

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 9 9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 10:05 a.m. 10:20 a.m. 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Promotion Sunday	Worship Service (S) Fellowship (F) Congregational Meeting (S) Sunday School Portraits in the Office
Monday, August 10		
Tuesday, August 11 12:00 p.m.		Primetimers Outing
Wednesday, August 12 6:30 a.m. 5:30 p.m. 6:15 p.m.		Men's Fellowship (Great Harvest on Frederica) "End of Summer Break" Potluck Contata & Choir Practice
Thursday, August 13 1:00 p.m. - ?		OPD Police Academy Graduation Practice
Friday, August 14 2:30 p.m.		Chuch Office Closed OPD Police Academy Graduation & Reception
Saturday, August 15		

Announcements

Last portrait day is today! Didn't make a picture appointment? Just send in a picture to stacy@fccowb.org, or we can take one with our phone.

Today, we have a special "Backpack Blessing" for kids heading back to school. We also have a congregational meeting following our 9:00 a.m. service.

Primetimers luncheon will be THIS Tuesday, August 11th at NOON at Farmer and Frenchman. Let us know if you are planning to ride the bus (\$5). If you are planning to ride, be at the church by 11 a.m. and the bus will leave at 11:15. RSVP Janet Luckett by text message only 270-929-4984 or Barbara Chavez 270-929-6941 text, call or leave a message.

On Dec. 20th we will present *The Road to Christmas*, an original eight-song cantata written by Dr. Phillip Mitchell. WE NEED SINGERS, no matter your level of experience or training! You do not have to join the choir to take part. Rehearsals begin THIS Wednesday evening and will last about thirty minutes.

This WEDNESDAY is the "End of Summer Break" Potluck at 5:30 p.m. choir and cantata practice will start afterwards in the Sanctuary.



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SEEKING THE PRESENCE OF GOD

Welcome

Rev. Chris Michael

Bringing of the Light and the Bell of Mindfulness

(Please use this time for quiet reflection.)

Prelude

"I Need Thee Every Hour" - Maurice Hanley

Written by Robert Lowry and Annie S. Hawks

*Call to Worship

Leslie Carlisle

One: We are witnesses to the love of God.

All: We see it in the parents putting kids to bed; we tell of the teacher patiently teaching a student to read.

One: We are witnesses to the justice of Jesus.

All: We hear it in the student who stands up to a bully; we sing of it at vigils of hope for shattered communities.

One: We are witnesses to the peace of the Spirit.

All: We receive it from the sister who listens to our loneliness; we whisper it to the little brother who falls off his bicycle.

*Hymn #90

"Come, Christians, Join to Sing" (vs 1 & 3)

*Invocation and Lord’s Prayer

Leslie Carlisle

(using “debts” and “debtors”)

First Scripture Reading

Leslie Carlisle

Matthew 8:23-27

One: The Word of God for the people of God

All: Thanks be to God.

Promotion Ceremony & Special Blessing of Backpacks

Children’s Blessing

Rev. Chris Michael

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

"Trust in God" - Maurice Hanley

Written by Brandon Lake, Chris Brown, Mitch Wong, and Steven Furtick

Second Scripture Reading

Rev. Chris Michael

Matthew 8:28-34

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Rev. Chris Michael

“What Sort of Man is This?”

Invitation to Discipleship

*Hymn #556

"Trust and Obey" (vs 1 & 4)

OFFERING OURSELVES TO GOD

Preparation for the Offering

Rev. Chris Michael

Offertory

Ann Jeannette Pierce, piano

"Amazing Grace"

Traditional American Melody

Arr. Brent Edstrom

*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

Mike & Angela Bruce

Words of Institution

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Communion Music

Ann Jeannette Pierce, piano

"Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus"

William J. Kirkpatrick

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 - Matthew 8:23-27

²³ And when he got into the boat, his disciples followed him. ²⁴ A windstorm suddenly arose on the sea, so great that the boat was being swamped by the waves, but he was asleep. ²⁵ And they went and woke him up, saying, “Lord, save us! We are perishing!” ²⁶ And he said to them, “Why are you afraid, you of little faith?” Then he got up and rebuked the winds and the sea, and there was a dead calm. ²⁷ They were amazed, saying, “What sort of man is this, that even the winds and the sea obey him?”

Second Reading - Matthew 8:28-34

²⁸ When he came to the other side, to the region of the Gadarenes, two men possessed by demons came out of the tombs and met him. They were so fierce that no one could pass that way. ²⁹ Suddenly they shouted, “What have you to do with us, Son of God? Have you come here to torment us before the time?” ³⁰ Now a large herd of swine was feeding at some distance from them. ³¹ The demons begged him, “If you cast us out, send us into the herd of swine.” ³² And he said to them, “Go!” So they came out and entered the swine, and suddenly, the whole herd stampeded down the steep bank into the sea and drowned in the water. ³³ The swineherds ran off, and, going into the town, they told the whole story about what had happened to the men possessed by demons. ³⁴ Then the whole town came out to meet Jesus, and when they saw him they begged him to leave their region.