

Welcome, Visitors! If you are visiting today, we are pleased that you chose to worship with us. 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 offer childcare for infants to 3 year olds in the Nursery 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 available 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 on the left!

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 15

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

Monday, October 16

Tuesday, October 17

5:30 p.m.	Board Meeting
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Wednesday, October 18

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

Thursday, October 19

1:30 p.m.	Refugee Food Pantry
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Friday, October 20

Church Office Closed

Saturday, October 21

KumBaYa Workday

Announcements

Tuesday October 17th- Next Board Meeting

KumBaYa WORKDAY, OCT 21

Trunk or Treat is Sunday, October 29th from 5-7. Trick or treating, Games, & Food! Contact Meaghan Murphy for questions!



Staff

Sr. Minister.....Rev. J. Chris Michael
 Financial Manager.....Kristin Callis
 Administrative AssistantKrista Tischer
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 Director of Education & Youth ActivitiesMeaghan Murphy
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Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost
 October 15, 2023

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
 "Happy Land"
 Southern Harmony
 Arr. Stan Pethel

*Call to Worship Andy Goodaker

One: We gather as members of First Christian Church faith community; to pray, to praise, and to remember.

All: In bread and wine unite us, O God.

One: We gather in solidarity with Christians of every continent; Christians of many denominations.

All: In bread and wine unite us, O God.

One: We gather as disciples of Jesus Christ, to hear words of truth, compassion, and justice.

All: In bread and wine unite us, O God.

One: We gather in the tradition of the saints, to be strengthened and serve faithfully.

All: In bread and wine unite us, O God.

***Hymn 66**

"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" (vs 1, 2, & 4)

*Invocation and Lord's Prayer Andy Goodaker
 (using "debts" and "debtors")

First Scripture Reading Andy Goodaker
 Psalm 106:1-5

One: The Word of God for the people of God

All: Thanks be to God.

Pastoral Prayer Rev. Chris Michael

HEARING THE WORD OF GOD

Choir Message
 "We Fall Down"
 Tomlin
 arr. Larson

Second Scripture Reading Rev. Chris Michael
 Matthew 22:1-14

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon Rev. Chris Michael
 "Time's Up"

Invitation to Discipleship

***Hymn 537 "My Hope is Built" (vs. 1 & 2)**

OFFERING OURSELVES TO GOD

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

"There is a Balm in Gilead"

Traditional 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 partake the cup and bread after your prayers.

Invitation to Communion Aloma Dew & Anne Carlisle
 Words of Institution

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Communion Music Ann Jeannette Pierce, Piano
 "On Jordan's Stormy Banks"

Miss M. Durham & Rigdon M. McIntosh
 Arr. 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 Readings**First Reading- Psalm 106:1-5**

1 Praise the Lord!

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
 for his steadfast love endures for ever.

2 Who can utter the mighty doings of the Lord,
 or declare all his praise?

3 Happy are those who observe justice,
 who do righteousness at all times.

4 Remember me, O Lord, when you show favor to your
 people;

help me when you deliver them;

5 that I may see the prosperity of your chosen ones,
 that I may rejoice in the gladness of your nation,
 that I may glory in your heritage.

Second Reading- Matthew 22:1-14

22 Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: 2 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. 3 He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. 4 Again he sent other slaves, saying, "Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet." 5 But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, 6 while the rest seized his slaves, maltreated them, and killed them. 7 The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. 8 Then he said to his slaves, "The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. 9 Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet." 10 Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

11 'But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, 12 and he said to him, "Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?" And he was speechless. 13 Then the king said to the attendants, "Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth." 14 For many are called, but few are chosen.'