

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!

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 21

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

Monday, April 22



Tuesday, April 23

Wednesday, April 24

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

Thursday, April 25

Friday, April 26

Church Office Closed

Saturday, April 27

DWM Spring Conference

Announcements

OCTC Spring Concert is on **Monday 4/29** at FCC. Concert begins at 7:00 p.m. Directed by Connie Ford.

Please plan to attend our Cinco De Mayo fundraising dinner on May 8 at 6pm! This is our last opportunity to raise money for our CYF mission trip & we would love if you and your family could make it! Contact Meaghan Murphy to sign up or check out her Flocknote message to learn more info.

Camp registration has opened and all the forms are available online at <https://www.campkumbaya.org/register-for-camps/>

The form may ask you for a Youth Director email/contact info where you can put MM down (glenn.meaghan@gmail.com) for contact purposes.

Please encourage your child to sign up for camp and bring a friend!



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Fourth Sunday of Easter
 April 21, 2024

Contact Us:
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 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 Ann Jeannette Pierce, Piano
 "I'll Fly Away"
 Albert E. Brumley
 arr. Mark Hayes

*Call to Worship Carroll Laswell

One: Calm is your gift to us, O God.

All: You lead us on the right path.

One: In the valley of the shadow,

All: you take our hand.

One: As we sit at the table,

All: you join us and secure us.

One: You are eternally good for us,

All: and eternally present with us.

***Hymn #618**

"How Firm a Foundation" (v. 1,2, & 5)

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

First Scripture Reading Carroll Laswell

Acts 9:19b-25

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
 "Lord, I Stretch My Hands to You"
 Althouse

Second Scripture Reading Rev. Chris Michael

Acts 9:26:31

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon Rev. Chris Michael

"A Friend in Need"

Invitation to Discipleship

***Hymn #224**

"Christ Arose" (vs. 1-3)

OFFERING OURSELVES TO GOD

Preparation for the Offering Rev. Chris Michael

Offertory Ann Jeannette Pierce, Piano

"In the Garden"

C. Austin Miles

arr. Bill Wolaver

*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 Mike & Angela Bruce

Words of Institution

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Communion Music
 Ann Jeannette Pierce, Piano

"I Love to Tell the Story"

Wm. G. Fischer

Arr. Bill Wolaver

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: 19b-25

For several days (Saul) was with the disciples in Damascus, 20 and immediately he began to proclaim Jesus in the synagogues, saying, 'He is the Son of God.' 21 All who heard him were amazed and said, 'Is not this the man who made havoc in Jerusalem among those who invoked this name? And has he not come here for the purpose of bringing them bound before the chief priests?' 22 Saul became increasingly more powerful and confounded the Jews who lived in Damascus by proving that Jesus was the Messiah.

23 After some time had passed, the Jews plotted to kill him, 24 but their plot became known to Saul. They were watching the gates day and night so that they might kill him; 25 but his disciples took him by night and let him down through an opening in the wall, lowering him in a basket.

Second Reading- Acts 9:26-31

When he had come to Jerusalem, he attempted to join the disciples; and they were all afraid of him, for they did not believe that he was a disciple. 27 But Barnabas took him, brought him to the apostles, and described for them how on the road he had seen the Lord, who had spoken to him, and how in Damascus he had spoken boldly in the name of Jesus. 28 So he went in and out among them in Jerusalem, speaking boldly in the name of the Lord. 29 He spoke and argued with the Hellenists; but they were attempting to kill him. 30 When the believers learned of it, they brought him down to Caesarea and sent him off to Tarsus.

31 Meanwhile the church throughout Judea, Galilee, and Samaria had peace and was built up. Living in the fear of the Lord and in the comfort of the Holy Spirit, it increased in numbers.