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!

Staff

Sr. Minister	Rev. J. Chris Michael
Music Minister	Dr. Phillip Mitchell
Financial Manager	Kristin Callis
Executive Assistant	Stacy Castlen
Education & Youth Activities	Meaghan Murphy
Education & Children's Activiti	iesRiley Payne
Pianist	Ann Jeannette Pierce
Nursery	Kacee Glenn, Kaydence Coomes, & Sherry Rhoads
AV Team	Max and Miles Baur, & Christian Murphy

Contact Us:

Church Office 270-684-8879 Church Email: contact@fccowb.org Web Address: www.fccowb.org Guest Wifi Password: FCCGuest!

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 16

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

Monday, November 17

6:30 p.m. OCTC Chorus Rehearsal

Tuesday, November 18

Wednesday, November 19

6:30 a.m. Men's Fellowship (Great Harvest on Frederica)
5:30 p.m. Dinner
6:15 p.m. Worship Service
6:30 p.m. Youth Group

Thursday, November 20

10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Refugee Food Pantry

Friday, November 21 Church Office Closed

Saturday, November 22

12:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Emerson Thanksgiving

Announcements

If you haven't pledged yet, we need to hear from you! Please, fill out a pledge card and return it to the Church. You can do this in several different ways: put the completed card in the offering plate, email a picture of the completed pledge card, take a picture of your completed card and text it to Chris Michael, or drop the card off at the office. If you are currently giving through a bank draft or by some other automatic means, you still need to fill out a card for 2026. Your pledge will not automatically renew after January 1, 2026. This helps us better plan for mission and ministry in this Church and world.

Pecans are here for holiday baking! We have for many years helped St. Joseph Peace Mission with their fundraising project. Pecans are \$14.00 per bag for whole pecans--fresh and delicious from Alabama.

Please help fund backpacks for Kids at Cravens & Estes Elementary schools. You can make this happen by making a check out to FCC with "backpacks" in the memo line. To fund one child for the school year will be at least \$165- but every amount is appreciated and can be given at different times during the school year. Thank you for helping us with this important project!



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(Disciples of Christ)

Twenty-Third Sunday After Pentecost November 16, 2025 November 16, 2025 Twenty-Third Sunday After Pentecost

SEEKING THE PRESENCE OF GOD

Welcome

Welcome Rev. Chris Michael
Bringing of the Light

Bell of Mindfulness

(Please use this time for quiet reflection.)

Prelude Janet Corum, Soloist Ann Jeannette Pierce, Piano

> "Simple Gifts" Shaker Song Arr. Aaron Copland

Call to Worship Annabelle Baur

One: The God who is greater than we will ever understand,

All: is humbled to become one of us.

One: The God who is more loving that our hearts dare imagine,

All: gives us more grace than we ever realize. The God who is wiser than we will ever know,

All: teaches us all we need to become God's children.

*Hymn #61

"All Things Bright and Beautiful" (vs. 1 & 3)

*Invocation and Lord's Prayer Annabelle Baur

(using "debts" and "debtors")

First Scripture Reading Annabelle Baur

Psalm 98

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

Hymn #561
"It Is Well with My Soul" (vs. 1 & 4)

Second Scripture Reading Rev. Chris Michael

Jeremiah 29:1-7

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon Rev. Chris Michael

"Now"

Invitation to Discipleship

*Hymn #284

"Gather Us In" (vs. 1 & 4)

OFFERING OURSELVES TO GOD

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

"We Gather Together"
Traditional Netherlands Melody
Arr. Lloyd Larson

*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 John & Janey Burns

Words of Institution Prayer of Thanksgiving

Communion Music Ann Jeannette Pierce, Piano

"Amazing Grace" Viginia Harmony Arr. Kevin Olson

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- Psalm 98

¹O sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things. His right hand and his holy arm have gotten him victory.² The Lord has made known his victory; he has revealed his vindication in the sight of the nations.³ He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel. All the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.⁴ Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises. 5 Sing praises to the Lord with the lyre, with the lyre and the sound of melody. With trumpets and the sound of the horn make a joyful noise before the King, the Lord. ⁷ Let the sea roar and all that fills it, the world and those who live in it.8 Let the floods clap their hands; let the hills sing together for joy⁹ at the presence of the Lord, for he is coming to judge the earth. He will judge the world with righteousness and the peoples with equity.

Second Reading- Jeremiah 29:1-7

¹These are the words of the letter that the prophet Jeremiah sent from Jerusalem to the remaining elders among the exiles and to the priests, the prophets, and all the people whom Nebuchadnezzar had taken into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon. ² This was after King Jeconiah and the queen mother, the court officials, the leaders of Judah and Jerusalem, the artisans, and the smiths had departed from Jerusalem. ³ The letter was sent by the hand of Elasah son of Shaphan and Gemariah son of Hilkiah, whom King Zedekiah of Judah sent to Babylon to King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon. It said:

⁴ Thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel, to all the exiles whom I have sent into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon: ⁵ Build houses and live in them; plant gardens and eat what they produce. ⁶ Take wives and have sons and daughters; take wives for your sons, and give your daughters in marriage, that they may bear sons and daughters; multiply there, and do not decrease. ⁷ But seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the Lord on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare.