

**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  
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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 7**  
 9:00 a.m. Worship Service (S)  
 10:00 a.m. Fellowship (F)  
 10:20 a.m. Sunday School

**Monday, July 8**

**Tuesday, July 9**  
 5:30 p.m. Elders Meeting

**Wednesday, July 10**  
 6:30 a.m. Men's Fellowship (Panera)  
 Youth Group (middle & highschool)

**Thursday, July 11**

**Friday, July 12**  
 Church Office Closed

**Saturday, July 13**

**Announcements**

Elders Meeting- Tuesday, July 9th @ 5:30 p.m.

Board Meeting- Tuesday, July 23rd @ 5:30 p.m.

VBS will begin on Monday, July 15th - Wednesday, July 17th from 4:00 -6:30 p.m. Please reach out to Meaghan Murphy for details or questions!



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Seventh Sunday After Pentecost  
 July 7, 2024

**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  
 "Come, Christians, Join to Sing"  
 Traditional Melody  
 arr. Pepper Choplin

\*Call to Worship Carroll Laswell  
 One: With song and dance,  
**All: we worship God.**  
 One: With heart and mind,  
**All: we worship God.**  
 One: With joy and enthusiasm,  
**All: we worship God.**  
 One: With our works as well as our words,  
**All: we worship God.**  
 One: In the heart of the faith community,  
**All: we worship God.**  
 One: With the whole of our being,  
**All: let us worship God.**

\*Hymn #90  
**"Come Christians, Join to Sing"**

\*Invocation and Lord's Prayer Carroll Laswell  
 (using "debts" and "debtors")

First Scripture Reading Carroll Laswell  
 Psalm 123  
 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**

Message in Music Solo, Rebecca Smith  
 "You Are My All in All"  
 Jernigan

Second Scripture Reading Rev. Chris Michael  
 Ephesians 1:3-14  
 One: The Word of God for the people of God.  
**All: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon Rev. Chris Michael  
 "Grace Abounds"

Invitation to Discipleship

\*Hymn #452  
**"Here I Am, Lord"**

**OFFERING OURSELVES TO GOD**

Preparation for the Offering Rev. Chris Michael  
 Offertory Ann Jeannette Pierce, Piano  
 "Jesus Loves Me"  
 William Bradbury  
 arr. Carol Tornquist

\*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 Mike Tichenor & Jason Roberts  
 Words of Institution  
 Prayer of Thanksgiving

Communion Music Janet Corum, Piano  
 "Sweet Hour of Prayer/Simple Things"  
 William Bradbury/Shaker Hymn  
 Arr. McMillen/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.

**Scripture Reading****First Reading- Psalm 123**

1 To you I lift up my eyes,  
 O you who are enthroned in the heavens!  
 2 As the eyes of servants  
 look to the hand of their master,  
 as the eyes of a maid  
 to the hand of her mistress,  
 so our eyes look to the Lord our God,  
 until he has mercy upon us.  
 3 Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy upon us,  
 for we have had more than enough of contempt.  
 4 Our soul has had more than its fill  
 of the scorn of those who are at ease,  
 of the contempt of the proud.

**Second Reading- Ephesians 1:3-14**

3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
 who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in  
 the heavenly places, 4 just as he chose us in Christ before  
 the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless  
 before him in love. 5 He destined us for adoption as his  
 children through Jesus Christ, according to the good  
 pleasure of his will, 6 to the praise of his glorious grace  
 that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. 7 In him we  
 have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our  
 trespasses, according to the riches of his grace 8 that he  
 lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight 9 he has made  
 known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good  
 pleasure that he set forth in Christ, 10 as a plan for the  
 fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in  
 heaven and things on earth. 11 In Christ we have also  
 obtained an inheritance, having been destined according  
 to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things  
 according to his counsel and will, 12 so that we, who were  
 the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise  
 of his glory. 13 In him you also, when you had heard the  
 word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had  
 believed in him, were marked with the seal of the  
 promised Holy Spirit; 14 this is the pledge of our  
 inheritance towards redemption as God's own people, to  
 the praise of his glory.