


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!

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Pianist.....	Ann Jeannette Pierce
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This week at First Christian Church (DOC)

<i>CR- Choir Room; C- Conference Room; F-Fellowship Hall; FHL-Fa-Ho-Lo Room; S-Sanctuary</i>		
Sunday, December 28		
9:00 a.m.		Worship Service (S)
10:00 a.m.		Fellowship (F)
10:20 a.m.		Sunday School
Monday, December 29		
Tuesday, December 30		
Wednesday, December 31		Church Office Closed
6:30 a.m.	Men's Fellowship (Great Harvest on Frederica)	
Thursday, January 1		Church Office Closed
Friday, January 2		Church Office Closed
Saturday, January 3		




Announcements

The Church Office will be closed New Year's Eve and New Year's Day.

We are collecting mittens, hats, & scarves for kids and teens that will be donated to the schools and shelters. You can donate any and all and place them on the tree in the lobby now until January 4th.

Every household, please fill out a pledge card and let the Church have an idea what you are planning to give in 2026. If you are currently giving through a bank draft or by some other automatic means, you NEED to fill out a card for 2026. Your pledge will NOT automatically renew after January 1, 2026. We need to plan the 2026 mission and ministry in our Church and our community.

The first 2026 luncheon for Primetimers will be on January 13 11:30 AM at Briarpatch in Owensboro. We will do a White Elephant gift that day, so if you wish to participate bring a gift with you. Please let us know if you can attend by texting Janet Lockett 270-929-4984 or text, call, or email Barbara Chavez 270-929-6941-text, babsc1222@gmail.com.



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FIRST
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First Sunday of Christmas
December 28, 2025

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SEEKING THE PRESENCE OF GOD

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

Prelude	Ann Jeannette Pierce, Piano
	Connie Ford, flute
Prelude	
"Sheep May Safely Graze"	
J.S. Bach	

Call to Worship

One: Praise the One who spoke and made everything!

All: Let the rivers ripple with joy; let the mountains stomp their feet.

One: Praise the One who adopts all of us as children!

All: Let old folks tell familiar stories; let little children swim with dolphins.

One: Praise God!

All: We will sing of God's glory; we will shout our joy to the heavens.

***Hymn #165**
"Once in David's Royal City" (v. 1, 2, & 4)

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

First Scripture Reading Andy Goodaker

Psalm 72:1-6

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

HEARING THE WORD OF GOD

Special Music

"One Child, One Hope, One King"

Phillip Mitchell

Second Scripture Reading Rev. Chris Michael

Matthew 2:1-12

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

Sermon

Rev. Chris Michael

"Magi From the East"

Invitation to Discipleship
***Hymn #164**
"Good Christian Friends, Rejoice"

OFFERING OURSELVES TO GOD

Preparation for the Offering
Offertory

Rev. Chris Michael
Ann Jeannette Pierce, Piano

"Puer Nobis Nascitur"
Trier Manuscript 15th Century
Arr. Vicki Collingsworth

*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 Pam Woodward & Connie Ford

Words of Institution

Prayer of Thanksgiving

[illegible]

"O Come, All Ye Faithful"
John Francis Wade
Arr. Carol Tornquist

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 - Psalm 72:1-6

- ¹ Give the king your justice, O God,
and your righteousness to a king's son.
- ² May he judge your people with righteousness
and your poor with justice.
- ³ May the mountains yield prosperity for the people,
and the hills, in righteousness.
- ⁴ May he defend the cause of the poor of the people,
give deliverance to the needy,
and crush the oppressor.
- ⁵ May he live while the sun endures
and as long as the moon, throughout all generations.
- ⁶ May he be like rain that falls on the mown grass,
like showers that water the earth.

Second Reading- Matthew 2:1-12

2 In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, magi from the east came to Jerusalem, ² asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star in the east and have come to pay him homage." ³ When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him, ⁴ and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. ⁵ They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it has been written by the prophet:

6'And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah,
for from you shall come a ruler
who is to shepherd my people Israel.' "

⁷ Then Herod secretly called for the magi and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. ⁸ Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." ⁹ When they had heard the king, they set out, and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen in the east, until it stopped over the place where the child was. ¹⁰ When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. ¹¹ On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. ¹² And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.