

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
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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 4

9:00 a.m.
10:00 a.m.
10:20 a.m.

Worship Service (S)
Fellowship (F)
Sunday School

Monday, January 5

Tuesday, January 6



Epiphany

Wednesday, January 7

6:30 a.m.
5:30 p.m.
6:15 p.m.
6:30 p.m.

Men's Fellowship (Great Harvest on Frederica)
Dinner
Worship Service
Youth Group

Thursday, January 8

9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Take down ALL Holiday Decor
Refugee Food Pantry

Friday, January 9

Church Office Closed

Saturday, January 10



Announcements

Sunday, Jan 4th is the last day to bring in hats, mittens, scarves, etc. for the "Mitten Tree". Thank you to everyone that participated in this important project.

We are back on Wednesday nights! There will be dinner, a short service in the sanctuary, and FCC Youth Groups will meet afterwards.

Kaye Farmer's 80th birthday party will be on Sunday, January 11th from 2-4 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. RSVP THIS WEEK to Eric: efarmerlts@hotmail.com or call/text: 270-485-1759

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 Jan13 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 Luckett 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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**Second Sunday of Christmas
January 4, 2026**

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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

Prelude

"Dona Nobis Pacem"

Traditional Latin Chant

Arr. Christine Sullivan Robbins

Call to Worship Hampton Gaddis

One: On this day, we remember the gift of God's Word,

All: who gathers us together from the farthest parts of the world to worship in joy and hope.

One: On this day, we remember the simple graces of the bread and the cup,

All: those plain gifts shaped by God's love into nourishing hope.

One: On this day, we remember the gifts of water and oil,

All: cleansing us in the baptismal pools, anointing us as God's children.

***Hymn # 173**

"As with Gladness"

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

First Scripture Reading Hampton Gaddis
Matthew 2:13-15

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

Choir Anthem

"We Three Kings Suite"
Phillip Mitchell

Second Scripture Reading

Rev. Chris Michael

Matthew 2:16-23

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon Rev. Chris Michael

"Dreams and Nightmares"

Invitation to Discipleship

***Hymn # 174**

"Brightest and Best" (vs. 1 & 4)

OFFERING OURSELVES TO GOD

Preparation for the Offering

Rev. Chris Michael

Offertory

Ann Jeannette Pierce, Piano

"Ring Out, Wild Bells"

Crawford Gates

Arr. Anne Britt

*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 Aloma Dew & Anne Carlisle

Words of Institution

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Communion Music

Ann Jeannette Pierce, Piano

"Of the Father's Love Begotten"

Plainsong, 13th c.

Arr. Molly IJames

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 - Matthew 2:13-15

¹³ Now after they had left, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you, for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him."

¹⁴ Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt ¹⁵ and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet, "Out of Egypt I have called my son."

Second Reading- Matthew 2:16-23

¹⁶ When Herod saw that he had been tricked by the magi, he was infuriated, and he sent and killed all the children in and around Bethlehem who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had learned from the magi. ¹⁷ Then what had been spoken through the prophet Jeremiah was fulfilled:

¹⁸ "A voice was heard in Ramah, wailing and loud lamentation,
Rachel weeping for her children; she refused to be consoled, because they are no more."

¹⁹ When Herod died, an angel of the Lord suddenly appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, ²⁰ "Get up, take the child and his mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who were seeking the child's life are dead." ²¹ Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel. ²² But when he heard that Archelaus was ruling Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. And after being warned in a dream, he went away to the district of Galilee. ²³ There he made his home in a town called Nazareth, so that what had been spoken through the prophets might be fulfilled, "He will be called a Nazarene."