

**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 Orchestra  
*Oboe Concerto in D Minor, Op. 9 No. 2,*  
Mvt I: Allegro e non presto  
by Tomaso Albinoni

\*Call to Worship Kent Sullivan  
One: Rejoice in the Lord always, and again I say Rejoice!  
**All: Our joy is in the Lord who blesses us.**  
One: Shout for joy, for the Lord is near!  
**All: Our praises ascend to God for the mighty things God has done.**  
One: Let your praise dance and swirl in tribute to God!  
**All: Surely God blesses and saves us. Hallelujah! Praise be to God. AMEN.**

\*Hymn #155 GLORIA  
**"Angels We Have Heard on High" (v. 1 and 4)**

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

Lighting of the Advent Wreath Belcher Family  
Candle of Love

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 Choir and Orchestra  
"Wexford Carol"  
arr. by Elaine Hagenberg

Scripture Reading Rev. Michael

Philippians 4:4-7  
One: The Word of God for the people of God  
**All: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon "Rejoice" Rev. Michael

Invitation to Discipleship

\*Hymn #148 ADESTE FIDELES  
**"O Come, All Ye Faithful"**

**OFFERING OURSELVES TO GOD**

Preparation for the Offering Rev. Michael  
\*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 Brian Belcher  
Words of Institution  
Prayer of Thanksgiving  
Communion Music Orchestra

"The First Noel"

**GOING IN PEACE TO LOVE AND TO SERVE**

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

Postlude Orchestra  
*Suite of Carols*  
by Leroy Anderson  
Mvt 4: "Bring a Torch, Jeanette, Isabella"  
Mvt 6: "Wassail Song"

\*Please stand if you are able.

**Scripture Reading**

**Philippians 4:4-7**

4 Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. 5 Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. 6 Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. 7 And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

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**Worship Leaders**

Liturgist: Kent Sullivan  
Elder at the Table: Brian Belcher  
Elders for the Hospital: Janet and Mike Tichenor

**Members of the Owensboro Symphony Orchestra:**

Oboe: Bonnie Farr  
Violin I: Ji-Woon Jung, Zach De Pue, Sage Park, Chak Chi Wong  
Violin II: Michael Chu, Jia-Rong Gan, Sun Huh  
Viola: Julia Lin, Elizabeth Jones  
Cello: Graham Cullen, Alex Krew  
Bass: Greg Olson  
Troy Quinn, Conductor

**Members of the Third Baptist Church Choir:**

Sopranos: Paula Settle, Hadley Rouse, Erin Rouse  
Altos: Lynn Roberson, Mary Miller, Stacey Utle  
Tenors: Bill Genet, David Roberson  
Basses: Joe Bob Pierce, Jim Wilhoyte  
David Roberson, Director

**First Christian Church Choir:**

Sopranos: Sarah Elliot, Connie Ford, Carroll Laswell, Leah McDivitt  
Ann Miller, Franci Miller, June Stapleton, Janet Tichenor  
Altos: Angela Bruce, Beverly Chelgren, Janet Estes, Emily Malone, Millie McDannel, Gloria Strehl  
Tenors: Brian Belcher, Joey McKinley, Mike Tichenor  
Basses: Terry Brownson, Mike Bruce, Kirby Chelgren  
Piano: Ann Jeannette Pierce  
Mike Tichenor, Director

**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**

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!

**Staff**

Sr. Minister.....Rev. J. Chris Michael  
 Communications and Administrative Support.....Michael Ervin  
 Financial Manager.....Kristin Callis  
 Choir Director.....Mike Tichenor  
 Pianist.....Ann Jeannette Pierce  
 Nursery Attendants.....Elee Roach  
 Sherry Rhoads

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**This week at First Christian**

*CR- Conference Room; F-Fellowship Hall;  
 FHL-Fa-Ho-Lo Room; S-Sanctuary; YR- Youth Room*

**Sunday, December 12**

9:00 a.m.	Worship Service
10:00 a.m.	Fellowship (F)
10:30 a.m.	Sunday School
5:00 p.m.	Elders and Deacons Meeting (S)
6:00 p.m.	Boyscouts (F/YR)

**Monday, December 13**

**Tuesday, December 14**

**Wednesday, December 15**

6:30 a.m.	Men's Fellowship (Panera)
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**Thursday, December 16**

2:30 p.m.	Refugee Food Pantry (F)
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**Friday, December 17**

6:00 p.m.	FaHoLo Christmas Party (F)
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**Announcements**

**Thank You**

Thank you to the members of the Owensboro Symphony Orchestra, Third Baptist Church Choir, First Christian Church Choir, and their directors, who made this worship service possible. We are grateful for their gifts and talents, and their willingness to share them with us! Following the worship service, we will have a reception in the Fellowship Hall. Thank you to Taylor Mahlinger and Southern Secrets Pastries and Desserts for catering our reception.

**FaHoLo Class- Potluck Dinner**

The FaHoLo Sunday School Class will be hosting a potluck for its members on Friday, December 17, at 6pm. Come join in the fun and bring a dish to share!

**Elders and Deacons Meeting**

Sunday, December 12, at 5:00 p.m. in the sanctuary.  
 All elders and deacons are invited as we plan for 2022.

**Congregational Meeting**

Sunday, December 19, following the worship service, at 10:05 a.m.

**Christmas Eve Worship at FCC**

Friday, December 24, at 5:00 p.m.



**(Disciples of Christ)**

*"Our mission is to manifest Christ's love by empowering all to compassionate service."*

**Symphony Sunday  
 December 12, 2021**



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