

**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!

**Staff**

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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 23**

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

**Monday, October 24**

6:30 p.m. OCTC Practice (S)

**Tuesday, October 25**

**Wednesday, October 26**

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

**Thursday, October 27**

**Friday, October 28**

Church Office Closed

**Saturday, October 29**

**Announcements**

Trunk or Treat will be held on Sunday, October 30th from 3:00 - 6:00 p.m. If you are interested in volunteering to serve/make chili or pass out candy in the parking lot, please sign up via Meaghan Glenn's flocknote or reach out to her directly!

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.

Hand-bells Resuming! Want to ring? Rehearsals will resume this Sunday, October 23rd at 5:00 p.m. in the hand-bells room. Contact Connie Ford for questions! 270-929-1847



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Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost  
 October 23, 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 Annabelle Baur, Piano

"Melody Op. 176, No. 3"

Victor Alphonse Duvernoy

\*Call to Worship Kyle Aud

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 #53**

**"Morning Has Broken" (all)**

\*Invocation and Lord's Prayer Kyle Aud

(using "debts" and "debtors")

First Scripture Reading Kyle Aud

Jeremiah 14:7-9

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

"I'm Traveling On"

Pethel

Second Scripture Reading Rev. Chris Michael

Luke 18:9-14

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

**All: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon Rev. Chris Michael

"Praying With One Eye Open"

Invitation to Discipleship

**\*Hymn #419**

**"All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly" (vs. 1 & 3)**

**OFFERING OURSELVES TO GOD**

Preparation for the Offering Rev. Chris Michael

Offertory Ann Jeannette Pierce, Piano

"Near to the Heart of God"

Cleland B. McAfee

arr. Brant Adams

\*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 Tom Maddox & Carolyn Williams

Words of Institution

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Communion Music

Ann Jeannette Pierce, Piano

"Jerusalem, My Happy Home"

Traditional American Melody

Arr. Anna Laura Page

**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.

**First Reading- Jeremiah 14: 7-9**

7 Although our iniquities testify against us,  
act, O Lord, for your name's sake;  
our apostasies indeed are many,  
and we have sinned against you.

8 O hope of Israel,  
its saviour in time of trouble,

why should you be like a stranger in the land,  
like a traveller turning aside for the night?

9 Why should you be like someone confused,  
like a mighty warrior who cannot give help?

Yet you, O Lord, are in the midst of us,

and we are called by your name;

do not forsake us!

**Second Reading- Luke 18: 9-14**

9 He also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: 10 'Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax-collector. 11 The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, "God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax-collector. 12 I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income." 13 But the tax-collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, "God, be merciful to me, a sinner!" 14 I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted.'