

**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!

**Staff**

Sr. Minister.....Rev. J. Chris Michael  
 Minister of Music.....Dr. Phillip Mitchell  
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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, May 3**

9:00 a.m.  
 10:00 a.m.  
 10:20 a.m.

**Hat Day**

Worship Service (S)  
 Fellowship (F)  
 Sunday School

**Monday, May 4**

7:00 p.m.

OCTC Choir Concert (S)

**Tuesday, May 5**

**Wednesday, May 6**

6:30 a.m.  
 5:30 p.m.  
 6:15 p.m.  
 6:30 p.m.

Men's Fellowship (Great Harvest on Frederica)  
 Cinco de Mayo Youth Fundraiser Meal (F)  
 Worship (S)  
 Youth Group & Choir Practice (CR)

**Thursday, May 7**

10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Refugee Food Pantry

**Friday, May 8**

Church Office Closed

**Saturday, May 9**

**Announcements**

Connie Ford is directing the OCTC Community Choir at their spring concert TOMORROW, May 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in our sanctuary. All are welcome to come and listen to this special performance.

Cinco de Mayo Youth Mission Fundraiser is THIS Wednesday at 5:30. This is also the last Youth Group of the 2025-26 school year.

High school grads and new drivers will be recognized Sunday, May 10th.

Primetimers lunch will be Tuesday, May 12 11:30 AM at the Montana Grill 1740 Scottsville Rd, Bowling Green. RSVP Janet Lockett by text message only 270-929-4984 or Barbara Chavez 270-929-6941 text, call or leave a message.

Elders Meeting Tuesday, May 12<sup>th</sup> @5:30 p.m. in the FaHoLo Classroom.

Fellowship is having a Potluck on Wednesday, May 13th 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 (we've adjusted for numbers):  
 A-F: Dessert      G-L: Vegetable      M-Z: Salad

Finance Meeting on Thursday May 14<sup>th</sup> @noon in the Conference Room.



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Fifth Sunday of Easter  
 May 3, 2026

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**SEEKING THE PRESENCE OF GOD**

Welcome Meaghan Murphy

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

Prelude Ann Jeannette Pierce, Piano

"Morning Prayer" Op. 101, No. 2  
Cornelius Gurlitt

\*Call to Worship Forrest Roberts

One: You are with us, God of sunrises:

**All: you awaken us with each bright new day, overflowing with promise.**

One: You are with us, Inviting God:

**All: calling us to respond to all the chances to share the spirit of grace and hope.**

One: You are with us, Glory of God:

**All: gathering us into the presence of your peace, listening to the deep sighs of our hearts.**

**\*Hymn #595**

**"Be Thou My Vision"**

\*Invocation and Lord's Prayer Forrest Roberts  
(using "debts" and "debtors")

First Scripture Reading Forrest Roberts

Psalm 31: 1-5, 15-16

One: The Word of God for the people of God

**All: Thanks be to God.**

Children's Blessing Rev. Meaghan Murphy

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 Meaghan Murphy

**HEARING THE WORD OF GOD**

Special Music Choir

"In This Season"  
Karen Crane / Abby Lockaby

Second Scripture Reading

Dr. Phillip Mitchell

Acts 7:55-60

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

**All: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Dr. Phillip Mitchell

"Help Me Write a Sermon"

Invitation to Discipleship

Meaghan Murphy

**\*Hymn #537**

**"My Hope Is Built" (vs. 1 & 2)**

**OFFERING OURSELVES TO GOD**

Preparation for the Offering

Meaghan Murphy

Offertory

Ann Jeannette Pierce, Piano

"Nothing but the Blood of Jesus"

Robert Lowry

Arr. Carol Tornquist

\*Doxology & Presentation of Gifts

Meaghan Murphy

\*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

Aloma Dew & Ann Carlisle

Words of Institution

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Communion Music

Ann Jeannette Pierce, Piano

"Softly and Tenderly"

Will L. Thompson

Arr. Lisa Hoekstra

**GOING IN PEACE TO LOVE AND TO SERVE**

\*Benediction

Meaghan Murphy

One: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

\*Please stand if you are able.

**Scripture Reading**

**First Reading - Psalm 31: 1-5, 15-16**

<sup>1</sup> In you, O Lord, I seek refuge;  
do not let me ever be put to shame;  
in your righteousness deliver me.

<sup>2</sup> Incline your ear to me;  
rescue me speedily.

Be a rock of refuge for me,  
a strong fortress to save me.

<sup>3</sup> You are indeed my rock and my fortress;  
for your name's sake lead me and guide me;

<sup>4</sup> take me out of the net that is hidden for me,  
for you are my refuge.

<sup>5</sup> Into your hand I commit my spirit;  
you have redeemed me, O Lord, faithful God.

<sup>15</sup> My times are in your hand;  
deliver me from the hand of my enemies and persecutors.

<sup>16</sup> Let your face shine upon your servant;  
save me in your steadfast love.

**Second Reading - Acts 7:55-60**

<sup>55</sup> But filled with the Holy Spirit, he gazed into heaven and saw the  
glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. <sup>56</sup>

"Look," he said, "I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man  
standing at the right hand of God!" <sup>57</sup> But they covered their ears,

and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. <sup>58</sup> Then  
they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him, and the

witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul.

<sup>59</sup> While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, "Lord Jesus,  
receive my spirit." <sup>60</sup> Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud  
voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." When he had said  
this, he died.