


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!

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This week at First Christian Church (DOC)

<i>CR- Choir Room; C- Conference Room; F-Fellowship Hall; FHL-Fa-Ho-Lo Room; S-Sanctuary</i>	
Sunday, April 20 9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	Worship Service (S) Fellowship (F) <i>No Sunday School!</i>
Monday, April 21 11:30 a.m.	Primetimers Plus meal @ FCC
Tuesday, April 22	Hospice Meeting
Wednesday, April 23 6:30 a.m	Men's Fellowship (Panera) Volunteer Night for Youth
Thursday, April 24 1:30 p.m.	Refugee Food Pantry
Friday, April 25 2-10 p.m.	Church Office Closed Fellowship Hall Reserved
Saturday, April 26	

Announcements

Primetimers Plus meal will be here at FCC on Monday, the 21st at 11:30 a.m. Please let Janet Luckett or Barbara Chavez know ASAP if you plan to attend!

No Choir practice on Wednesday night, 4/23

All Church Meal will be held on Wednesday, April 30th at 5:30 p.m. Hosted by the youth! Potluck Style- please bring a side, friends & family!

If you are a 2025 graduate (or a parent of a 2025 graduate) or a new driver (May 2024-May 2025), please fill out the form sent on Flocknote from Meaghan so that we can properly recognize you! We will be recognizing grads and drivers on May 11 during worship.



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Easter Sunday
April 20, 2025

SEEKING THE PRESENCE OF GOD

Welcome

Bringing of the Light

Bell of Mindfulness

(Please use this time for quiet reflection.)

Rev. Chris Michael

Prelude

Ann Jeannette Pierce, Piano

“Introit for Easter”

Joel Raney

FCC Handbells & Choir

*Call to Worship

One: Defeater of death!

All: Christ is risen!

One: Creator of community!

All: Christ is risen!

One: Way of hope!

All: Christ is risen!

One: Promise of wholeness!

All: Christ is risen!

One: Christ is risen!

All:Christ is risen indeed!

Patrick Whitmer

*Hymn #216

Christ the Lord is Risen Today

*Invocation and Lord’s Prayer

(using “debts” and “debtors”)

Patrick Whitmer

First Scripture Reading

I Corinthians 15:19-26

One: The Word of God for the people of God

All: Thanks be to God.

Patrick Whitmer

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

"Easter Song"

Herring/Arr. Wilson

Second Scripture Reading

Luke 24:1-12

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Rev. Chris Michael

Sermon

An Idle Tale

Rev. Chris Michael

Invitation to Discipleship

*Hymn #224

Christ Arose

OFFERING OURSELVES TO GOD

Preparation for the Offering

Rev. Chris Michael

Offertory

Ann Jeannette Pierce, Piano

“Because He Lives”

William J. Gaither

Arr. Carol Tornquist

*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 & Connie Ford

Words of Institution

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Communion Music

Jason Roberts, Trumpet & Ann Jeannette Pierce, Piano

“Trumpet Voluntary”

Henry Purcell

Arr. Major Herman Vincent

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- I Corinthians 15:19-26

¹⁹If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. ²⁰ But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. ²¹For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being; ²²for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ. ²³But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. ²⁴Then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, after he has destroyed every ruler and every authority and power. ²⁵For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. ²⁶The last enemy to be destroyed is death.