

**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  
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**Online Giving**  
Online giving is now live for tithes and offerings. To submit your gift, visit [www.fccowb.org/give](http://www.fccowb.org/give) or text "FCCOWB" to 73256. You may also scan the QR code to the left!

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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*

<b>Sunday, August 28</b>	
9:00 a.m.	Worship Service (S)
10:00 a.m.	Fellowship (F)
10:20 a.m.	Sunday School
<b>Monday, August 29</b>	
6:30 p.m	OCTC Rehearsal (S)
<b>Tuesday, August 30</b>	
<b>Wednesday, August 31</b>	
6:30 a.m	Men's Fellowship (Panera)
<b>Thursday, September 1</b>	
1:30 p.m	Food Pantry (F)
<b>Friday, September 2</b>	
Church Office Closed	
<b>Saturday, September 3</b>	
9:00 a.m	Anne North McMahon Funeral/Visitation (S)

**Announcements**

The DWM August *Service Project* is to help with needs of the Family Resource Centers of Cravens Elementary and Burns Elementary. The following items are needed:  
- *Cravens Elementary*- Girls Underwear (sizes 12, 14, & 16) Boys Underwear (sizes 6,7,8-10), Girls & Boys shorts (sizes 14-16), & Girls tops (size Large, 10-12).  
- For *Burns Elementary*, we need \$10 or \$15 gift-cards to Target.  
**Thank you for any donations and contributions made!**



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Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost  
August 28, 2022

SEEKING THE PRESENCE OF GOD

Welcome Rev. J. Chris Michael

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

Prelude Ann Jeannette Pierce, piano  
"Morning Prayer"  
Op. 39, No.1  
Peter Ilyich Tchaikowsky

\*Call to Worship Connie Ford  
One: We come into your presence, O God, a community of faith, proud  
of our venturing heritage.  
**All: Abraham set out with Sarah and found a new land.**  
One: Moses went into the desert, to escape the persecution of Pharaoh.  
**All: Nehemiah returned to Jerusalem, and re-established a  
worshipping community.**  
One: Jesus returned to Jerusalem and overcame the forces of evil.  
**All: In the confidence of our faith tradition, let us worship God!**

\*Hymn #6  
"Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above" (v. 1, 2, & 4)

\*Invocation and Lord’s Prayer Connie Ford  
(using “debts” and “debtors”)

First Scripture Reading Connie Ford  
Philemon 1-7  
One: The Word of God for the people of God  
**All: Thanks be to God.**

Children’s Blessing Rev. 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. Michael  
**HEARING THE WORD OF GOD**  
Message in Music  
"Shout to the Lord"  
by Zschech  
solo, Bree Sommerville

Second Scripture Reading Rev. Michael  
Philemon 8-21  
One: The Word of God for the people of God.  
**All: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon Rev. Michael  
"A Brother in Christ"

Invitation to Discipleship

\*Hymn #284  
"Gather Us In" (v. 1 & 4)

OFFERING OURSELVES TO GOD

Preparation for the Offering Rev. Michael  
Offertory Ann Jeannette Pierce, Piano  
"I Cannot Tell"  
Irish Melody  
Arr. Larry Shackley

\*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 Kaye Farmer & Brian Belcher  
Words of Institution  
Prayer of Thanksgiving  
Communion Music Ann Jeannette Pierce, piano  
"Sometimes a Light Surprises"  
Irish Melody  
Arr. Larry Shackley

GOING IN PEACE TO LOVE AND TO SERVE

\*Benediction Rev. Michael  
One: The Lord be with you.  
**All: And also with you.**

\*Please stand if you are able.

Scripture Readings

First Reading- Philemon 1-7

1 Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother,  
To Philemon our dear friend and co-worker, 2 to Apphia our  
sister, to Archippus our fellow-soldier, and to the church in your  
house:  
3 Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord  
Jesus Christ.  
4 When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my God 5  
because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith  
towards the Lord Jesus. 6 I pray that the sharing of your faith  
may become effective when you perceive all the good that we  
may do for Christ. 7 I have indeed received much joy and  
encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints  
have been refreshed through you, my brother.

Second Reading- Philemon 8-21

8 For this reason, though I am bold enough in Christ to  
command you to do your duty, 9 yet I would rather appeal to  
you on the basis of love—and I, Paul, do this as an old man, and  
now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus.10 I am appealing to you  
for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my  
imprisonment. 11 Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is  
indeed useful both to you and to me. 12 I am sending him, that  
is, my own heart, back to you. 13 I wanted to keep him with me,  
so that he might be of service to me in your place during my  
imprisonment for the gospel; 14 but I preferred to do nothing  
without your consent, in order that your good deed might be  
voluntary and not something forced. 15 Perhaps this is the  
reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you  
might have him back for ever, 16 no longer as a slave but as  
more than a slave, a beloved brother—especially to me but how  
much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord.  
17 So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you  
would welcome me. 18 If he has wronged you in any way, or  
owes you anything, charge that to my account. 19 I, Paul, am  
writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about  
your owing me even your own self. 20 Yes, brother, let me have  
this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. 21  
Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that  
you will do even more than I say.

Flowers have been placed on the chancel by Pam Lockhart to the glory of  
God and in loving memory of Bob & Betty Troutman