

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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 Minister of Finance.....Kristin Callis
 Education & Youth ActivitiesMeaghan Murphy
 Education & Children's ActivitiesRiley 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 8

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 9

11:30 a.m. Retired Teachers Luncheon
 6:30 p.m. OCTC Choir Rehearsal

Tuesday, March 10

12:10 p.m. Lenten Luncheon Devotional

Wednesday, March 11

6:30 a.m. Men's Fellowship (Great Harvest on Frederica)
 5:30 p.m. **Pot of Gold Potluck**
 6:15 p.m. Worship Service
 6:30 p.m. Youth Group & Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, March 12

Friday, March 13


Closed Church Office

Saturday, March 14 Announcements

Join us for our **Pot of Gold Potluck** THIS Wednesday, March 11th at 5:30 p.m. The Church will provide fried chicken from Ole South and Cane's chicken fingers. To help round out the feast and ensure a good variety, please bring a dish according to your last name:

- A-H: Salad
- I-O: Dessert
- P-Z: Vegetable

Gold stars will be awarded for any **green** dishes or St. Patrick's Day inspired foods brought to share! 



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

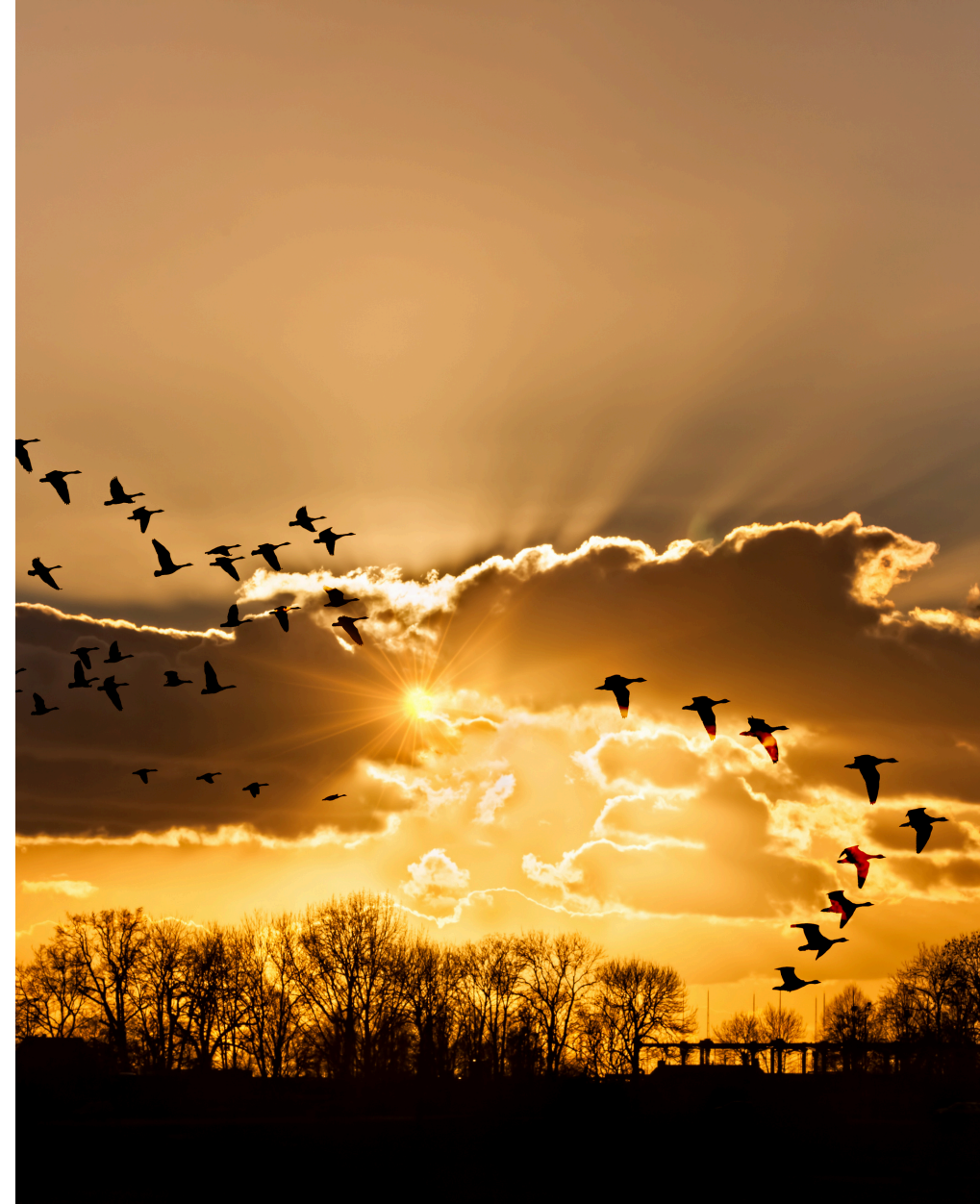
Speakers: Carroll Laswell, Chris Gaddis, Phillip Mitchell,
 Joseph McKinley and Rev. Bonnie Brown

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





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Third Sunday of Lent
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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
"Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy"
From W. Walker's "The Southern Harmony and Musical Companion," 1835
Arr. Larry Shackley

Introit Choir
"Kyrie Eleison"
Phillip Mitchell

*Call to Worship Carroll Laswell
One: We come, our souls thirsting for God, our spirits longing for love.
All: We come to the One who supplies every need; we come to the One who gives us living water.

One: We come, with prayers in our hearts, and with words too painful to speak.
All: We come to the One who listens to our hearts, who carries our suffering through eternity.

One: We come, with our brokenness and loss, with our hope to be made whole.
All: We come to the One who knows all our secrets, who brings peace to all of us - and to each of us.

***Hymn #609**
"Take My Life" (vs. 1, 2, & 6)

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

First Scripture Reading Carroll Laswell
John 18:12-17

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

Special Music Choir
"Within Us Flows a River"
Mark Miller

Second Scripture Reading Rev. Chris Michael

John 18:18-27

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

Sermon Rev. Chris Michael

"By the Fire"

Invitation to Discipleship

***Hymn #587**

"Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross" (v. 1 & 3)

OFFERING OURSELVES TO GOD

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

"Blest are the Contrite Hearts"
From J. Chetham's "A Book of Psalmody," 1718
Arr. Marianne Kim

*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 Joseph & Meghan McKinley

Words of Institution

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Communion Music Ann Jeannette Pierce, Piano

"What Wondrous Love is This"
American Folk Melody
Arr. Dan Forrest

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 - John 18:12-17

¹² So the soldiers, their officer, and the Jewish police arrested Jesus and bound him. ¹³ First they took him to Annas, who was the father-in-law of Caiaphas, the high priest that year. ¹⁴ Caiaphas was the one who had advised the Jews that it was better to have one person die for the people. ¹⁵ Simon Peter and another disciple followed Jesus. Since that disciple was known to the high priest, he went with Jesus into the courtyard of the high priest, ¹⁶ but Peter was standing outside at the gate. So the other disciple, who was known to the high priest, went out, spoke to the woman who guarded the gate, and brought Peter in. ¹⁷ The woman said to Peter, "You are not also one of this man's disciples, are you?" He said, "I am not."

Second Reading-John 18:18-27

¹⁸ Now the slaves and the police had made a charcoal fire because it was cold, and they were standing around it and warming themselves. Peter also was standing with them and warming himself.

¹⁹ Then the high priest questioned Jesus about his disciples and about his teaching. ²⁰ Jesus answered, "I have spoken openly to the world; I have always taught in synagogues and in the temple, where all the Jews come together. I have said nothing in secret. ²¹ Why do you ask me? Ask those who heard what I said to them; they know what I said." ²² When he had said this, one of the police standing nearby struck Jesus on the face, saying, "Is that how you answer the high priest?" ²³ Jesus answered, "If I have spoken wrongly, testify to the wrong. But if I have spoken rightly, why do you strike me?" ²⁴ Then Annas sent him bound to Caiaphas the high priest.

²⁵ Now Simon Peter was standing and warming himself. They asked him, "You are not also one of his disciples, are you?" He denied it and said, "I am not." ²⁶ One of the slaves of the high priest, a relative of the man whose ear Peter had cut off, asked, "Did I not see you in the garden with him?" ²⁷ Again Peter denied it, and at that moment the cock crowed.