**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
Financial Manager	Kristin Callis
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Director of Education & Youth Activities	Meaghan 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, July 28

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

Monday, July 29

Tuesday, July 30

Wednesday, July 31

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

Thursday, August 1

1:30 p.m. Refugee Food Pantry

Friday, August 2

Church Office Closed

Saturday, August 3

## **Announcements**

2024 School Year begins on August 7th, 2024! We want to wish all students and teachers a wonderful first day of school!

There will be a DWM luncheon held on Saturday, August 17th in the FCC Fellowship Hall from 11:00-1:00.

The next Primetimers Plus outing is scheduled for Wednesday, August 21st at Briar Patch @ 11:00 a.m.







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Tenth Sunday After Pentecost July 28, 2024

### **SEEKING THE PRESENCE OF GOD**

Welcome
Bringing of the Light

Rev. Chris Michael

Ann Jeannette Pierce, Piano

Bell of Mindfulness

(Please use this time for quiet reflection.)

Prelude

"Hallelujah! I'm Ready!" Don Pierce

\*Call to Worship Pam Woodward

One: God, who has given us the gift of thanksgiving,

All: calls us to worship.

One: God, who has given us the gift of faithful understanding,

All: evokes joy in us as we worship.

One: God, who has given us the gift of feeling for the world's pain,

All: inspires and motivates us as we worship.

One: God, who has given us the gift of faith community,

All: gives us determination to share in the work as we worship.

#### \*Hymn #592

### "Everytime I feel the Spirit"

\*Invocation and Lord's Prayer

(using "debts" and "debtors")

First Scripture Reading Pam Woodward

Psalm 145:14-21

One: The Word of God for the people of God

All: Thanks be to God.

Children's Blessing

Children ages 3 through 2nd grade are invited forward for a

Rev. Chris Michael

Pam Woodward

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

"Life's Railway to Heaven" Charles Davis Tillman River City Strings Second Scripture Reading Rev. Chris Michael

Ephesians 3:14-21

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon Rev. Chris Michael

"For This Reason...."

Invitation to Discipleship

\*Hymn #673

"Down by the Riverside"

#### **OFFERING OURSELVES TO GOD**

Preparation for the Offering Rev. Chris Michael Offertory

"Amazing Grace"
Wm. Walker's So. Harmony
River City Strings

\*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.

ation to Communion Patrick & Michelle Whitmer

Invitation to Communion
Words of Institution
Prayer of Thanksgiving

Communion Music

"Down to the River to Pray" Early American Spiritual River City Strings

#### 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 145:14-21

14 The Lord upholds all who are falling, and raises up all who are bowed down.

15 The eyes of all look to you, and you give them their food in due season.

16 You open your hand, satisfying the desire of every living thing.

17 The Lord is just in all his ways, and kind in all his doings.

18 The Lord is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth.

19 He fulfils the desire of all who fear him; he also hears their cry, and saves them.

20 The Lord watches over all who love him, but all the wicked he will destroy.

21 My mouth will speak the praise of the Lord, and all flesh will bless his holy name for ever and ever.

## **Second Reading- Ephesians 3:14-21**

14 For this reason I bow my knees before the Father,15 from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. 16 I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, 17 and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. 18 I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, 19 and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. 20 Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, 21 to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, for ever and ever. Amen.

## **River City Strings:**

Vocal: Sarah Worth, Fiddle: Patty Lamar, Mandolin: John Austin, Banjo: Lou Sgroi,

Bass: Wendell Thompson