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."

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Staff

Sr. Minister.....Rev. J. Chris Michael
Minister of Music.....Dr. Phillip Mitchell
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Education & Youth Activities .....Meaghan Murphy
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, November 15

9:00 a.m.	Worship Service (S)
10:00 a.m.	Fellowship (F)
10:20 a.m.	Sunday School
5:00 p.m.	FCC Handbell Choir Rehearsal

Monday, November 16

6:30 p.m.	OYSO Performance (S)

Tuesday, November 17

5:30 p.m.	Board Meeting

Wednesday, November 18

6:30 a.m.	Men's Fellowship (Great Harvest on Frederica)
5:15 p.m.	Dinner (F)
6:15 p.m.	Worship (S)
6:30 p.m.	Youth Group (F) Cantata & Choir Rehearsals (S)

Thursday, November 19

8:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.	Refugee Food Pantry

Friday, November 20 Church Office Closed

Saturday, November 21

Announcements

PLEDGE CARDS ARE DUE TODAY!

This week marks the 10th anniversary of the opening of our new building. We are celebrating with a self guided "tour" of items, cake in the Fellowship Hall after worship, and "memory time" in the sanctuary during Sunday School time.

The next board meeting is THIS Tuesday, November 17th at 5:30 p.m.

Next Sunday morning (Nov 22) the DWM is having a Bake Sale to raise money for their missions.

The church office will be closed Nov 25th & 26th for Thanksgiving. Also there will not be a meal or youth activities on Nov 25th.

Our December Primetimers luncheon will be Dec 8 10:00AM (be aware of the earlier time to meet) at The Miller House 301 E 5th Street Owensboro. We will need a confirmation you are coming by **Nov 30th** so the restaurant can make enough food for the breakfast buffet. Contact Janet Luckett by text only 270-929-4984 if you can come. Looking forward to seeing you for our holiday luncheon.

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FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

(Disciples of Christ)

Twenty-Fifth Sunday After Pentecost
November 15, 2026

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SEEKING THE PRESENCE OF GOD

Welcome — Rev. Chris Michael

Bringing of the Light and the Bell of Mindfulness
(Please use this time for quiet reflection.)

Prelude — Sarah Maglinger, piano

"Holy, Holy, Holy"
Trad.
Arr. by Jim Brickman

*Call to Worship — Pam Woodward

One:This is the Lord's Day, the day of wonder and grace.
All: This is the day to worship the One who calls us here.
One: This is the Lord's Day, the day we are given joy and peace.
All: This is the day promised to us, the day of healing and renewal.
One: This is the Lord's Day, and it has come just in time!
All: This is the day we gather with hope, with faith, with love!

***Hymn #464**
"God of Grace and God of Glory" (stanzas 1 & 2)

*Invocation and Lord's Prayer — Pam Woodward
(using "debts" and "debtors")

First Scripture Reading — Pam Woodward

I Corinthians 3:5-10

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

Choral Anthem — FCC Choir

"Acclamation of Assurance"
By Joseph Martin

Second Scripture Reading — Rev. Chris Michael

Nehemiah 8:1-10

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

Sermon — Rev. Chris Michael

"The Joy of the Lord is Your Strength"

Invitation to Discipleship

***Hymn #638**
"In the Bulb There Is a Flower" (stanzas 1 & 2)

OFFERING OURSELVES TO GOD

Preparation for the Offering — Rev. Chris Michael

Offertory — Sarah Maglinger, piano

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"
Chisolm & Runyan

*Doxology and Presentation of Gifts (Page 46)

*Dedication Prayer — Rev. Chris Michael

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 — John & Janey Burns
Words of Institution
Prayer of Thanksgiving

Communion Music — Sarah Maglinger, piano

"Lamb of God"
Words and Music by Twila Paris
arr. by Mark Hayes

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 - I Corinthians 3:5-10

5 What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you
came to believe, as the Lord assigned to each. 6 I planted, Apollos
watered, but God gave the growth. 7 So neither the one who
plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God who
gives the growth. 8 The one who plants and the one who waters
have a common purpose, and each will receive wages according
to the labor of each. 9 For we are God's servants, working
together; you are God's field, God's building. 10 According to the
grace of God given to me, like a skilled master builder I laid a
foundation, and someone else is building on it. Each builder must
choose with care how to build on it.

Second Reading - Nehemiah 8:1-10

1 All the people gathered together into the square before the
Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law
of Moses, which the Lord had given to Israel. 2 Accordingly, the
priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and
women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on
the first day of the seventh month. 3 He read from it facing the
square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday,
in the presence of the men and the women and those who could
understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the
book of the law. 4 The scribe Ezra stood on a wooden platform
that had been made for the purpose; and beside him stood
Mattithiah, Shema, Anaiah, Uriah, Hilkiah, and Maaseiah on his
right hand; and Pedaiah, Mishael, Malchijah, Hashum, Hash-
baddanah, Zechariah, and Meshullam on his left hand. 5 And Ezra
opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was
standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the
people stood up. 6 Then Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and
all the people answered, "Amen, Amen," lifting up their hands.
Then they bowed their heads and worshiped the Lord with their
faces to the ground. 7 Also Jeshua, Bani, Sherebiah, Jamin, Akkub,
Shabbethai, Hodiah, Maaseiah, Kelita, Azariah, Jozabad, Hanan,
Pelaiah, the Levites, helped the people to understand the law,
while the people remained in their places. 8 So they read from the
book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the
sense, so that the people understood the reading.
9 And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and
scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the
people, "This day is holy to the Lord your God; do not mourn or
weep." For all the people wept when they heard the words of the
law. 10 Then he said to them, "Go your way, eat the fat and drink
sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom
nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our Lord; and do not
be grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength."