

**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  
Instagram: @fccowb



**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**

Sr. Minister.....	Rev. J. Chris Michael
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Education & Youth Activities .....	Meaghan Murphy
Education & Children’s Activities .....	Riley Payne
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Nursery.....	Kacee Glenn, Kaydence Coomes, & Sherry Rhoads
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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*

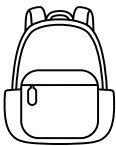
<b>Sunday, September 14</b>	
9:00 a.m.	Worship Service (S)
10:00 a.m.	Fellowship (F)
10:20 a.m.	Sunday School
5:00 p.m.	Handbells Rehearsal
<b>Monday, September 15</b>	
10:00-1:00	Retired Teacher Luncheon
6:30 p.m.	OCTC Chorus Rehearsal
<b>Tuesday, September 16</b>	
5:30	Board Meeting
<b>Wednesday, September 17</b>	
6:30 a.m	Men's Fellowship (Panera)
5:30 p.m.	Dinner
6:15 p.m.	Worship Service
6:30 p.m.	Youth Group
<b>Thursday, Septemper 18</b>	
10:00-1:00	Refugee Food Pantry
<b>Friday, September 19</b>	
	Church Office Closed
	Wedding Rehearsal
<b>Saturday, September 20</b>	
6:00	Carter/Alexander Wedding

**Announcements**

A new Sunday school class has been created for 20's and 30's, led by Rev. Chris Michael, and meets on the 2nd floor (last room on the right).

Join us on Wednesdays for dinner (5:30) and worship (6:15). Classes for children and youth are from 6:30-7. Come for the food and fellowship, with God and each other.

Please help fund backpacks for Kids at Cravens & Estes Elementary schools. You can make this happen by making a check out to FCC with “backpacks” in the memo line. To fund one child for the school year will be at least \$165- but every amount is appreciated and can be given at different times during the school year. Thank you for helping us with this important project!



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14th Sunday after Pentecost  
September 14, 2025

SEEKING THE PRESENCE OF GOD

Welcome

Rev. Chris Michael

Bringing of the Light

Bell of Mindfulness

(Please use this time for quiet reflection.)

Prelude

Ann Jeannette Pierce, Piano

"Holy Ground"

Geron Davis

Arr. Carol Tornquist

\*Call to Worship

Cathy Perrin

One: Welcome home, welcome in.

All: Here we find a song for our souls and healing for our wounds.

One: Welcome home.

All: Here find children’s laughter that chases dark clouds away, and quiet prayers that lead us to still waters and green pastures.

One: Welcome to this holy space.

All: Here there are friends with a tender embrace, and here there are words that heal brokenness and reveal God’s grace.

\*Hymn #2

"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" (vs. 1 & 4)

\*Invocation and Lord’s Prayer

Cathy Perrin

(using “debts” and “debtors”)

First Scripture Reading

Cathy Perrin

Isaiah 66:10-13

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

Special Music

Hymn #452

"Here I am, Lord" (vs. 1 & 3)

Second Scripture Reading

Rev. Chris Michael

Matthew 6:9-13

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Rev. Chris Michael

“Pray Then in This Way”

Invitation to Discipleship

\*Hymn #570

"Sweet Hour of Prayer" (vs. 1 & 3)

OFFERING OURSELVES TO GOD

Preparation for the Offering

Rev. Chris Michael

Offertory

Ann Jeannette Pierce, Piano

"Come and Find the Quiet Center"

"The Sacred Harp," 1844

Arr. Mark Hayes

\*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

Steve & Shannon Divine

Words of Institution

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Communion Music

Ann Jeannette Pierce, Piano

"It is Well with My Soul"

Philip P. Bliss

Arr. Lloyd Larson

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- Isaiah 66:10-13

Rejoice with Jerusalem, and be glad for her,

all you who love her;

rejoice with her in joy,

all you who mourn over her—

<sup>11</sup> that you may nurse and be satisfied from her consoling breast,

that you may drink deeply with delight from her glorious bosom.

<sup>12</sup> For thus says the Lord:

I will extend prosperity to her like a river

and the wealth of the nations like an overflowing stream,

and you shall nurse and be carried on her arm and bounced on her knees.

<sup>13</sup> As a mother comforts her child,

so I will comfort you;

you shall be comforted in Jerusalem.

Second Reading- Matthew 6:9-13

<sup>9</sup>“Pray, then, in this way:

Our Father in heaven,

may your name be revered as holy.

<sup>10</sup> May your kingdom come.

May your will be done

on earth as it is in heaven.

<sup>11</sup> Give us today our daily bread.

<sup>12</sup> And forgive us our debts,

as we also have forgiven our debtors.

<sup>13</sup> And do not bring us to the time of trial,

but rescue us from the evil one.