

**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](http://www.fccowb.org)  
 Facebook: FCCOwensboro  
 Instagram: @fccowb



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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 7**

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

**Monday, April 8**

**Tuesday, April 9**

5:30 p.m. Elders Meeting

**Wednesday, April 10**

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

**Thursday, April 11**

**Friday, April 12**

Church Office Closed

**Saturday, April 13**

**Announcements**

No Worship & Wonder today

No Board Meeting this month

Men's Mass Community Choir Concert is on Sunday, April 14th at 3:00 p.m. at FCC.

Next Fellowship Meal is on Wednesday, April 17th at 5:30 at FCC!

OCTC Spring Choir Concert is on Monday, April 29th at 7:00 p.m. at FCC.



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Second Sunday of Easter  
 April 7, 2024

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**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

“Because He Lives”

William Gaither

Arr. Carol Tornquist

\*Call to Worship Cathy Perrin

One: Strengthen our faith at this resurrection time, O God;

**All: give us the courage of Mary Magdalene.**

One: Strengthen our faith at this resurrection time, O God;

**All: give us the honesty of Thomas the apostle.**

One: Strengthen our faith at this resurrection time, O God;

**All: give us the joy of the gathered disciples.**

One: Strengthen our faith at this resurrection time, O God;

**All: give us the active spirit of the Risen Christ. Christ be praised.**

**Alleluia!**

**\*Hymn #234**

**"Crown Him with Many Crowns" (vs. 1,2,4)**

\*Invocation and Lord’s Prayer Cathy Perrin

(using “debts” and “debtors”)

First Scripture Reading Cathy Perrin

Joel 2:28-32

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**

Message in Music Maurice Hanley, solo

"Via Dolorosa"

-Patty

Second Scripture Reading

Mark 16:9-20

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

**All: Thanks be to God.**

Rev. Chris Michael

Sermon

"Finish the Story"

Rev. Chris Michael

Invitation to Discipleship

**\*Hymn #556**

**"Trust & Obey" (vs. 1, 2, & 4)**

**OFFERING OURSELVES TO GOD**

Preparation for the Offering

Rev. Chris Michael

Offertory

Ann Jeannette Pierce, Piano

“There's Something About That Name”

William Gaither

Arr. 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 Laura Michael & Pam Woodward

Words of Institution

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Communion Music

Maurice Hanley

"Jesus Paid It All"

-Grape

**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- Joel 2:28-32**

28 Then afterwards I will pour out my spirit on all flesh; your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, and your young men shall see visions.

29 Even on the male and female slaves, in those days, I will pour out my spirit. 30 I will show portents in the heavens and on the earth, blood and fire and columns of smoke. 31 The sun shall be turned to darkness, and the moon to blood, before the great and terrible day of the Lord comes. 32 Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved; for in Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there shall be those who escape, as the Lord has said, and among the survivors shall be those whom the Lord calls.

**Second Reading- Mark 16:9-20**

9 Now after he rose early on the first day of the week, he appeared first to Mary Magdalene, from whom he had cast out seven demons. 10 She went out and told those who had been with him, while they were mourning and weeping. 11 But when they heard that he was alive and had been seen by her, they would not believe it.

12 After this he appeared in another form to two of them, as they were walking into the country. 13 And they went back and told the rest, but they did not believe them. 14 Later he appeared to the eleven themselves as they were sitting at the table; and he upbraided them for their lack of faith and stubbornness, because they had not believed those who saw him after he had risen. 15 And he said to them, ‘Go into all the world and proclaim the good news to the whole creation. 16 The one who believes and is baptized will be saved; but the one who does not believe will be condemned. 17 And these signs will accompany those who believe: by using my name they will cast out demons; they will speak in new tongues; 18 they will pick up snakes in their hands, and if they drink any deadly thing, it will not hurt them; they will lay their hands on the sick, and they will recover.’

19 So then the Lord Jesus, after he had spoken to them, was taken up into heaven and sat down at the right hand of God. 20 And they went out and proclaimed the good news everywhere, while the Lord worked with them and confirmed the message by the signs that accompanied it.