

**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  
 Instagram: @fccowb



**Online Giving**

Online giving is now live for tithes and offerings. To submit your gift, visit [www.fccowb.org/give](http://www.fccowb.org/give) or text "FCCOWB" to 73256. You may also scan the QR code to the left!

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 Minister of Finance.....Kristin Callis  
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 Education & Children's Activities .....Riley Payne  
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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, March 22**  
 9:00 a.m. Worship Service (S)  
 10:00 a.m. Fellowship (F)  
 10:20 a.m. Sunday School  
 5:00 p.m. FCC Bell Choir Rehearsal

**Monday, March 23**  
 6:30 p.m. OCTC Choir Rehearsal

**Tuesday, March 24**  
 12:10 p.m. - 12:30 p.m. Lenten Luncheon Devotional

**Wednesday, March 25**  
 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, March 26**  
**Friday, March 27** Church Office Closed

**Saturday, March 28**  
 10:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. West Area Workshops

**Announcements**

Our annual FCC Easter Egg Hunt will take place shortly after our Palm Sunday Service on March 29<sup>th</sup>.

There will be NO dinner, service, or youth group during Holy Week on Wednesday, April 1st or during Spring Break on Wednesday, April 8<sup>th</sup>. Choir rehearsal WILL take place at 6:00 p.m.

We will have Maundy Thursday Service on April 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

**LENTEN DEVOTIONALS**  
 Series: Encounters with Jesus - "CHALLENGED"  
 FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DOC)  
 700 JR MILLER BLVD., OWENSBORO

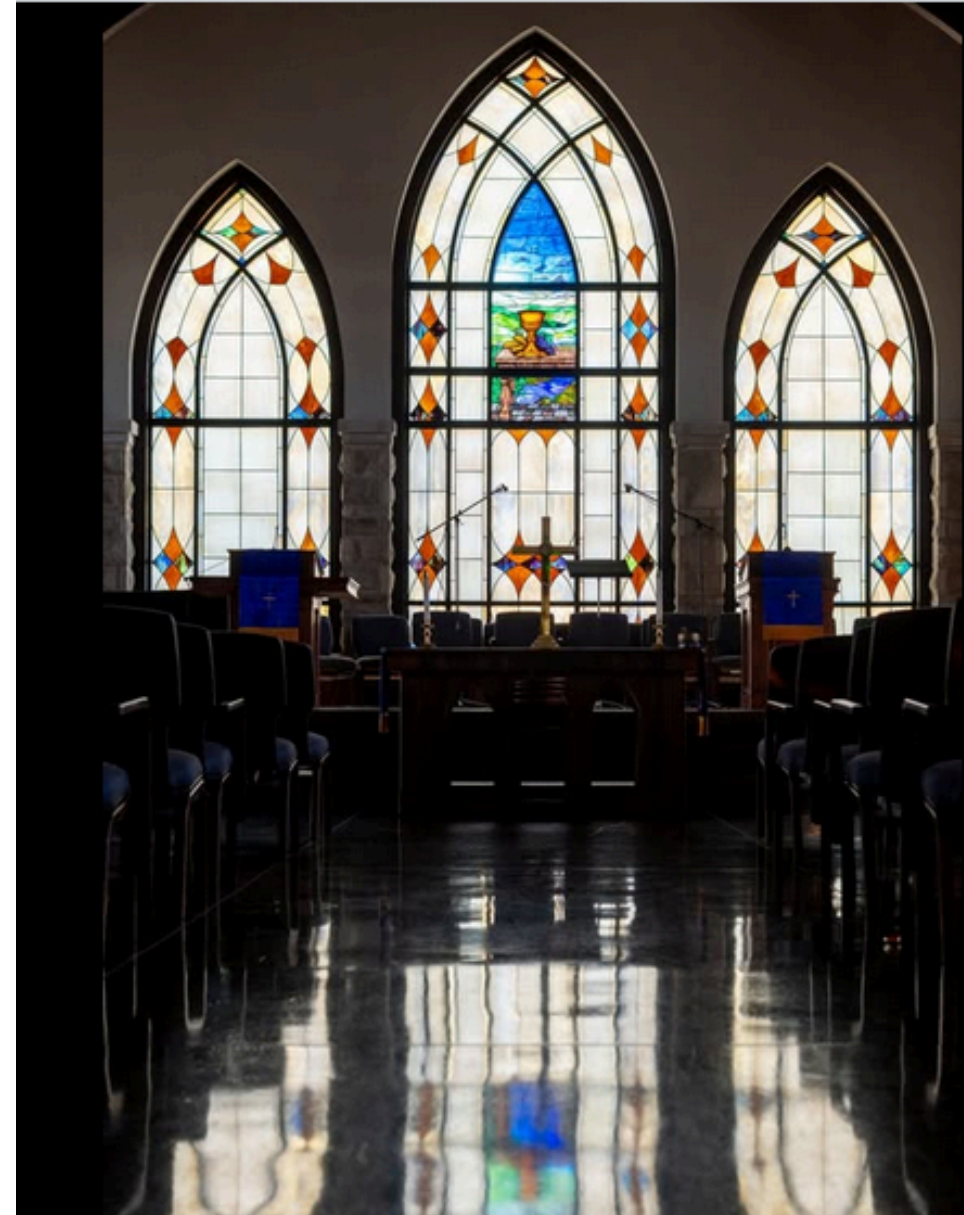
Each Tuesday during Lent, the Disciples Women's Ministry will host a series of lunch-time devotional services from 12:10 p.m.-12:30 p.m.  
 Feb 24 - March 03 - March 10 - March 17 - March 24  
*Special music each week*

