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 codeto the left!

#### Staff

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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 28

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

Monday, April 29

7:00 p.m. OCTC Spring Concert @ FCC

Tuesday, April 30

Wednesday, May 1

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

Thursday, May 2

Friday, May 3

Church Office Closed

Saturday, May 4

# **Announcements**

OCTC Spring Concert is Monday night at 7:00 p.m. at FCC in the Sanctuary.

Graduate recognition and blessing of keys for new drivers will be held during Worship on May 5th. Send Meaghan Murphy anyone you would like recognized.







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Fifth Sunday of Easter April 28, 2024 April 28, 2024

Fifth Sunday of Easter

**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

"O Worship the King" J. Michael Haydn Arr. Lani Smith

\*Call to Worship Sue Napper

One: Jesus is the true vine and God is the vine grower.

All: We are the branches.

One: It is God's Word that makes the branches strong;

**All:** and the Word bears fruit. One: The Word gives rise to action;

All: and action proves our discipleship.
One: God celebrates when we act faithfully;
All: and we give back praise and glory, to God.

\*Hymn #707

"Marching to Zion" (vs. 1,2, & 4)

\*Invocation and Lord's Prayer Sue Napper

(using "debts" and "debtors")

First Scripture Reading Sue Napper

Acts 10:25-33

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

"Do Lord, Remember Me" arr. McDonald Second Scripture Reading Rev. Chris Michael

Acts 10:34-43

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon Rev. Chris Michael

"The Most Important Story Never Told"

Invitation to Discipleship

\*Hymn #453

"Called as Partners in Christ Service" (vs. 1, 2, & 4)

**OFFERING OURSELVES TO GOD** 

Preparation for the Offering Rev. Chris Michael
Offertory Ann Jeannette Pierce, Piano

"Lord, I Want to be a Christian" American Folk Melody Arr. Sandra Eithun

\*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 Steve Divine & Laura Michael

Words of Institution

Prayer of Thanksgiving

**Communion Music** 

Ann Jeannette Pierce, Piano

"Sweet Beulah Land" Squire Parsons, Jr. 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.** 

# **Scripture Reading**

## First Reading- Acts 10:25-33

25 On Peter's arrival Cornelius met him, and falling at his feet, worshipped him. 26 But Peter made him get up, saying, 'Stand up; I am only a mortal.' 27 And as he talked with him, he went in and found that many had assembled; 28 and he said to them, 'You yourselves know that it is unlawful for a Jew to associate with or to visit a Gentile; but God has shown me that I should not call anyone profane or unclean. 29 So when I was sent for, I came without objection. Now may I ask why you sent for me?' 30 Cornelius replied, 'Four days ago at this very hour, at three o'clock, I was praying in my house when suddenly a man in dazzling clothes stood before me. 31 He said, "Cornelius, your prayer has been heard and your alms have been remembered before God. 32 Send therefore to Joppa and ask for Simon, who is called Peter; he is staying in the home of Simon, a tanner, by the sea." 33 Therefore I sent for you immediately, and you have been kind enough to come. So now all of us are here in the presence of God to listen to all that the Lord has commanded you to say.'

### **Second 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.'