

**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



## Online Giving

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## Staff

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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 25

|            |                             |
|------------|-----------------------------|
| 9:00 a.m.  | Worship Service (S)         |
| 10:00 a.m. | Fellowship (F)              |
| 10:20 a.m. | Sunday School               |
| 2:00 p.m.  | Chi-Rho Youth Group Meeting |
| 4:30 p.m.  | CYF Youth Group Meeting     |

## Monday, August 26

**Tuesday, August 27**

## Wednesday, August 28

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

**Thursday, August 29**

10:00 a.m. Fellowship Meeting

## Friday, August 30

Church Office Closed

## **Announcements**

Fellowship Meeting is on Thursday, August 29th at 10:00 a.m. in the FCC Conference room.

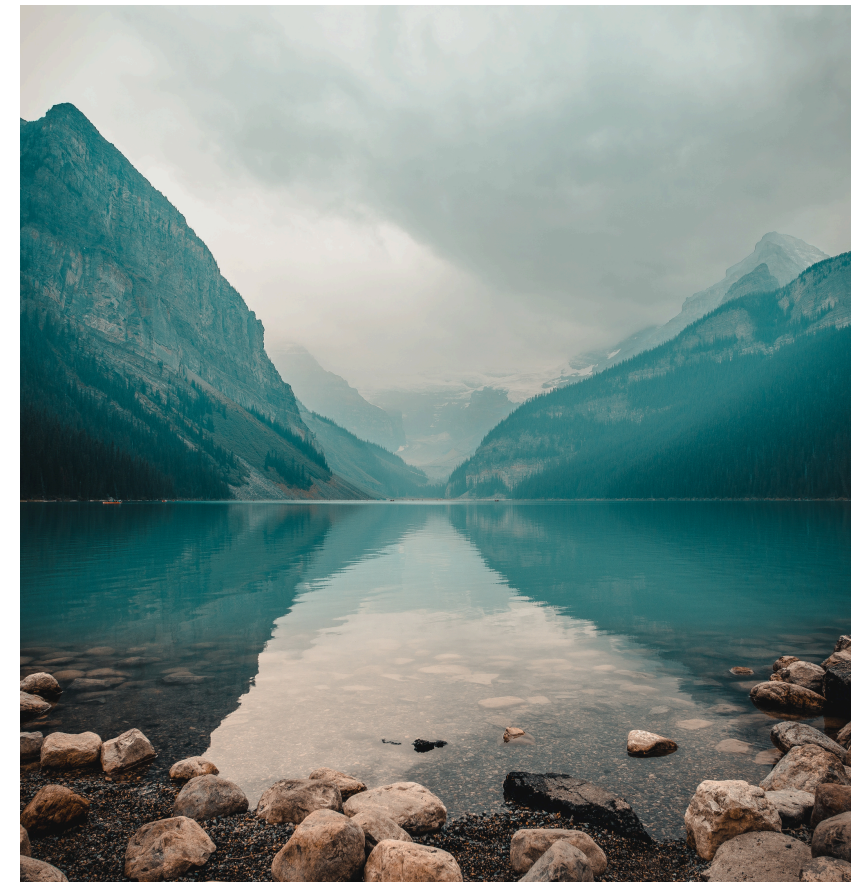
Our FCC College Group will meet at 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, August 31st at Panera. We also welcome high school students taking college classes to join us.

The Church office will be closed on Monday, September 2nd for Labor Day.

The Church Picnic is scheduled for Sunday, September 15th at Legion Park. More details coming!



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Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost  
August 25, 2024

SEEKING THE PRESENCE OF GOD

Welcome

Bringing of the Light

Bell of Mindfulness

(Please use this time for quiet reflection.)

Rev. Chris Michael

Prelude

"Renaissance Dance"

Michael Praetorius

Roselie McKinley, Piano

\*Call to Worship

One: Ever-present God, you are with us at this time of worship.

**All: In our praise, you are the note of joy; in our praying, you are the still small voice; in our listening, you are the word that hits home; in our fellowship, you are the friendly hand held out; in our call to serve, you are the source of inspiration.**

One: With confidence and trust,

**All: We will worship God!**

Andy Goodaker

Hymn #97

"Fairest Lord Jesus"

\*Invocation and Lord’s Prayer

(using “debts” and “debtors”)

Andy Goodaker

First Scripture Reading

Psalm 84:1-4

One: The Word of God for the people of God

**All: Thanks be to God.**

Andy Goodaker

Children’s Blessing

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

Second Scripture Reading

Ephesians 6:10-20

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

**All: Thanks be to God.**

Rev. Chris Michael

Sermon

"Be Strong in the Lord"

Rev. Chris Michael

Invitation to Discipleship

\*Hymn #477

"Pass It On"

OFFERING OURSELVES TO GOD

Preparation for the Offering

Offertory

"I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"

Folk Melody from India

arr. Molly Ijames

Rev. Chris Michael

Ann Jeannette Pierce, Piano

\*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

Words of Institution

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Tab & Vicki Quisenberry

Communion Music

"He Leadeth Me"

William Bradbury

Arr. Jay Rouse

Ann Jeannette Pierce, Piano

GOING IN PEACE TO LOVE AND TO SERVE

\*Benediction

One: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

Rev. Chris Michael

\*Please stand if you are able.

Scripture Reading

First Reading- Psalm 84:1-4

1 How lovely is your dwelling place,  
O Lord of hosts!  
2 My soul longs, indeed it faints  
for the courts of the Lord;  
my heart and my flesh sing for joy  
to the living God.  
3 Even the sparrow finds a home,  
and the swallow a nest for herself,  
where she may lay her young,  
at your altars, O Lord of hosts,  
my King and my God.  
4 Happy are those who live in your house,  
ever singing your praise. Selah

Second Reading- Ephesians 6:10-20

10 Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. 11 Put on the whole armour of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. 12 For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. 13 Therefore take up the whole armour of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. 14S tand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. 15 As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. 16 With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. 17 Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. 18 Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. 19 Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, 20 for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.