

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
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Online Giving

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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 5

9:00 a.m.
 10:00 a.m.



Easter Sunday

Worship Service (S)
 Fellowship (F)

Monday, April 6

6:30 p.m.

OCTC Choir Rehearsal

Tuesday, April 7

Wednesday, April 8

6:30 a.m.
 6:00 p.m.

Men's Fellowship (Great Harvest on Frederica)
 Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, April 9

Friday, April 10

Church Office Closed

Saturday, April 11

Announcements

There will be NO dinner, worship service, or youth group during Spring Break on Wednesday, April 8th. Choir rehearsal will take place at 6:00 p.m. that evening.

The Men's Mass Community Choir will be performing on April 12 at Settle Memorial United Methodist. See singers Terry Brownson or Mike Tichenor for more information.

Primetimers luncheon will be April 14 at 11:30 AM. We will be going to the Patio Steak House, 3120 East State Rd 66, Cannelton IN. Since this restaurant is out of town, we will have a bus available driven by Steve Rice. Please let us know if you can come and if you want to ride the bus. Charge will be \$5 per person to ride the bus. Arrive 10:45 AM to board the bus. Contact Janet Lockett by text only 270-929-4984 or Barbara Chavez 270-929-6941 to text or leave a message or email babsc1222@gmail.com.

Save the date: April 18th is not only Chris Michael's 60th birthday, but it is also the Issac Sterett Adventure Foudation's annual Operation Community Cleanup. Details coming soon.



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Second Scripture Reading

Rev. Chris Michael

SEEKING THE PRESENCE OF GOD

Welcome
Bringing of the LightBell of Mindfulness
(Please use this time for quiet reflection.)
Prelude

Rev. Chris Michael

John 20: 11-18

"Triumph and Praise"
Jason W. Krug

Celebration Ringers

One: The Word of God for the people of God.
All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Rev. Chris Michael

"I Have Seen the Lord"

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

Nancy Connor & Leslie Mobley

Words of Institution

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Communion Music

Celebration Ringers

"The Greatest of These is Love"

Linda R. Lamb

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 - John 20: 1-10

¹Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. ²So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him."
³Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. ⁴The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. ⁵He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. ⁶Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, ⁷and the cloth that had been on Jesus's head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. ⁸Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed, ⁹for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. ¹⁰Then the disciples returned to their homes.

Second Reading - John 20: 11-18

¹¹But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb, ¹²and she saw two angels in white sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. ¹³They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." ¹⁴When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. ¹⁵Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." ¹⁶Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). ¹⁷Jesus said to her, "Do not touch me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" ¹⁸Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord," and she told them that he had said these things to her.

Introit
Celebration Ringers Quartet
Choir

"Open the Gates"
by Hal H. Hopson, newly edited by Katie Houts

*Call to Worship
Leslie Carlisle

One: This is the day

All: hope tiptoes us awake; light guides us through the shadows.

One: This is the day the Lord

**All: plants joy in our winter hearts; drowns out despair's cries
with laughter.**

One: This is the day the Lord has made,

**All: the day grace does cartwheels in graveyards; resurrection
wonder outshines the brightest sun; an empty tomb fills us with
good news.**

***Hymn #216**

"Christ the Lord is Risen Today"

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

First Scripture Reading
Leslie Carlisle

John 20: 1-10

One: The Word of God for the people of God

All: Thanks be to God.

Pastoral Prayer
Rev. Chris Michael

HEARING THE WORD OF GOD

Special Music
Choir

"Risen! Christ Is Risen!"
Lloyd Larson