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
Financial Manager	Kristin Callis
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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, August 17

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

Monday, August 18

Tuesday, August 19

Wednesday, August 20

6:30 a.m Men's Fellowship (Panera) 5:30 p.m. Back to School Potluck

Thursday, August 21

1:30 p.m. Refugee Food Pantry

Friday, August 22

Church Office Closed

Saturday, August 23

Announcements

Join us as we celebrate the new school year with a potluck gathering. A main dish will be provided, and we kindly ask guests to bring their favorite side dishes or salads to share.

For dessert, we are excited to have homemade ice cream! We look forward to seeng you there!

Please reach out to Cathy Midkiff if you can help in providing homemade ice cream! 270-314-9008

On Wednesday, August 27 we will start an old/new schedule for Wednesday nights. At 5:30 we will share a meal in the fellowship hall, followed by a brief service of prayer and the Lord's Supper in the sanctuary at 6 p.m. At 6:15 children, youth and adults are free to attend groups until 7 or so, or maybe just visit a while and return home. Yes, most of us have done this all before. It's old-hat, ordinary, and kind of exciting, eh? Come and see....

We will be funding backpacks for Kids at Cravens Elementary & Estes Elementary. Please help us make this happen by making a check out to FCC with "backpacks" in the memo line. To fund one child for the school year will be at least \$165- but every amount is appreciated and can be given at different times during the school year. Thank you for helping us wiht this important project!



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Tenth Sunday after Pentecost August 17, 2025 August 17, 2025

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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

"Sanctuary"

John W. Thompson and Randy Scruggs
Arr. Carol Tornguist

*Call to Worship

Carroll Laswell

One: The unconditional grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

All: And also with you!

One: Worship is a coming to our senses in the presence of the Holy One.

All: Worship is catching our breath in the presence of Pure Beauty.

One: Worship is an awareness that our frailty does not matter.

All: Worship is realising that we are infinitely cherished.

One: Worship is our whole being alive with love and gratitude.

All: Worship is a pooling of our human love in a chorus of wonder and praise.

*Hymn #552

"Standing on the Promises" (1,2,4)

*Invocation and Lord's Prayer

(using "debts" and "debtors")

Carroll Laswell

First Scripture Reading Carroll Laswell

Colossians 2:16-19

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

Special Music Hymn #99

"O, How I Love Jesus"

Second Scripture Reading

Rev. Chris Michael

Luke 6:1-11

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon Rev. Chris Michael

"Lord of the Sabbath"

Invitation to Discipleship

*Hymn #621

"Are Ye Able," Said the Master" (vs. 1 & 2)

OFFERING OURSELVES TO GOD

Preparation for the Offering Rev. Chris Michael
Offertory Ann Jeannette Pierce, Piano
Sonato in C. Andanto, K 545

Sonate in C, Andante, K.545 Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

*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 Chris & Laura Michael

Words of Institution

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Communion Music

Ann Jeannette Pierce, Piano

"Reflection on Nearer, My God, to Thee"

Lowell Mason Arr. Heather Sorenson

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- Colossians 2:16-19

Therefore, do not let anyone condemn you in matters of food or drink or of observing festivals, new moons, or Sabbaths. These are only a shadow of what is to come, but the body belongs to Christ. Do not let anyone disqualify you, insisting on selfabasement and worship of angels, initiatory visions, buffed up without cause by a human way of thinking, and not holding fast to the head, from whom the whole body, nourished and held together by its ligaments and tendons, grows with a growth that is from God.

Second Reading- Luke 6:1-11

6 One Sabbath^[a] while Jesus^[b] was going through some grain fields, his disciples plucked some heads of grain, rubbed them in their hands, and ate them. ² But some of the Pharisees said, "Why are you doing what is not lawful^[c] on the Sabbath?" ³ Jesus answered, "Have you not read what David did when he and his companions were hungry? ⁴ How he entered the house of God and took and ate the bread of the Presence, which it is not lawful for any but the priests to eat, and gave some to his companions?" ⁵ Then he said to them, "The Son of Man is lord of the Sabbath."

⁶ On another Sabbath he entered the synagogue and taught, and there was a man there whose right hand was withered. ⁷ The scribes and the Pharisees were watching him to see whether he would cure on the Sabbath, so that they might find grounds to bring an accusation against him. ⁸ But he knew what they were thinking, and he said to the man who had the withered hand, "Come and stand in the middle." He got up and stood there. ⁹ Then Jesus said to them, "I ask you, is it lawful to do good or to do harm on the Sabbath, to save life or to destroy it?" ¹⁰ After looking around at all of them, he said to him, "Stretch out your hand." He did so, and his hand was restored. ¹¹ But they were filled with fury and began discussing with one another what they might do to Jesus.