

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".



Please scan this QR code using your smart phone to let us know you were here. Using that link, you can mark your attendance, share prayer requests, and link to our website. If you prefer to speak to someone in person, feel free to speak to Rev. Michael following the service.

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

CR- Conference Room; F-Fellowship Hall; FHL-Fa-Ho-Lo Room; S-Sanctuary

Sunday, September 12

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

Monday, September 13

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

Tuesday, September 14

Wednesday, September 15

6:30 a.m. Men's Fellowship (Panera)
5:30 p.m. Board Meeting (FHL)

Thursday, September 16

2:30 p.m. Refugee Food Pantry (F)

Friday, September 17

Church Office Closed

Announcements

Submit Your Recipes

Don't forget about submitting your recipes for our church recipe book. Submissions are due by Thursday, September 30. We will use no more than 3 recipes per person, but you may submit as many as you'd like for consideration. You may submit recipes by:

- 1) E-mail to Michael@fccowb.org
- 2) drop them in the basket on the counter in the Narthex
- 3) submit them to ladies working on this project:
Francy Miller, Margaret Miller, Cathy Midkiff, Debby Crone, Carolyn Williams.

Primetimers+ Lunch

On Thursday, September 23, at 11 am, the Primetimers will meet at the church and travel to the Cottage (Sorgho) for lunch. The Cottage's menu includes soups, sandwiches, etc... We will travel in our own vehicles and share rides. The restaurant would like to know how many to expect, so please send reservations to Ron Waite by Sunday, September 19, 2021. E-mail- ronwownsbr@aol.com Home - (270) 683-8510 Mobile - (812) 44-8555



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(Disciples of Christ)

"Our mission is to manifest Christ's love by empowering all to compassionate service."

September 12, 2021

SEEKING THE PRESENCE OF GOD

Welcome Rev. J. Chris Michael

Bringing of the Light

Bell of Mindfulness
(Please use this time for quiet reflection.)

Prelude Ann Jeannette Pierce, piano
"O Worship the King"
by Johann Michael Haydn, Arr. Phillip Keveren

*Call to Worship Chris Gaddis
One: The heavens shout of God's glory!
All: There is so much beauty in this earth and in the heavens!
One: Day by day we are reminded of God's creative love.
All: Day by day we are blessed with large and small visions of God's glory.
One: Come, let us praise the God of creation.
All: Let us sing and shout our praises of thanksgiving and joy to God. AMEN.

*Hymn #517 BEECHER
"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" (v. 1, 2, and 4)

*Invocation and Lord's Prayer Chris Gaddis
(using "debts" and "debtors")

First Scripture Reading Isaiah 50:4-9 Chris Gaddis
One: The Word of God for the people of God
All: Thanks be to God.

Children's Blessing Rev. 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. Michael

HEARING THE WORD OF GOD

Message in Music "Everything to Me" Emily Sullivan
by Sue C. Smith and Chad Cates

Second Scripture James 3:1-12 Rev. Michael

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

Sermon "Words Create Worlds" Rev. Michael

Invitation to Discipleship

*Hymn #526 GIFT OF LOVE
"The Gift of Love"

OFFERING OURSELVES TO GOD

Preparation for the Offering Rev. Michael
*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 Chris Gaddis
Words of Institution
Prayer of Thanksgiving
Communion Music Ann Jeannette Pierce, piano
"Kum Bah Yah"
African Melody, arr. Ann Jeannette Pierce

GOING IN PEACE TO LOVE AND TO SERVE

*Benediction Rev. Michael
One: The Lord be with you.
All: And also with you.

*Please stand if you are able.

*Flowers have been placed in the chancel to the glory of God and in loving memory of Betty and Bob Troutman
by Pam Lockhart and Michelle Cole.*

Scripture Readings

First Reading- Isaiah 50:4-9

4 The Lord God has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens— wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. 5 The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backwards. 6 I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. 7 The Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; 8 he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. 9 It is the Lord God who helps me; who will declare me guilty? All of them will wear out like a garment; the moth will eat them up.

Second Reading- James 3:1-12

3:1 Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. 2 For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. 3 If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. 4 Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. 5 So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits.

How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! 6 And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. 7 For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, 8 but no one can tame the tongue—a restless evil, full of deadly poison. 9 With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. 10 From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. 11 Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? 12 Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

Serving Schedule

Liturgist and Elder at the Table: Chris Gaddis
Elders for the Hospital: Wayne and Gloria Goodaker