

**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:

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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, October 13**

9:00 a.m.	Worship Service (S)
10:00 a.m.	Fellowship (F)
10:20 a.m.	Sunday School
2:00 p.m.	Chi-Rho Youth Group Meeting
4:30 p.m.	CYF Youth Group Meeting
5:00 p.m.	Handbells

**Monday, October 14**

Church Office Closed!



**Tuesday, October 15**

5:30 p.m.	Board Meeting
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**Wednesday, October 16**

6:30 a.m	Men's Fellowship (Panera)
5:30 p.m	Youth Groups (F)
6:00 p.m	Choir Practice (CR)

**Thursday, October 17**

**Friday, October 18**

Church Office Closed

**Saturday, October 19**

**Announcements**

The Church Office will be closed on Monday for Columbus Day!

Board Meeting will be on Tuesday, 10/15 at 5:30 p.m. here at FCC.

Flowers by Chris and Brende Lott to celebrate the marriage of Sally Lott & Garrett McLaughlin.



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Twenty-first Sunday After Pentecost  
October 13, 2024

SEEKING THE PRESENCE OF GOD

Welcome

Bringing of the Light

Bell of Mindfulness

(Please use this time for quiet reflection.)

Rev. Chris Michael

Prelude

Ann Jeannette Pierce, Piano

"Come and Find the Quiet Center"

The Sacred Harp, 1844

arr. Mark Hayes

\*Call to Worship

Hampton Gaddis

One: Greet this morning with joy!

All: A new week with all its opportunities lies ahead of us.

One: Greet this morning with thanksgiving!

All: This is the time of praise and prayer, the time to remember God’s creative generosity.

One: Greet this morning with care!

All: We are aware of our responsibility as people of God.

One: Greet this morning with Christ!

All: On the first day of the week we celebrate Christ’s rising from death.

\*Hymn #67

"O God, Our Help in Ages Past" (1,2,5,6)

\*Invocation and Lord’s Prayer

Hampton Gaddis

(using “debts” and “debtors”)

First Scripture Reading

Hampton Gaddis

Job 22:1-10

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

Second Scripture Reading

Rev. Chris Michael

Job 23:1-17

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Rev. Chris Michael

"My Complaint is Bitter"

Invitation to Discipleship

\*Hymn #612

"O Jesus I Have Promised" (vs. 1 & 4)

OFFERING OURSELVES TO GOD

Preparation for the Offering

Rev. Chris Michael

Offertory

Ann Jeannette Pierce, Piano

"Give Me Jesus"

Traditional American Spiritual

arr. Mark Hayes

\*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

Mike Tichenor & Manuel Bennett

Words of Institution

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Communion Music

Ann Jeannette Pierce, Piano

"Wayfaring Stranger"

Traditional American Spiritual

Arr. Brent Edstrom

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- Job 22:1-10

22 Then Eliphaz the Temanite answered:  
2 ‘Can a mortal be of use to God? Can even the wisest be of service to him? 3 Is it any pleasure to the Almighty if you are righteous, or is it gain to him if you make your ways blameless? 4 Is it for your piety that he reproves you, and enters into judgement with you?  
5 Is not your wickedness great? There is no end to your iniquities. 6 For you have exacted pledges from your family for no reason, and stripped the naked of their clothing. 7 You have given no water to the weary to drink, and you have withheld bread from the hungry. 8 The powerful possess the land, and the favoured live in it. 9 You have sent widows away empty-handed, and the arms of the orphans you have crushed.10 Therefore snares are around you, and sudden terror overwhelms you,

Second Reading- Job 23:1-17

23 Then Job answered:  
2 Today also my complaint is bitter; his hand is heavy despite my groaning. 3 O that I knew where I might find him, that I might come even to his dwelling! 4 I would lay my case before him, and fill my mouth with arguments. 5 I would learn what he would answer me, and understand what he would say to me. 6 Would he contend with me in the greatness of his power? No; but he would give heed to me. 7 There an upright person could reason with him, and I should be acquitted for ever by my judge. 8 ‘If I go forward, he is not there; or backward, I cannot perceive him; 9 on the left he hides, and I cannot behold him; I turn to the right, but I cannot see him. 10 But he knows the way that I take; when he has tested me, I shall come out like gold. 11 My foot has held fast to his steps; I have kept his way and have not turned aside. 12 I have not departed from the commandment of his lips; I have treasured in my bosom the words of his mouth. 13 But he stands alone and who can dissuade him? What he desires, that he does. 14 For he will complete what he appoints for me; and many such things are in his mind. 15 Therefore I am terrified at his presence; when I consider, I am in dread of him. 16 God has made my heart faint; the Almighty has terrified me; 17 If only I could vanish in darkness, and thick darkness would cover my face!