

**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*

**Sunday, December 1**  
9:00 a.m. Worship Service (S)  
10:00 a.m. Fellowship (F)  
10:20 a.m. Sunday School  
5:00 - 7:00 p.m. Youth Zone Games

**Monday, December 2**  
7:00 p.m. OCTC Choir Concert

**Tuesday, December 3**

**Wednesday, December 4**  
6:30 a.m. Men's Fellowship (Panera)  
5:30 p.m. Youth Groups (F)  
5:30 p.m. Board Meeting  
6:15 p.m. Choir Practice (CR)

**Thursday, December 5**  
1:30p.m. Refugee Food Pantry  
5:30 p.m. Fa Ho La Christmas Party

**Friday, December 6**  
Church Office Closed

**Saturday, December 7**

**Announcements**

OCTC Choir Concert is Monday night, 12/2, @ 7:00 p.m. at FCC

Next Board meeting is on Wednesday, 12/4, @ 5:30 p.m.

Hospice Service is on Sunday, 12/8 @ 2:00 p.m.

Angel Tree gifts are due on 12/19 and pick-up will be on 12/21 from 10-12

Advent Devotionals are out in the lobby for sale- \$2.00/each

The Primetimers Plus Christmas brunch will be held on Thursday, December 12th at 9:30 a.m. at the Miller House. Reach out to Ron Waite to reserve a spot.



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First Sunday of Advent  
December 1, 2024

December 1

First Sunday of Advent

SEEKING THE PRESENCE OF GOD

Welcome

Rev. Chris Michael

Bringing of the Light

Bell of Mindfulness

(Please use this time for quiet reflection.)

Prelude

Ann Jeannette Pierce, Piano

"Ye Nations All, on You I call"

American Folk Melody

arr. Todd Beaney

\*Call to Worship

Pam Woodward

One: On Jordan’s bank stands the prophet John.

All: John hears God’s Word spoken loud and clear.

One: The prophet listens carefully to the Word and acts.

All: John’s clear message brings people together to face realities.

One: The prophet recognizes the supreme worth of Jesus Christ.

All: And we, the followers of Jesus, offer worship and prayer and service, in the name of God’s Anointed One.

\*Hymn #119

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

\*Invocation and Lord’s Prayer

Pam Woodward

(using “debts” and “debtors”)

Lighting of the Advent Wreath- Candle of Justice

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

Choir Message

"Arise, Your Light Has Come"

-FESTAL song

Second Scripture Reading

Rev. Chris Michael

Luke 1:26-38

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Rev. Chris Michael

"Let it Be"

Invitation to Discipleship

\*Hymn #125

"Come, O Long-expected Jesus"

OFFERING OURSELVES TO GOD

Preparation for the Offering

Rev. Chris Michael

Offertory

Ann Jeannette Pierce, Piano

"The Wexford Carol"

Irish Carol

arr. Ruth Elaine Schram

\*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

Eric Farmer & Naomi O’Hearn

Words of Institution

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Communion Music

Ann Jeannette Pierce, Piano

"Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne"

Timothy R. Matthews

Arr. Jay Rouse

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

Reading- Luke 1:26-38

26 In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, 27 to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin’s name was Mary. 28 And he came to her and said, ‘Greetings, favoured one! The Lord is with you.’29 But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. 30 The angel said to her, ‘Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favour with God. 31 And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. 32 He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. 33 He will reign over the house of Jacob for ever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.’ 34 Mary said to the angel, ‘How can this be, since I am a virgin?’ 35 The angel said to her, ‘The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. 36 And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. 37 For nothing will be impossible with God.’ 38 Then Mary said, ‘Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word.’ Then the angel departed from her.