**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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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 8**
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 9**
6:30 p.m. OCTC Community Choir Rehearsal (S)

**Tuesday, November 10**

**Wednesday, November 11** VETERANS DAY HONORING ALL WHO SERVED
6:30 a.m. Men's Fellowship (Great Harvest on Frederica)
5:30 p.m. Thanksgiving Meal Potluck (F)
6:15 p.m. Worship (S)
6:30 p.m. Youth Group (F) & Cantata Rehearsal (S)
7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal (S)

**Thursday, November 12**

**Friday, November 13** Church Office Closed

**Saturday, November 14**

## Announcements

This month marks the 10th anniversary of our new building. We are planning a self guided "tour" of items in our building retrieved from the fire's ashes, as well as a display of items and pictures you may have from the old building. Contact Stewart Gant, Janet Corum, or Debby Crone, if you have items to lend us.

Our next Primetimers luncheon will be this Tuesday, Nov 10 11:30 at Moonlite. We will talk about whether we want to make a donation to hospice for Christmas. Contact Janet Luckett by text only 270-929-4984. Looking forward to seeing you there.

Please join us for our Thanksgiving Potluck this Wednesday, November 11, at 5:30 p.m. Please bring a dish to share according to the first letter of your last name: A-H vegetable, I-O salad, and P-Z dessert.

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



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## (Disciples of Christ)

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Twenty-Fourth Sunday After Pentecost
November 8, 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 — Beverly Chelgren, piano

"America the Beautiful"
by Katherine Lee Bates & Samuel A. Ward
Arr. by Bryce Inman

*Call to Worship — Janet Corum

One: If we will but listen,

**All: God will speak to us in parables, God will tell us stories lived out by our grandparents.**

One: If we will but remember,

**All: we will discover all we have heard and known, all the wonders God has in store for us.**

One: If we will but share,

**All: we can tell our children and grandchildren the glorious stories of our God.**

***Hymn #17** — Beverly Chelgren, piano

**"O Worship the King" (stanzas 1, 2, & 5)**

*Invocation and Lord's Prayer — Janet Corum
(using "debts" and "debtors")

First Scripture Reading — Janet Corum

Psalm 78:1-4

One: The Word of God for the people of God

**All: Thanks be to God.**

***Dedication***
***Phoebe Lee Duke & Her Parents***

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

"Hope Is Near"
Abby Lockaby

Second Scripture Reading — Rev. Chris Michael

I Thessalonians 4:13-18

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

**All: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon — Rev. Chris Michael

"With Hope"

Invitation to Discipleship

***Hymn #543** — Beverly Chelgren, piano

"Blessed Assurance" (stanzas 1 & 3)

**OFFERING OURSELVES TO GOD**

Preparation for the Offering — Rev. Chris Michael

Offertory — Beverly Chelgren, piano

"Jesus Loves Me"
Anna Warren & W.M. Bradley
Arr. Bryce Inman

*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 — Matt & Natalie Johnson

Words of Institution

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Communion Music — Beverly Chelgren, piano

"Let Us Break Bread Together"
Traditional Spiritual
Arr. by Chuck Sinclair

**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 78:1-4**

1 Give ear, O my people, to my teaching;
incline your ears to the words of my mouth.
2 I will open my mouth in a parable;
I will utter dark sayings from of old,
3 things that we have heard and known,
that our ancestors have told us.
4 We will not hide them from their children;
we will tell to the coming generation
the glorious deeds of the Lord and his might
and the wonders that he has done.

**Second Reading - I Thessalonians 4:13-18**

13 But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. 14 For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. 15 For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. 16 For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. 17 Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will be with the Lord forever. 18 Therefore encourage one another with these words.