



First Sunday of Lent  
February 22, 2026

# This week at First Christian Church (DOC)

CR- Choir Room; C- Conference Room; F-Fellowship Hall;  
FHL-Fa-Ho-Lo Room; S-Sanctuary

## Sunday, February 22

9:00 a.m. Worship Service (S)  
10:00 a.m. Fellowship (F)  
10:20 a.m. Sunday School  
5:00 p.m. FCC Bell Choir Rehearsal

## Monday, February 23

6:30 p.m. OCTC Choir Rehearsal

## Tuesday, February 24

12:10 p.m. Lenten Luncheon Devotional  
5:30 p.m. Board Meeting

## Wednesday, February 25

6:30 a.m. Men's Fellowship (Great Harvest on Frederica)  
5:30 p.m. Dinner  
6:15 p.m. Worship Service  
6:30 p.m. Youth Group & Choir Rehearsal

## Thursday, February 26

## Friday, February 27

Church Office Closed

## Saturday, February 28

# Announcements

Week of Compassion Offering: For 80 years the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) has taken up an offering to provide help to people around the world and in our own country in various human-made and natural disasters. Congregations across the world took up a special collection last Sunday and will take up a special collection this Sunday. No amount is too small, for together we can all make a BIG difference! Use the envelopes provided.

The first FCC Board Meeting of 2026 is THIS Tuesday @5:30 p.m.

**LENTEN DEVOTIONALS**  
 Series: Encounters with Jesus - "CHALLENGED"  
 FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DOC)  
 700 JR MILLER BLVD., OWENSBORO

Each Tuesday during Lent, the Disciples Women's Ministry will host a series of lunch-time devotional services from 12:10 p.m.-12:30 p.m.  
 Feb 24 - March 03 - March 10 - March 17 - March 24

*Special music each week*

Speakers: Carroll Laswell, Chris Gaddis, Phillip Mitchell,  
 Joseph McKinley and Rev. Bonnie Brown

Following each service a luncheon will be served in the Fellowship Hall with a \$10 suggested donation



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**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 to the left!

### Staff

Sr. Minister.....Rev. J. Chris Michael  
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**SEEKING THE PRESENCE OF GOD**

Welcome Rev. Chris Michael  
Bringing of the LightBell of Mindfulness  
(Please use this time for quiet reflection.)  
Prelude Ann Jeannette Pierce, Piano

"Lead Me to Calvary"  
William J. Kirkpatrick  
Arr. Dan Forrest

\*Call to Worship Joseph Jacobs  
One: Here, at the outer limits of Lent, we are called to walk:

**All: to the paper-thin edges which cut us to the soul; to the workplaces which weary us; to the people who confuse us.**

One: Here, at the corner of Steadfast Love and Faithfulness, we are called to wait:

**All: when our clenched stomachs awaken us; in the moments of unbearable sorrow with the angels who would carry us.**

One: Here, where time is fulfilled, where God's Kingdom is as near to us as our neighbor, we begin Lent:

**All: with the Beloved, whose tears wash away our fears, with the God who will not let go of our hands.**

**\*Hymn #610**

**"Living for Jesus" (v 1 & 3)**

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

First Scripture Reading Joseph Jacobs  
John 11:17-27

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 Rev. Chris Michael

**HEARING THE WORD OF GOD**

Special Music Janet Corum  
"Love Ye the Lord"  
Handel's "Largo"

Second Scripture Reading

Rev. Chris Michael

John 11:33-44

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

**All: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Rev. Chris Michael

"Resurrection and Life"

Invitation to Discipleship

**\*Hymn #636**

**"Abide with Me" (v 1 & 2)**

**OFFERING OURSELVES TO GOD**

Preparation for the Offering

Rev. Chris Michael

Offertory

Ann Jeannette Pierce, Piano

"I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"

Folk Melody from India

Arr. Molly IJames

\*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

Chris & Cate Gaddis

Words of Institution

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Communion Music

Connie Ford, flute

Ann Jeannette Pierce, Piano

"Sonata in E Minor" BWV 1034

"Adagio ma non tanto"

Johann Sebastian Bach

**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 - John 11:17-27**

<sup>17</sup> When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. <sup>18</sup> Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, <sup>19</sup> and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. <sup>20</sup> When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. <sup>21</sup> Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. <sup>22</sup> But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him." <sup>23</sup> Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." <sup>24</sup> Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." <sup>25</sup> Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, <sup>26</sup> and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" <sup>27</sup> She said to him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world."

**Second Reading- John 11:33-44**

<sup>33</sup> When Jesus saw her weeping and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. <sup>34</sup> He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." <sup>35</sup> Jesus began to weep. <sup>36</sup> So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" <sup>37</sup> But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?"

<sup>38</sup> Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. <sup>39</sup> Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." <sup>40</sup> Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?" <sup>41</sup> So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. <sup>42</sup> I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me." <sup>43</sup> When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" <sup>44</sup> The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."