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!

Staff

Sr. Minister	Rev. J. Chris Michael
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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 6

9:00 a.m. Worship Service (S)
10:00 a.m. Fellowship (F)
10:20 a.m. Sunday School
5:00 p.m. Handbells

Monday, April 7

Tuesday, April 8

12:10 p.m. Lenten Devotional & Lunch

Wednesday, April 9

6:30 a.m Men's Fellowship (Panera)
5:30 p.m Youth Groups (F)
5:30 p.m. Elders Meeting
6:15 p.m Choir Practice (CR)

Thursday, April 10

Friday, April 11

Church Office Closed

Saturday, April 12

Announcements

Join us Tuesday at 12:10 p.m. for the Lenten Devotional & Lunch

Elders Meeting will be on Wednesday, April 9th at 5:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary

Candy donations being accepted for Easter egg hunt- donations to Meaghan or to the office by April 13th.

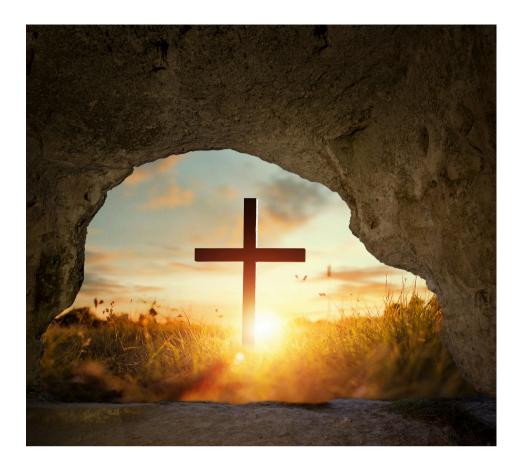
Maundy Thursday worship service will be on Thursday, April 17th at 7:00 p.m.

Classic Mens Mass Community Choir is on April 13th at 3:00 p.m. at FCC.

Easter egg hunt for youth will be on Easter Sunday, April 20!



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Fourth Sunday in Lent April 6, 2025 **April 6, 2025** Fifth Sunday in Lent

SEEKING THE PRESENCE OF GOD

Welcome Rev. Chris Michael

Bringing of the Light Bell of Mindfulness

(Please use this time for quiet reflection.)

Prelude Handbells

> "Now the Green Blade Rises" Based on hymn tune Noel Nouvelet arr. Karissa Dennis

*Call to Worship Cathy Perrin

One: Into our comfortable ways, O God,

All: breathe vigorous reflection. One: Into our ordered ways, O God,

All: breathe lively innovation. One: Into our worldly ways, O God,

All: breathe hints of holiness.

One: Into our self-seeking ways, O God,

All: breathe the notion of sacrifice, that we may walk the Lenten walk with Jesus, calmly, purposefully, and without fear. Amen.

*Hymn #91

"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" (vs. 1,2,4,5)

*Invocation and Lord's Prayer

Cathy Perrin

(using "debts" and "debtors")

Cathy Perrin First Scripture Reading

Psalm 126

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

"Jesus Messiah" Tomlin arr. Sorenson

Second Scripture Reading

Rev. Chris Michael

Luke 19:1-10

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon Rev. Chris Michael

"A Guest of Sinners"

Invitation to Discipleship

*Hymn #195

"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" (vs. 1,2, & 4)

OFFERING OURSELVES TO GOD

Rev. Chris Michael Preparation for the Offering Offertory Handbells

> "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" Based on hymn tune Hamburg arr. Karissa Dennis

*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

Handbells

"Ah, Holy Jesus Based on hymn tune Herzliebster Jesu arr. Karissa Dennis

GOING IN PEACE TO LOVE AND TO SERVE

Rev. Chris Michael *Benediction

One: The Lord be with you. All: And also with you.

*Please stand if you are able.

Scripture Reading

First Reading- Psalm 126

- ¹ When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion. we were like those who dream.
- ² Then our mouth was filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy; then it was said among the nations, 'The Lord has done great things for them.'
- ³ The Lord has done great things for us, and we rejoiced.
- ⁴ Restore our fortunes, O Lord, like the watercourses in the Negeb.
- ⁵ May those who sow in tears reap with shouts of joy.
- ⁶ Those who go out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing, shall come home with shouts of joy, carrying their sheaves.

Second Reading- Luke 19:1-10

He entered Jericho and was passing through it. ²A man was there named Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax-collector and was rich. ³He was trying to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was short in stature. 4So he ran ahead and climbed a sycomore tree to see him, because he was going to pass that way. 5When Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, 'Zacchaeus, hurry and come down; for I must stay at your house today.' 6So he hurried down and was happy to welcome him. ⁷All who saw it began to grumble and said, 'He has gone to be the guest of one who is a sinner.' 8Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, 'Look, half of my possessions, Lord, I will give to the poor; and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I will pay back four times as much.' 9Then Jesus said to him, 'Today salvation has come to this house, because he too is a son of Abraham. ¹⁰For the Son of Man came to seek out and to save the lost.'