November 28, 2021 9:00 AM Advent 1

SEEKING THE PRESENCE OF GOD

Welcome — Rev. J. Chris Michael

Bringing of the Light

Bell of Mindfulness
(Please use this time for quiet reflection.)

Prelude — Ann Jeannette Pierce, piano
"Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming"
German Carol, arr. Lloyd Larson

*Call to Worship — Martha Lee
One: We come from a world of darkness
All: Into Christ's world of light.
One: We come from a world of weariness
All: Into God's strength and hope.
One: We come from a slumbering world.
All: Strengthened by the Spirit, we come to awaken our souls and watch for the coming of Christ. Amen.

***Hymn #119** — VENI EMMANUEL
"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" (v. 1, 2, and 4)

*Invocation and Lord's Prayer — Martha Lee
(using "debts" and "debtors")

Lighting of the Advent Wreath
Candle of Hope

Children's Blessing — Rev. 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. Michael

HEARING THE WORD OF GOD

Choir Message — Adult Choir
"People Look East"
French Carol, arr. John Leavitt

Scripture Reading — Rev. Michael
Jeremiah 33:10-16
One: The Word of God for the people of God
All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon — Rev. Michael
"The Days Are Surely Coming"

Invitation to Discipleship

***Hymn #125** — HYFRYDOL
"Come, O Long-Expected Jesus"

OFFERING OURSELVES TO GOD

Preparation for the Offering — Rev. Michael
*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 — Rev. Bonnie Brown
Words of Institution
Prayer of Thanksgiving
Communion Music — Ann Jeannette Pierce, piano
"Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence"
French Carol, arr. Mark Hayes

GOING IN PEACE TO LOVE AND TO SERVE

*Benediction — Rev. Michael
One: The Lord be with you.
All: And also with you.

*Please stand if you are able.

Flowers have been placed in the chancel to the glory of God. He is our strength and our song. We will exalt Him.

Today we celebrate the anniversary of Rev. J. Chris Michael's 28th year in ministry.

Scripture Reading

Jeremiah 33:10-16

10 Thus says the Lord: In this place of which you say, 'It is a waste without human beings or animals', in the towns of Judah and the streets of Jerusalem that are desolate, without inhabitants, human or animal, there shall once more be heard 11 the voice of mirth and the voice of gladness, the voice of the bridegroom and the voice of the bride, the voices of those who sing, as they bring thank-offerings to the house of the Lord:
'Give thanks to the Lord of hosts,
for the Lord is good,
for his steadfast love endures for ever!'
For I will restore the fortunes of the land as at first, says the Lord.
12 Thus says the Lord of hosts: In this place that is waste, without human beings or animals, and in all its towns there shall again be pasture for shepherds resting their flocks. 13 In the towns of the hill country, of the Shephelah, and of the Negeb, in the land of Benjamin, the places around Jerusalem, and in the towns of Judah, flocks shall again pass under the hands of the one who counts them, says the Lord.
14 The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfil the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah.
15 In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. 16 In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: 'The Lord is our righteousness.'

Serving Schedule

Liturgist: Martha Lee
Elder at the Table: Rev. Bonnie Brown
Elder for the Hospital: Janet Luckett

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."

Please scan this QR code using your smart phone to let us know you were here. Using that link, you can mark your attendance, share prayer requests, and link to our website. If you prefer to speak to someone in person, feel free to speak to Rev. Michael following the service.

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
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Staff

Sr. Minister.....Rev. J. Chris Michael
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This week at First Christian

CR- Conference Room; F-Fellowship Hall; FHL-Fa-Ho-Lo Room; S-Sanctuary

Sunday, November 28
9:00 a.m. — Worship Service
10:00 a.m. — Fellowship (F)
10:30 a.m. — Sunday School

Monday, November 29
9:00 a.m. — Decorating the Chrismon Tree (F)
6:30 p.m. — OCTC Chorus (S)

Tuesday, November 30

Wednesday, December 1
6:30 a.m. — Men's Fellowship (Panera)

Thursday, December 2

Friday, December 3

Announcements

"O Chrismon Tree, O Chrismon Tree"
We plan to decorate the Fellowship Hall tree on Monday, November 29, beginning at 9:00 am. Come and join the excitement as we adorn our church tree with our hand-made Chrismon ornaments. It will put you in the spirit of Christmas Advent in a few minutes. For more details, contact Francy Miller or Martha Lee.

High School Youth- Angel Tree
On Dec 5 after worship, our high school youth will be shopping for 1-2 Angels. “Angels” are children in the community who have their names placed on our Angel Tree with various needs listed - clothing sizes, shoes, a couple toys etc... Monetary donations from mebers of the congregation would be appreciated. We expect to spend $100 on each Angel. Youth who would like to join us should bring money for lunch at Real Hacienda afterwards. RSVP/questions to Shannon Divine.

Save it or Shave it?!
Should Rev. Michael save his beard... or shave it? Vote for your preference by placing money in the designated containers. We are hoping to raise $5,000 for various mission projects in the church.
Running total-- **Shave it- $201.53 Save it- $422.78**

OCTC Chorus
Monday, Dec. 6, 7:00 p.m. Masks will be required for audience members. "Distanced seating" will be practiced.

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. Click on the link to go to the site to complete your gift.

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