

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; however, we do offer childcare for infants to 3 year olds while parents attend Worship and Sunday School.

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
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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 3

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

Monday, April 4

Tuesday, April 5

Wednesday, April 6

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

Thursday, April 7

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

Friday, April 8

Church Office Closed

Announcements

Easter Lilies for Resurrection Sunday

Easter is only a few weeks away. If you would like to purchase an Easter Lily this year, the cost will be \$14, often purchased in honor or memory of a loved one. You can find order forms on the table in the narthex. To place your order, please submit the form and payment in the offering basket, or call/e-mail the church office. The deadline to order is Sunday, April 10. Following the Easter service, you may take your lily home with you.

No Worship and Wonder/Children's Sunday School

We will not be offering Worship and Wonder or Children's Sunday School today due to Spring Break. We will also not be offering Children's Sunday School next week due to the Easter Egg Hunt.

Cinco de Mayo!- Mission Trip Fundraiser

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 mid-April.



(Disciples of Christ)

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

**The Fifth Sunday in Lent
 April 3, 2022**



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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, piano
"Jesu, Word of God Incarnate"
by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, arr. Austin North

*Call to Worship Janey Burns
One: Break open our hearts this morning to hear your word, O God.
All: Let our fears be vanquished, our spirits restored!
One: Come and let us worship with great joy!
All: Let us drop the things of the past which weighed us down!
One: God is about to do something new in our lives!
All: Let God's will become strong in our lives. AMEN.

*Hymn #6 MIT FREUDEN ZART
"Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above" (v. 1, 2, and 4)

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

First Scripture Reading Janey Burns
Isaiah 43:16-21
One: The Word of God for the people of God
All: Thanks be to God.

Pastoral Prayer Rev. Michael

HEARING THE WORD OF GOD

Message in Music Janet Corum
"What Wondrous Love is This"
Traditional

Second Scripture Reading Rev. Michael
John 12:1-11
One: The Word of God for the people of God.
All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon Rev. Michael
"Preparing for the Worst"

Invitation to Discipleship

*Hymn #527 MORE LOVE TO THEE
"More Love to Thee, O Christ"

OFFERING OURSELVES TO GOD

Preparation for the Offering Rev. Michael
Offertory Ann Jeannette Pierce, piano
"Come Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy"
Southern Harmony, 1835, arr. Christopher Anderson Reed

*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 John Burns
Words of Institution
Prayer of Thanksgiving
Communion Music Ann Jeannette Pierce, piano
"Go to Dark Gethsemane"
Richard Redhead, arr. A.J. Pierce

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.

*The flowers in the narthex have been given to the glory of God
in loving memory of Marjorie and John Hager
by Sally Wood and Susie Alford*

First Reading: Isaiah 43:16-21

16 Thus says the Lord, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters, 17 who brings out chariot and horse, army and warrior; they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick: 18 Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. 19 I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. 20 The wild animals will honor me, the jackals and the ostriches; for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people, 21 the people whom I formed for myself so that they might declare my praise.

Second Reading: John 12:1-11

Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. 2 There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. 3 Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. 4 But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, 5 "Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?" 6 (He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) 7 Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. 8 You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me." 9 When the great crowd of the Jews learned that he was there, they came not only because of Jesus but also to see Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. 10 So the chief priests planned to put Lazarus to death as well, 11 since it was on account of him that many of the Jews were deserting and were believing in Jesus.