary Ellen Gant in loving memory of Justice William Gant, Walter S. Gant, Mr. & Mrs. A. S. Gant, Captain & Mrs. W. T. Ellis, and Mr. & Mrs. W. L. Sloane.