

**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)  
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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, September 1**

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

### **Monday, September 2**



**Church office closed!**

### **Tuesday, September 3**

1:00 p.m.	DWM Day Group
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### **Wednesday, September 4**

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

### **Thursday, September 5**

Refugee Food Pantry

### **Friday, September 6**

Church Office Closed

### **Saturday, September 7**

## **Announcements**

The Church office will be closed on Monday for Labor Day!

DWM Day Group will meet on Tuesday, September 3rd at 1:00 @ FCC.

The next Elders meeting is on Tuesday, September 10th @ 5:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

Church Picnic is on Sunday, September 15th @ 5:30 p.m. at Legion Park

The retired teachers luncheon is at FCC on Monday, September 16th from 10-1 p.m.

The next Board meeting is on Tuesday, September 17th at 5:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary.



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**FIRST  
CHRISTIAN  
CHURCH**  
**(Disciples of Christ)**

Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost  
September 1, 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

"All Creatures of Our God and King"

Geistliche Kirchengesange

arr. Chris Rice

\*Call to Worship

Kyle Aud

One: This is a place of thanksgiving.

All: We rejoice that we are here.

One: This is a time to bring praise and prayer to God.

All: We rejoice in the opportunity for worship.

One: These are the friends who have become our church family.

All: We rejoice that they are persons to trust and support.

One: This is the Christ who goes ahead to challenge us.

All: We rejoice that Christ’s inspiration has been there for us and always will be. Let us worship God!

Hymn #420

"I Come with Joy"

\*Invocation and Lord’s Prayer

Kyle Aud

(using “debts” and “debtors”)

First Scripture Reading

Kyle Aud

Proverbs 22:1-11

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

"Shout to the Lord"

Darlene Zschech

Second Scripture Reading

Rev. Chris Michael

Proverbs 22:16-23

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Rev. Chris Michael

"The Words of the Wise"

Invitation to Discipleship

\*Hymn #393

"One Bread, One Body"

OFFERING OURSELVES TO GOD

Preparation for the Offering

Rev. Chris Michael

Offertory

Ann Jeannette Pierce, Piano

"Wherever I May Wander"

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arr. Anna Laura Page

\*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

Brian Belcher & Leslie Carlisle

Words of Institution

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Communion Music

Ann Jeannette Pierce, Piano

"The Lone, Wild Bird"

From William Walker’s Southern Harmony, 1835

Arr. Anthony Giamanco

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- Proverbs 22:1-11

A good name is to be chosen rather than great riches, and favour is better than silver or gold.

2 The rich and the poor have this in common: the Lord is the maker of them all.

3 The clever see danger and hide; but the simple go on, and suffer for it.

4 The reward for humility and fear of the Lord is riches and honour and life.

5 Thorns and snares are in the way of the perverse; the cautious will keep far from them.

6 Train children in the right way, and when old, they will not stray.

7 The rich rules over the poor, and the borrower is the slave of the lender.

8 Whoever sows injustice will reap calamity, and the rod of anger will fail.

9 Those who are generous are blessed, for they share their bread with the poor.

10 Drive out a scoffer, and strife goes out; quarrelling and abuse will cease.

11 Those who love a pure heart and are gracious in speech will have the king as a friend.

Second Reading- Proverbs 22:16-23

16 Oppressing the poor in order to enrich oneself, and giving to the rich, will lead only to loss.

17 The words of the wise: Incline your ear and hear my words, and apply your mind to my teaching;

18 for it will be pleasant if you keep them within you, if all of them are ready on your lips.

19 So that your trust may be in the Lord, I have made them known to you today—yes, to you.

20 Have I not written for you thirty sayings of admonition and knowledge,

21 to show you what is right and true, so that you may give a true answer to those who sent you?

22 Do not rob the poor because they are poor, or crush the afflicted at the gate;

23 for the Lord pleads their cause and despoils of life those who despoil them.