Welcome, **Visitors!** If you are visiting today, we are pleased that you chose to worship with us. 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 offer childcare for infants to 3 year olds in the Nursery 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 available 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 on 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 31

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

Monday, January 1

Church Office Closed

Tuesday, January 2

Wednesday, January 3

6:30 a.m Men's Fellowship (Panera)

Youth Group

Thursday, January 4

1:30 p.m. Refugee Food Pantry

Friday, January 5 Church Office Closed

Saturday, January 6

Announcements

Youth Group will start back up on Wednesday, January 3rd @ 6:30 p.m.

New Elders & Deacons Orientation Meeting will be held on Sunday, January 7th at 5:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary

Choir will be taking a much needed break until Wednesday, January 31st.







First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) 700 J. R. Miller Blvd. Owensboro, KY 42303 270-684-8879 www.fccowb.org New Years Eve December 31, 2023 December 31 New Years Eve

SEEKING THE PRESENCE OF GOD

Welcome Rev. Chris Michael

Bringing of the Light Bell of Mindfulness

(Please use this time for quiet reflection.)

Prelude Janet Corum & Gary Bielefeld

"Mary's Boy Child" Jester Hairston

*Call to Worship Andy Goodaker One: Glory be to you, O God; you have given us joy, at this festive season.

All: Our praise rings out for Jesus, the source of Christmas joy. One: Glory be to you, O God; you have given us salvation at this holy time.

All: Our thanksgiving is for your Chosen Child, who is our Savior.

One: Glory be to you, O God; you have given us hope at this wonder-filled time.

All: Our prayers are offered in the name of Jesus, who is come to make your purpose clear.

One: Glory be to you, O God of every age.

All: We join with hosts of saints and angels; glory be to you, O loving and eternal God!

*Hymn # 143

"lov to the World"

*Invocation and Lord's Prayer Andy Goodaker

(using "debts" and "debtors")

First Scripture Reading Andy Goodaker

Galations 4: 4-7

One: The Word of God for the people of God

All: Thanks be to God.

Pastoral Prayer Rev. Chris Michael

HEARING THE WORD OF GOD

Message in Music Mike Tichenor, solo

"The Birthday of a King" Neidlinger Song of the Season

Rev. Chris Michael

Hymn # 150 "Hark! the Herald Angels Sing"

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Invitation to Discipleship

*Hymn 164 "Good Christian Friends, Rejoice"

OFFERING OURSELVES TO GOD

Preparation for the Offering Rev. Chris Michael
Offertory Janet Corum

"There's a Song in the Air" Karl P. Harrington arr. by Cindy Berry

*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 partake the cup and bread after your prayers.

Invitation to Communion

Mike Tichenor & Carolyn Williams

Words of Institution
Prayer of Thanksgiving

Communion Music Janet Corum

"The Coventry Carol with Away in the Manger"
Traditional English Carol, James R. Murray
arr. Cindy Berry

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.

Hark! the Herald Angels Sing

1 Hark! the herald-angels sing,
"Glory to the new-born King;
peace on earth, and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled!"
Joyful, all ye nations, rise,
join the triumph of the skies;
with the angelic host proclaim,
"Christ is born in Bethlehem."
Hark, the herald-angels sing,
"Glory to the new-born King!"

2 Christ, by highest heaven adored,
Christ, the everlasting Lord!
Late in time behold him come,
offspring of a Virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see;
hail the incarnate Deity,
pleased in flesh with us to dwell,
Jesus, our Emmanuel.
Hark, the herald-angels sing,
"Glory to the new-born King!"

3 Hail, the heaven-born Prince of Peace!
Hail the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings,
risen with healing in his wings,
mild he lays his glory by,
born that we no more may die,
born to raise us from the earth,
born to give us second birth.
Hark, the herald-angels sing,
"Glory to the new-born King!"