

**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  
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**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!

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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 20**  
 9:00 a.m. Worship Service (S)  
 10:00 a.m. Fellowship (F)  
 10:20 a.m. Sunday School  
 5:00 p.m. Hand Bells

**Monday, November 21**  
 6:30 p.m. OCTC Practice (S)

**Tuesday, November 22**  
 5:30 p.m. Board Meeting

**Wednesday, November 23**  
 6:30 a.m. Men's Fellowship (Panera)

**Thursday, November 24**  
 Happy Thanksgiving!

**Friday, November 25**  
 Church Office Closed

**Saturday, November 26**

**Announcements**

Backpack Ministry: The Family Resource Director at Cravens, Amanda Delacey, has told us the need is greater this year than in the past few years for backpacks. At the present time our funds are approx. \$3,000 short of our goal of providing 65 bags of food each week for the remainder of the school year. Please consider helping with this project in whatever amount you decide. To provide one year, for one school, is \$155.

Thanksgiving Offering envelopes will be found in the Bulletin.

There will be copies of the Reverse Advent Calendar outside the Sanctuary near Bulletin copies.

Church office will be open on Monday & Tuesday only of this week due to the Thanksgiving Holiday!

Primetimers Plus Christmas Brunch will be Thursday, December 8th at The Miller House @ 9:00 a.m. Contact Ron Waite for reservations!



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**Twenty Fourth Sunday after Pentecost**  
 November 20, 2022

**SEEKING THE PRESENCE OF GOD**

Welcome Rev. Chris Michael

Bringing of the Light

Bell of Mindfulness

(Please use this time for quiet reflection.)

Prelude Ann Jeannette Pierce, Piano

"Let All Things Now Living"

Traditional Welsh Melody

arr. Mark Hayes

\*Call to Worship Pam Woodward

One: You notice when we come to worship, O God.

**All: Your heart is warmed by our praise.**

One: You notice when we respond to your word, O God.

**All: Your heart is warmed when we go your way.**

One: You notice when we notice the downtrodden.

**All: Your heart is warmed when we work with them for change.**

One: You notice each one of us and know us by name.

**All: Your heart is warmed when we bring glory to your name.**

**\*Hymn #717**

**"Let All Things Now Living"**

\*Invocation and Lord's Prayer Pam Woodward

(using "debts" and "debtors")

First Scripture Reading Pam Woodward

Isaiah 35:3-7

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**

Choir Message

"All Good Gifts"

Martin

Second Scripture Reading

Luke 18:35-43

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

**All: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

"Disorderly Conduct"

Invitation to Discipleship

**\*Hymn #714**

**"For the Fruit of All Creation" (vs. 1 &3)**

**OFFERING OURSELVES TO GOD**

Preparation for the Offering

Offertory

"Simple Gifts"

Traditional Shaker Melody

arr. Mark Haayes

\*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

Words of Institution

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Communion Music

"Pie Jesu"

Webber

*Merciful Jesus, who takes away the sins of the world, grant them peace*

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

\*Benediction

One: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

\*Please stand if you are able.

**Scripture Readings**

**First Reading- Isaiah 35:3-7**

3 Strengthen the weak hands,  
and make firm the feeble knees.

4 Say to those who are of a fearful heart,  
'Be strong, do not fear!

Here is your God.

He will come with vengeance,  
with terrible recompense.

He will come and save you.'

5 Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,  
and the ears of the deaf unstopped;

6 then the lame shall leap like a deer,  
and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.

For waters shall break forth in the wilderness,  
and streams in the desert;

7 the burning sand shall become a pool,  
and the thirsty ground springs of water;  
the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp,  
the grass shall become reeds and rushes.

**Second Reading- Luke 18:35-43**

35 As he approached Jericho, a blind man was  
sitting by the roadside begging. 36 When he heard  
a crowd going by, he asked what was happening.

37 They told him, 'Jesus of Nazareth is passing by.'

38 Then he shouted, 'Jesus, Son of David, have  
mercy on me!' 39 Those who were in front sternly

ordered him to be quiet; but he shouted even

more loudly, 'Son of David, have mercy on me!' 40

Jesus stood still and ordered the man to be

brought to him; and when he came near, he asked

him, 41 'What do you want me to do for you?' He

said, 'Lord, let me see again.' 42 Jesus said to him,

'Receive your sight; your faith has saved you.' 43

Immediately he regained his sight and followed

him, glorifying God; and all the people, when they

saw it, praised God.

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*Flowers have been placed in the chancel to the glory of God  
and in loving memory of Justice William M. Gant  
by Mary Ellen Gant and Stuart Gant.*