

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



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 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, May 17
 9:00 a.m. Worship Service (S)
 10:00 a.m. Fellowship (F)
 10:20 a.m. Sunday School

Monday, May 18

Tuesday, May 19 **Primary Election**

Wednesday, May 20
 6:30 a.m. Men's Fellowship (Great Harvest on Frederica)
 6:00 p.m. Choir Practice (CR)

Thursday, May 21
 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Refugee Food Pantry

Friday, May 22 Church Office Closed

Saturday, May 23

Announcements

Choir practice will take place Wednesday, May 20th and Wednesday, May 27th at 6:00 p.m.

Please let Meaghan, Riley, or Stacy know if your child is attending 2026 camp. We like to have a list of our kids attending for the congregation to be able to pray and/or write letters to the campers.

The church will be closed on Monday, May 25th in observance of Memorial Day.

The church is hosting the Estes Bulldog Art Camp from 8:00 a.m. to noon the following weeks: 6/1-6/5 and 6/15-6/19. Please plan accordingly.

The Retired Teacher's Luncheon will take place on Monday, June 8th @11:30 a.m.

Vacation Bible School will be 4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. on 7/20-7/22.



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Seventh Sunday of Easter
 May 17, 2026

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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, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"
Traditional American Melody
Arr. Faye Lopez

*Call to Worship Meaghan Murphy

One: At the presence of God, we rejoice:

All: glorifying the One who is Parent of all orphans.

One: In the presence of Jesus Christ, we listen:

All: to the Voice who calls us to humbly serve others.

One: Through the presence of the Holy Spirit, we speak:

All: making God's love known to the world-forsaken in our midst.

***Hymn #459**
"Lord, You Give the Great Commision" (vs 1, 2, & 5)

*Invocation and Lord's Prayer Meaghan Murphy
(using "debts" and "debtors")

First Scripture Reading Meaghan Murphy

Philippians 2:1-4

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

Children's Blessing Rev. Chris Michael

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

"Hope Is Near"
Karen Crane / Abby Lockaby

Second Scripture Reading

Rev. Chris Michael

Philippians 2:5-11

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Rev. Chris Michael

"What and How"

Invitation to Discipleship

***Hymn #86**

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness" (vs. 1 & 3)

OFFERING OURSELVES TO GOD

Preparation for the Offering

Rev. Chris Michael

Offertory

Ann Jeannette Pierce, Piano

"Take My Life and Let It Be Consecrated"

Henri A. C. Malan

Arr. John Purifoy

*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

Tab & Vicki Quisenberry

Words of Institution

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Communion Music

Ann Jeannette Pierce, Piano

"He Leadeth Me"

William B. Bradbury

Arr. Heather Sorenson

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 - Philippians 2:1-4

¹If, then, there is any comfort in Christ, any consolation from love, any partnership in the Spirit, any tender affection and sympathy, ² make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. ³ Do nothing from selfish ambition or empty conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. ⁴ Let each of you look not to your own interests but to the interests of others.

Second Reading - Philippians 2:5-11

⁵ Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, ⁶ who, though he existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be grasped, ⁷ but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, assuming human likeness. And being found in appearance as a human, ⁸ he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death— even death on a cross. ⁹ Therefore God exalted him even more highly and gave him the name that is above every other name, ¹⁰ so that at the name given to Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹ and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.