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!

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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, June 1

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

Monday, June 2

Tuesday, June 3

Wednesday, June 4

6:30 a.m Men's Fellowship (Panera) 6:15 p.m Choir Practice (CR)

Thursday, June 5

1:30 p.m. Refugee Food Pantry

Friday, June 6

Church Office Closed

Saturday, June 7

Announcements

Our next Primetimers outing will be on June 10 at 11:30 in Evansville at The Great Bavarian Haus. Since this one is out of town Steve Rice is driving the bus. There are 13 spots and the cost is \$5 per person. If you are planning on coming and want a seat on the bus let us know early so we can save you a seat. If you would like to attend, please contact Janet Luckett or Barbara Chavez.

Youth Mission Trip dates: June 22nd- June 28th







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Seventh Sunday of Easter June 1, 2025 June 1, 2025 Seventh Sunday of Easter

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, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"
Traditional American Melody
Arr. Joel Raney

*Call to Worship Colton Manley

One: Covenant God, God of Abraham and of Sarah, we come before you.

All: You will keep your word!

One: Covenant God, God of Amos and of Jeremiah, we come before you.

All: You will keep your promises!

One: Covenant God, God of the New Covenant in Jesus, we come before

All: The cross is your trusted sign!

One: Covenant God, God whose love is sealed in the waters of baptism, we

come before you.

All: Your covenant endures!

*Hymn #550

"There's Within My Heart a Melody" (1,3,5)

*Invocation and Lord's Prayer

(using "debts" and "debtors")

First Scripture Reading Colton Manley

Acts 16:16-24

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, Maurica Hanley

"No More Night"
-Phelps

Second Scripture Reading

Rev. Chris Michael

Acts 16:25-34

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon Rev. Chris Michael

"Where is the Church?"

Invitation to Discipleship

*Hymn #545

"He Leadeth Me"

OFFERING OURSELVES TO GOD

Preparation for the Offering Rev. Chris Michael
Offertory Ann Jeannette Pierce, Piano

"Higher Ground" Charles Gabriel

*Doxology and Presentation of Gifts (Page 46)

*Dedication Prayer

Colton Manley

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 Patrick & Michelle Whitmer

Invitation to Communion
Words of Institution

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Communion Music solo, Maurice Henley

"I Need Thee Every Hour" Traditional

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- Acts 16:16-24

¹⁶ One day as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a female slave who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling. ¹⁷ While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, "These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you^[a] the way of salvation." ¹⁸ She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, "I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And it came out that very hour.

¹⁹ But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace before the authorities. ²⁰ When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, "These men, these Jews, are disturbing our city ²¹ and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us, being Romans, to adopt or observe." ²² The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods. ²³ After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely. ²⁴ Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks.

Second Reading- Acts 16:25-34

²⁵ About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. ²⁶ Suddenly there was an earthquake so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken, and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were unfastened. ²⁷ When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped. ²⁸ But Paul shouted in a loud voice, "Do not harm yourself, for we are all here." ²⁹ The jailer [a] called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. 30 Then he brought them outside and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" ³¹ They answered, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household." ³² They spoke the word of the Lord^[b] to him and to all who were in his house. ³³ At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay. 34 He brought them up into the house and set food before them, and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God.