

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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Minister of Music.....	Dr. Phillip Mitchell
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Executive Assistant.....	Stacy Castlen
Pianist.....	Ann Jeannette Pierce
Nursery.....	Carly Arnold, Kaydence Coomes, Josie Hawkins, & Piper Kipling
AV Team.....	Max Baur, Miles Baur, Curtis Hannah, Garrison Johnson, Colton Manley, & Christian Murphy

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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 13	
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, September 14	
11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.	Retired Teacher Luncheon (F)
6:30 p.m.	OCTC Community Choir Rehearsal (S)
Tuesday, September 15	
5:00 p.m. - 6:45 p.m.	Picture Review Appointments
Wednesday, September 16	
6:30 a.m.	Men's Fellowship (Great Harvest on Frederica)
10:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.	Picture Review Appointments
5:15 p.m.	Meal (F)
6:15 p.m.	Worship Service (S)
6:30 p.m.	Cantata & Choir Rehearsals (S)
Thursday, September 17	
10:00 a.m. - 6:15 p.m.	Picture Review Appointments
10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.	New Beginnings (F)
Friday, September 18	
10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.	Church Office Closed New Beginnings (F)
Saturday, September 19	

Announcements

For those of you that DID have your picture taken:
If you come in for your picture appointment + pick out your picture for the directory, you get a free 8x10. If you come in for your picture appointment + pick out your picture AND make a purchase , you get free 8x10 AND FREE directory. If you do NOT come in to pick out your picture, you get a pre-selected picture in the directory & you must buy a directory, or the church will get charged for it.

***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.

We are still collecting for the Weekend Food Backpack Program this year for students at Cravens & Estes Elementary schools. To fund one child for one year is \$165, however, every amount is appreciated and can be given at different times throughout the school year. If you would like to make a donation, please write a check to FCC with “backpacks” in the memo line. Thank you for helping us with this important project!



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Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 13, 2026

SEEKING THE PRESENCE OF GOD

WelcomeRev. Chris Michael

Bringing of the Light and the Bell of Mindfulness
(Please use this time for quiet reflection.)

PreludeAnn Jeannette Pierce, piano

"Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above"
Bohemian Brethren's "Kirchengesange"
Arr. Faye Lopez

*Call to WorshipJanet Corum

One:In sacred times of word, wonder, and awe, in ordinary days of
work and play:
All: in every moment, God is with us.
Whether we are stuck in doubt's mud, or standing on faith's shoreline:
All: in every place, God is with us.
In those who teach us and those who trouble us; in those who
surprise us, and those who forgive us:
All: in every person, God is with us.

*Hymn #73

“There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy”

*Invocation and Lord’s PrayerJanet Corum

(using “debts” and “debtors”)

First Scripture ReadingJanet Corum

Matthew 9:35-38

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

Children’s BlessingRev. 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 of the first floor education wing)

Pastoral PrayerRev. Chris Michael

HEARING THE WORD OF GOD

Choral AnthemFCC Choir

“Creation Sings”
Stuart Townend & Kieth and Kristyn Getty
Arranged by Lloyd Larson

Second Scripture ReadingRev. Chris Michael

Matthew 10:1-8

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

SermonRev. Chris Michael

“It Takes All Kinds”

Invitation to Discipleship

*Hymn #86

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness” (vs. 1 & 3)

OFFERING OURSELVES TO GOD

Preparation for the OfferingRev. Chris Michael

OffertoryAnn Jeannette Pierce, piano

"Michael, Row the Boat Ashore"
Traditional Spiritual
Arr. Pepper Choplin

*Doxology and Presentation of Gifts (Page 46)

*Dedication PrayerRev. 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 CommunionTab & Vicki Quisenberry

Words of Institution

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Communion MusicMorton Holbrook, III, piano

"Prelude in D-flat Major"
Op. 28, No. 15 (Raindrop Prelude)
Frederic Chopin

GOING IN PEACE TO LOVE AND TO SERVE

*BenedictionRev. Chris Michael

One: The Lord be with you.
All: And also with you.

*Please stand if you are able.

Scripture Reading

First Reading - Matthew 9:35-38

³⁵ Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness. ³⁶ When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. ³⁷ Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; ³⁸ therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.”

Second Reading - Matthew 10:1-8

¹Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness. ² These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee and his brother John; ³ Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus and Thaddaeus; ⁴ Simon the Cananaean and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him. ⁵ These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: “Do not take a road leading to gentiles, and do not enter a Samaritan town, ⁶ but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. ⁷ As you go, proclaim the good news, ‘The kingdom of heaven has come near.’ ⁸ Cure the sick; raise the dead; cleanse those with a skin disease; cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment.