

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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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 20
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 21
6:30 p.m. OCTC Community Choir Rehearsal (S)

Tuesday, September 22
10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Homemakers Annual Meeting
5:30 p.m. Board Meeting

Wednesday, September 23
6:30 a.m. Men's Fellowship (Great Harvest on Frederica)
5:15 p.m. Meal (F)
6:15 p.m. Worship Service (S)
6:30 p.m. Cantata & Choir Rehearsals (S)

Thursday, September 24

Friday, September 25 Church Office Closed
1:00 p.m. Farewell Luncheon for Ann Jeannette Pierce(F)

Saturday, September 26

Announcements

There is a Board Meeting THIS Tuesday at 5:30 p.m.

This Friday, September 25th at 1:00 p.m. we are having a “Farewell Luncheon” to honor Ann Jeannette. Please RSVP to Michelle at 270-925-6301.

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.

November marks the 10th anniversary of our new building. We are planning a self guided “tour” of items in our building retrieved from the fire’s ashes, as well as a display of items and pictures you may have from the old building. Please be thinking of things to lend us.

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.



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SEEKING THE PRESENCE OF GOD

Welcome

Rev. Chris Michael

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

Prelude

Ann Jeannette Pierce, piano

"Peace, Be Still"
John B. Dykes
Arr. Anthony Giamanco

*Call to WorshipMeg Lawson
One: In the prayers and the praise, in the words and the wonder:
All: we are given enough joy to live each day.
One: In the justice for the oppressed, in the unexpected generosity for the lost:
All: we are given enough compassion to use in service each day.
One: In the promises made to all, in the mercy offered to each:
All: we are given enough grace to share each day.

*Hymn #420
"I Come with Joy" (vs. 1, 2, and 5)

*Invocation and Lord’s PrayerMeg Lawson
(using “debts” and “debtors”)

First Scripture Reading

Meg Lawson

Matthew 12:1-8

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

Children’s Blessing

Rev. 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 f the first floor education wing)

Pastoral PrayerRev. Chris Michael

HEARING THE WORD OF GOD

Choral Anthem

Arden and Phillip Mitchell

"The Light You See Things In"
by Phillip Mitchell

Second Scripture Reading

Rev. Chris Michael

Matthew 12:9-14

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

SermonRev. Chris Michael
“Mercy, Not Sacrifice Again?”

Invitation to Discipleship

*Hymn #544
“No, Not One” (vs. 1 & 4)

OFFERING OURSELVES TO GOD

Preparation for the OfferingRev. Chris Michael
OffertoryAnn Jeannette Pierce, piano

"Prayer"
Peter Tschaikowsky

*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 CommunionBonnie Brown & Cathy Midkiff
Words of Institution
Prayer of Thanksgiving

Communion Music

Ann Jeannette Pierce, piano

"The Lord's My Shepherd"
James Leith Macbeth Bain
Arr. Larry Shackley

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 12:1-8

¹ At that time Jesus went through the grain fields on the Sabbath; his disciples were hungry, and they began to pluck heads of grain and to eat. ² When the Pharisees saw it, they said to him, “Look, your disciples are doing what is not lawful to do on the Sabbath.” ³ He said to them, “Have you not read what David did when he and his companions were hungry? ⁴ How he entered the house of God, and they ate the bread of the Presence, which it was not lawful for him or his companions to eat, but only for the priests? ⁵ Or have you not read in the law that on the Sabbath the priests in the temple break the Sabbath and yet are guiltless? ⁶ I tell you, something greater than the temple is here. ⁷ But if you had known what this means, ‘I desire mercy and not sacrifice,’ you would not have condemned the guiltless. ⁸ For the Son of Man is lord of the Sabbath.”

Second Reading - Matthew 12:9-14

⁹ He left that place and entered their synagogue; ¹⁰ a man was there with a withered hand, and they asked him, “Is it lawful to cure on the Sabbath?” so that they might accuse him. ¹¹ He said to them, “Suppose one of you has only one sheep and it falls into a pit on the Sabbath; will you not lay hold of it and lift it out? ¹² How much more valuable is a human being than a sheep! So it is lawful to do good on the Sabbath.” ¹³ Then he said to the man, “Stretch out your hand.” He stretched it out, and it was restored, as sound as the other. ¹⁴ But the Pharisees went out and conspired against him, how to destroy him.