Speakers: Carroll Laswell, Chris Gaddis, Phillip Mitchell, Joseph McKinley and Rev. Bonnie Brown

Following each service a luncheon will be served in the Fellowship Hall with a \$10 suggested donation



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**FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH**  
**(Disciples of Christ)**

Fifth Sunday of Lent  
 March 22, 2026

**SEEKING THE PRESENCE OF GOD**

Welcome Rev. Chris Michael

Bringing of the LightBell of Mindfulness  
(Please use this time for quiet reflection.)

Prelude Ann Jeannette Pierce, Piano  
"Man of Sorrows"  
Philip P. Bliss  
Arr. Pepper Choplin

Introit Choir  
"Kyrie Eleison"  
Phillip Mitchell

\*Call to Worship Meg Lawson  
One: Early each morning, God waits to greet us with joy and wonder.  
**All: We awake to find ourselves enveloped in grace.**

One: During the day, Jesus comes to invite us to serve.  
**All: We rise from our work and leisure to bring healing and hope to others.**

One: In the shadowed evenings of our fears and worries, the Spirit is with us.  
**All: The Light of life shines on us in every moment of every day.**

**\*Hymn #16**  
**"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" (all verses)**

\*Invocation and Lord's Prayer Meg Lawson  
(using "debts" and "debtors")

First Scripture Reading Meg Lawson  
John 19:1-8

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

Dedication  
Charlotte Elizabeth McKay and Her Parents

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**

Special Music 1<sup>st</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> Quartet  
"Must Jesus Bear the Cross," with "Lonesome Valley"  
Arranged by Joseph M. Martin  
Shirley Sandifer, Piano

John 19:9-16a

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

Sermon Rev. Chris Michael

"Here is Your King"

Invitation to Discipleship  
**\*Hymn #45**  
**"He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought" (all verses)**

**OFFERING OURSELVES TO GOD**

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

"Jesus, Lover of My Soul"  
Joseph Parry and Simeon B. Marsh  
Arr. Heather Sorenson

\*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 and Angela Bruce  
Words of Institution  
Prayer of Thanksgiving

Communion Music Choir

"Be Still" Karen Morrolli

**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.

**First Reading - John 19:1-8**

<sup>1</sup>Then Pilate took Jesus and had him flogged. <sup>2</sup>And the soldiers wove a crown of thorns and put it on his head, and they dressed him in a purple robe. <sup>3</sup>They kept coming up to him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!" and striking him on the face. <sup>4</sup>Pilate went out again and said to them, "Look, I am bringing him out to you to let you know that I find no case against him." <sup>5</sup>So Jesus came out wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe. Pilate said to them, "Behold the man!" <sup>6</sup>When the chief priests and the police saw him, they shouted, "Crucify him! Crucify him!" Pilate said to them, "Take him yourselves and crucify him; I find no case against him." <sup>7</sup>The Jews answered him, "We have a law, and according to that law he ought to die because he has claimed to be the Son of God."  
<sup>8</sup>Now when Pilate heard this, he was more afraid than ever.

**Second Reading - John 19:9-16a**

<sup>9</sup>He entered his headquarters again and asked Jesus, "Where are you from?" But Jesus gave him no answer. <sup>10</sup>Pilate therefore said to him, "Do you refuse to speak to me? Do you not know that I have power to release you and power to crucify you?" <sup>11</sup>Jesus answered him, "You would have no power over me unless it had been given you from above; therefore the one who handed me over to you is guilty of a greater sin." <sup>12</sup>From then on Pilate tried to release him, but the Jews cried out, "If you release this man, you are no friend of Caesar. Everyone who claims to be a king sets himself against Caesar."  
<sup>13</sup>When Pilate heard these words, he brought Jesus outside and sat on the judge's bench at a place called The Stone Pavement, or in Hebrew Gabbatha. <sup>14</sup>Now it was the day of Preparation for the Passover, and it was about noon. He said to the Jews, "Here is your King!" <sup>15</sup>They cried out, "Away with him! Away with him! Crucify him!" Pilate asked them, "Shall I crucify your King?" The chief priests answered, "We have no king but Caesar." <sup>16</sup>Then he handed him over to them to be crucified.