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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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
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Education & Children's Activities .....Riley Payne
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Pianist.....
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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 18

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, October 19

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

Tuesday, October 20

5:30 p.m.	Elders Meeting (FHL)

Wednesday, October 21

6:30 a.m.	Men's Fellowship (Great Harvest on Frederica)
5:15 p.m.	Dinner (F)
6:15 p.m.	Worship (S)
6:30 p.m.	Cantata Rehearsal (S)
7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal (S)

Thursday, October 22

11:30 a.m.	Finance Committee Meeting (C)
1:00 p.m.	Memorial for Jean Julius (S)
7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.	"An Evening with Kentucky Authors" (S)

Friday, October 23 — Church Office Closed

Saturday, October 24

Announcements

If you did NOT get your picture taken, but you want to have a picture in the directory, please send us a digital copy of a picture ASAP. Please see Stacy Castlen or Michelle Whitmer for specifics.

THIS Thursday at 11:30 a.m. FCC Finance Committee will meet in the conference room.

THIS Thursday from 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. FCC is hosting "An Evening with Kentucky Authors", featuring authors Bobbie Ann Mason, Joe Survant, and Kathleen Driscoll. This event is presented by the John Hager Family Fund for Community Enrichment.

We are accepting candy donations for the 10/28 Trail of Treats.

November 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.

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FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

(Disciples of Christ)

Twenty-First Sunday After Pentecost
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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 — Roselie McKinley, piano

*Call to Worship — Libby Johnson

One: Each morning, God's grace awakens us, each evening, God's peace cradles us.
All: Compassion is our constant companion, as we go through work, school, the day.
One: In every moment, God is present with us; God whispers words which can change our lives.
All: Justice is our faithful teacher, pointing to where we can carry out fairness.
One: When we find ourselves groping in the shadows, God's light will provide a way home.
All: We turn the corner, and hope is waiting for us; we return home, and find a feast prepared.

***Hymn #453** — Bonnie Brown, piano

"Called as Partners in Christ's Service" (vs. 1 & 4)

*Invocation and Lord's Prayer — Libby Johnson
(using "debts" and "debtors")

First Scripture Reading — Libby Johnson

Psalm 100

One: The Word of God for the people of God
All: Thanks be to God.

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 f the first floor education wing)

Pastoral Prayer — Rev. Chris Michael

HEARING THE WORD OF GOD

Special Music — Aaron Lundy

Second Scripture Reading — Rev. Chris Michael

I Thessalonians 2:1-8

One: The Word of God for the people of God.
All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon — Rev. Chris Michael

"Gentle Among You"

Invitation to Discipleship

***Hymn #461** — Bonnie Brown, piano

"Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service" (vs. 1, 2, and 4)

OFFERING OURSELVES TO GOD

Preparation for the Offering — Rev. Chris Michael
Offertory — Sophie McKinley, violin

*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 — Joseph & Meghan McKinley
Words of Institution
Prayer of Thanksgiving

Communion Music — Phillip Mitchell, piano

"Communion Improvisation"
by Jefferson Hyll

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 100

1 Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.
2 Serve the Lord with gladness;
come into his presence with singing.
3 Know that the Lord is God.
It is he who made us, and we are his;
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.
4 Enter his gates with thanksgiving
and his courts with praise.
Give thanks to him; bless his name.
5 For the Lord is good;
his steadfast love endures forever
and his faithfulness to all generations.

Second Reading - I Thessalonians 2:1-8

1 You yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our coming to
you was not in vain, 2 but though we had already suffered and
been shamefully mistreated at Philippi, as you know, we had
courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in spite of
great opposition. 3 For our appeal does not spring from deceit or
impure motives or trickery, 4 but, just as we have been approved
by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel, even so
we speak, not to please mortals but to please God, who tests our
hearts. 5 As you know and as God is our witness, we never came
with words of flattery or with a pretext for greed, 6 nor did we
seek praise from mortals, whether from you or from others, 7
though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But
we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her
own children. 8 So deeply do we care for you that we are
determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also
our own selves, because you have become very dear to us.