

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

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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 28

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

Monday, August 29

Labor Day Church Office Closed

Tuesday, August 30

Wednesday, August 31

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| 6:30 a.m. | Men's Fellowship (Panera) |
| 5:30 p.m. | Dinner |
| 6:00 p.m. | Worship Service |
| 6:15 p.m. | Youth Group |

Thursday, September 1

Refugee Food Pantry

Friday, September 2

Church Office Closed

Saturday, September 3

Announcements

Join us on Wednesdays for dinner at 5:30 and worship at 6. Classes for children and youth are from 6:15-7. Come for the food and fellowship, with God and each other.

A new Sunday school class starts 9/7 for 20's and 30's, will be led by Rev. Chris Michael, and will meet on the 2nd floor (last room on the right).

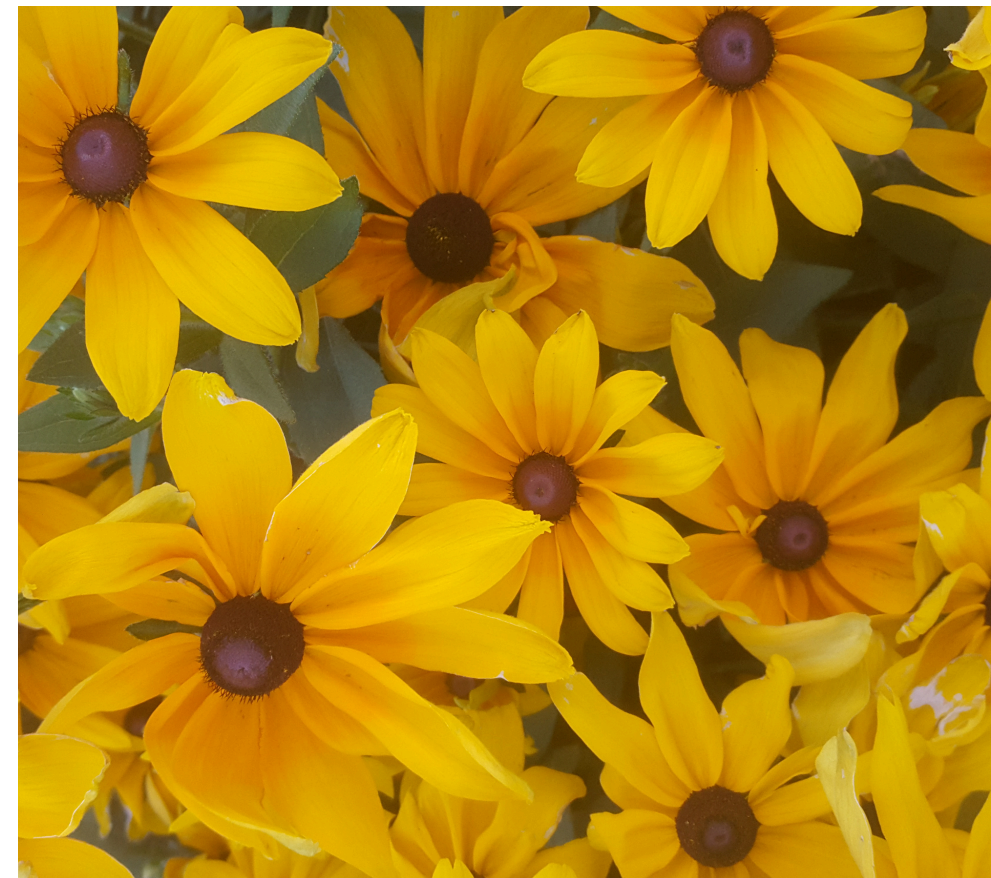
Our next Primetimers outing will be on Sept 9 at O'Charleys 11:30 a.m. We will have a speaker David Tucker, Executive Director of the Owensboro Senior Center.

If you can come contact: Janet Luckett by text message only @ 270-929-4984 or Barbara Chavez 270-929-6941 text, call or leave a message. Email babsc1222@gmail.com

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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FIRST
CHRISTIAN
CHURCH

(Disciples of Christ)

Twelvth Sunday after Pentecost
August 31 , 2025

SEEKING THE PRESENCE OF GOD

Welcome

Bringing of the Light

Bell of Mindfulness

(Please use this time for quiet reflection.)

Rev. Chris Michael

Prelude

Ann Jeannette Pierce, Piano

Prelude

"When in Awe of God's Creation"

Roland H. Prichard

Arr. Pepper Choplin

*Call to Worship

Pam Woodward

One: We are centered in the promises of God,
All: Caught in the web of grace,
One: Spun in a dance of joy,
All: Welcomed into the house of blessing,
One: Woven into the fabric of trust,
All: Lifted up as a child of the Most High,
One: Surrounded by a cloud of witnesses,
All: And moved by a chorus of praise.

*Hymn #5

"O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

*Invocation and Lord’s Prayer

Pam Woodward

(using “debts” and “debtors”)

First Scripture Reading

Pam Woodward

Mark 10:17-22

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 #480

"I Love to Tell the Story"

Second Scripture Reading

Mark 10:23-31

Rev. Chris Michael

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

Sermon

Rev. Chris Michael

“How Hard It Will Be”

Invitation to Discipleship

*Hymn #214

“Rock of Ages" (vs. 1 & 4)

OFFERING OURSELVES TO GOD

Preparation for the Offering

Rev. Chris Michael

Offertory

Ann Jeannette Pierce, Piano

"Just as I Am"

William B. Bradbury

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

Aloma Dew & Anne Carlisle

Words of Institution

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Communion Music

Ann Jeannette Pierce, Piano

"The Lord's My Shepherd"

Jessie Seymour Irvine

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- Mark 10:17-22

¹⁷As he was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, “Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?” ¹⁸Jesus said to him, “Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. ¹⁹You know the commandments: ‘You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honor your father and mother.’” ²⁰He said to him, “Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth.” ²¹Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, “You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.” ²²When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

Second Reading- Mark 10:23-31

²³Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, “How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!” ²⁴And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, “Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! ²⁵It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.” ²⁶They were greatly astounded and said to one another, “Then who can be saved?” ²⁷Jesus looked at them and said, “For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible.” ²⁸Peter began to say to him, “Look, we have left everything and followed you.” ²⁹Jesus said, “Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, ³⁰who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. ³¹But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.”