

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."

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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 23	
9:00 a.m.	Worship Service (S)
10:00 a.m.	Fellowship (F)
10:20 a.m.	Sunday School
Monday, August 24	
6:30 p.m.	OCTC Community Choir Rehearsal
Tuesday, August 25	
Wednesday, August 26	
6:30 a.m.	Men's Fellowship (Great Harvest on Frederica)
5:30 p.m.	Dinner
6:15 p.m.	Church Service
6:30 p.m.	Cantata, Choir, and Youth Groups Meet
Thursday, August 27	
Friday, August 28	Church Office Closed
Saturday, August 29	

Announcements

This Wednesday, we have a catered dinner of BBQ chicken sandwiches beginning at 5:15, followed by a short church service around 6:15. Cantata, Choir, and Youth Groups start around 6:30. We'd love to see you!

WE NEED SINGERS for the cantata, no matter your level of experience or training! You do not have to join the choir to take part. Rehearsals are on Wednesday evenings around 6:30 and will last about thirty minutes. The performance is Dec. 20th.

We are again collecting money for the Weekend Food Backpack Program this year for students at Cravens & Estes Elementary schools. To fund one child for one year is \$165, however, every amount is appreciated and can be given at different times throughout the school year. If you would like to make a donation, please write a check to FCC with “backpacks” in the memo line Thank you for helping us with this important project!

Our next Primetimers luncheon will be Sept 8 at 11:30AM at Big Whiskey 234 Frederica St, Owensboro. If you wish to join us, please contact Janet Luckett by text only at 270-929-4984.



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FIRST

CHRISTIAN

CHURCH

(Disciples of Christ)

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost
August 23, 2026

SEEKING THE PRESENCE OF GOD

WelcomeMeaghan Murphy

Bringing of the Light and the Bell of Mindfulness
(Please use this time for quiet reflection.)

PreludeAnn Jeannette Pierce, piano

"Holy, Holy, Holy"
John B. Dykes
Arr. Jay Rouse

*Call to WorshipBeverly Dawson

One: In a time of bitterness and pain,
All: God raised up Moses, and changed the lives of a people.

One: From the shadow of death,
All: God raised up Jesus, and changed the lives of all people.

One: In every time, and in every place,
All: God raises up witnesses, people whose lives are changed forever.

*Hymn #249
"Spirit" (vs. 1 & 4)

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

Beverly Dawson

First Scripture Reading

Exodus 1:22 through 2:8

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

Children's Blessing

Meaghan Murphy

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

Meaghan Murphy

HEARING THE WORD OF GOD

Choral Anthem

FCC Choir

"Light of Pure Creation"
Music by Ephrem Feeley
Words by Janine Applegate

Second Scripture Reading

Dr. Phillip Mitchell

Matthew 16:13-20

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

Sermon

Dr. Phillip Mitchell

"Return of the Dream"

Invitation to Discipleship

Meaghan Murphy

*Hymn #609
"Take My Life" (vs. 1, 3, & 6)

OFFERING OURSELVES TO GOD

Preparation for the Offering

Meaghan Murphy

Offertory

Ann Jeannette Pierce, piano

"Prayer" Op. 43, No. 2
Reinhold Giliere

*Doxology and Presentation of Gifts (Page 46)

Meaghan Murphy

*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

Pam Woodward & Connie Ford

Words of Institution

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Communion Music

Ann Jeannette Pierce, piano

"He Hideth My Soul"
William J. Kirkpatrick
Arr. Mark Hayes

GOING IN PEACE TO LOVE AND TO SERVE

*Benediction

Meaghan Murphy

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

*Please stand if you are able.

Scripture Reading

First Reading - Exodus 1:22 through 2:8

Then Pharaoh commanded all his people, “Every son that is born to the Hebrews you shall throw into the Nile, but you shall let every daughter live.” 2:1 Now a man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman. 2 The woman conceived and bore a son, and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him three months. 3 When she could hide him no longer she got a papyrus basket for him and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river. 4 His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him. 5 The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. 6 When she opened it, she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him. “This must be one of the Hebrews’ children,” she said. 7 Then his sister said to Pharaoh’s daughter, “Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?” 8 Pharaoh’s daughter said to her, “Yes.” So the girl went and called the child’s mother. 9 Pharaoh’s daughter said to her, “Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages.” So the woman took the child and nursed it. 10 When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh’s daughter, and he became her son. She named him Moses,“because,” she said, “I drew him out of the water.”

Second Reading - Matthew 16:13-20

13 Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” 14 And they said, “Some say John the Baptist but others Elijah and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” 15 He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” 16 Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.” 17 And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. 18 And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. 19 I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.” 20 Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.