

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!

Staff

Sr. Minister.....	Rev. J. Chris Michael
Minister of Music.....	Dr. Phillip Mitchell
Minister of Finance.....	Kristin Callis
Education & Youth Activities	Meaghan Murphy
Education & Children's Activities	Riley Payne
Executive Assistant.....	Stacy Castlen
Pianist.....	Ann Jeannette Pierce
Nursery.....	Kacee Glenn, Kaydence Coomes, & Sherry Rhoads
AV Team.....	Max and Miles Baur, & Christian Murphy

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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, January 11

9:00 a.m.	Worship Service (S)
10:00 a.m.	Fellowship (F)
10:20 a.m.	Sunday School
2:00 - 4:00 p.m.	Kaye Farmer's Birthday Party

Monday, January 12

Tuesday, January 13

11:30 a.m.	Primetimers White Elephant Party@ Briarpatch
5:30 p.m.	Elders' Meeting

Wednesday, January 14

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, January 15

1:00 p.m.	OPD Graduation Practice
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Friday, January 16

2:30 - 4:30 p.m.	Church Office Closed
	OPD Graduation & Reception

Saturday, January 17

Announcements

Kaye Farmer's birthday party will be on TODAY from 2-4 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

The Education Committee will meet TODAY at 11:00 a.m.

The first 2026 luncheon for Primetimers will be on Jan13 11:30 AM (Tuesday) 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 Luckett 270-929-4984 or text, call, or email Barbara Chavez 270-929-6941-text, babsc1222@gmail.com.

The first Elders' Meeting of 2026 will take place this Tuesday, January 13th at 5:30 p.m. in the Sactuary.

The first Board Meeting of 2026 will take place Tuesday, January 20th at 5:30 p.m. in the FaHoLo Classroom.

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.



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SEEKING THE PRESENCE OF GOD

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

Prelude Ann Jeannette Pierce, Piano
Prelude
"All Creatures of Our God and King"
From "Geistliche Kirchengesang," 1623
Arr. Pepper Choplin

*Call to Worship Janet Corum
One: Come to the waters, beloved—where Spirit moved over at creation, where Jesus was immersed in justice, where God leaned close to us.

All: We splash in the river of God's joy.

One: Come to the waters, beloved—where God's voice thunders, where God whispers kindness.

All: We watch as Jesus steps into them muddy mess of our lives.

One: Come to the waters, beloved—where the Spirit gifts us so we can stand side by side with the broken and forgotten.

All: We come because we are indeed God's beloved children.

***Hymn #56**

"For the Beauty of the Earth" (v 1-4)

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

First Scripture Reading Janet Corum
Psalm 29

One: The Word of God for the people of God

All: Thanks be to God.

Children's Blessing Meaghan Murphy
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 Meaghan Murphy

HEARING THE WORD OF GOD

Choir Anthem

"One World, One Communion"
Pepper Choplin

Second Scripture Reading

Dr. Phillip Mitchell

Matthew 3:13-17

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

Sermon Dr. Phillip Mitchell

"The Waters of Imagination"

Invitation to Discipleship
***Hymn #464**

"God of Grace and God of Glory"

OFFERING OURSELVES TO GOD

Preparation for the Offering Meaghan Murphy
Offertory Ann Jeannette Pierce, Piano

"It is Well with My Soul"
Philip P. Bliss
Arr. Jay Rouse

*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 Steve & Shannon Divine

Words of Institution

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Communion Music Ann Jeannette Pierce, Piano

"The Lone Wild Bird"
William Walker, "Southern Harmony," 1835
Arr. Anthony Giamanco

GOING IN PEACE TO LOVE AND TO SERVE

*Benediction Meaghan Murphy

One: The Lord be with you.
All: And also with you.

*Please stand if you are able.

Scripture Reading

First Reading - Psalm 29

¹ Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.
² Ascribe to the Lord the glory of his name; worship the Lord in holy splendor.
³ The voice of the Lord is over the waters; the God of glory thunders, the Lord, over mighty waters.
⁴ The voice of the Lord is powerful; the voice of the Lord is full of majesty.
⁵ The voice of the Lord breaks the cedars; the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon.
⁶ He makes Lebanon skip like a calf and Sirion like a young wild ox.
⁷ The voice of the Lord flashes forth flames of fire.
⁸ The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.
⁹ The voice of the Lord causes the oaks to whirl and strips the forest bare, and in his temple all say, "Glory!"
¹⁰ The Lord sits enthroned over the flood; the Lord sits enthroned as king forever.
¹¹ May the Lord give strength to his people! May the Lord bless his people with peace!

Second Reading- Matthew 3:13-17

¹³ Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. ¹⁴ John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" ¹⁵ But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now, for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. ¹⁶ And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw God's Spirit descending like a dove and alighting on him. ¹⁷ And a voice from the heavens said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."