

**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  
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**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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**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 22**

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
5:00 p.m.	Handbells

**Monday, September 23**

**Tuesday, September 24**

**Wednesday, September 25**

6:30 a.m.	Men's Fellowship (Panera)
5:30 p.m.	Elementary Youth Groups (F)
6:15 p.m.	Choir Practice (CR)

**Thursday, September 26**

New Beginnings SA Group

**Friday, September 27**

Church Office Closed  
 New Beginnings SA Group

**Saturday, September 28**

**Announcements**

Next Sunday, September 29th, is the Reconciliation Special Offering Sunday. We will have extra envelopes on the table outside of the Sanctuary.

There will be NO Elder's meeting in October.

DWM Day Group will meet here at FCC at 1:00 p.m. on 10/1.  
 DWM midday group will meet at 10/9 at 12:00 @ FCC.

Primetimers outing is scheduled for October 2nd. The bus is leaving here at 9:30 a.m. to go to Joe Huber's Special Restaurant in Starlight Indiana.



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Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost  
 September 22, 2024

**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  
"Chorale"  
Robert Schumann

\*Call to Worship      Cathy Perrin  
One: You call us to worship, O God; you call us to prayer.  
**All: As we express our thanks, as we pray for the troubled, as we confess our shortcomings, you hear us.**  
One: You call us to worship, O God; you inspire us to praise.  
**All: As we sing the hymns, as we respond in the psalms, you join with us.**  
One: You call us to worship, O God; you call us to hear the Word.  
**All: As we listen to the scriptures, as we are touched by the Word proclaimed, you speak to us.**  
One: You call us to worship, O God; you call us to the Communion table.  
**All: As we eat the bread, as we drink the wine, as we remember Jesus Christ, your love unites us.**

\*Hymn #280  
"God Is Here"

\*Invocation and Lord's Prayer      Cathy Perrin  
(using "debts" and "debtors")

First Scripture Reading      Cathy Perrin  
Psalm 22:1-8  
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  
"On Eagles Wings"  
arr. Wagner

Second Scripture Reading      Rev. Chris Michael  
Psalm 23  
One: The Word of God for the people of God.  
**All: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon      Rev. Chris Michael  
"The Valley of the Shadow"

Invitation to Discipleship

**\*Hymn #277**  
**"Christians, We Have Met to Worship"**

**OFFERING OURSELVES TO GOD**

Preparation for the Offering      Rev. Chris Michael  
Offertory      Ann Jeannette Pierce, Piano  
"Prayer"  
Reinhold Gliere

\*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  
"Bist du bei mir"  
Johann Sebastian Bach

**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- Psalm 22:1-8**

1 My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?  
Why are you so far from helping me, from the words of my groaning?  
2 O my God, I cry by day, but you do not answer;  
and by night, but find no rest.  
3 Yet you are holy,  
enthroned on the praises of Israel.  
4 In you our ancestors trusted;  
they trusted, and you delivered them.  
5 To you they cried, and were saved;  
in you they trusted, and were not put to shame.  
6 But I am a worm, and not human;  
scorned by others, and despised by the people.  
7 All who see me mock at me;  
they make mouths at me, they shake their heads;  
8 'Commit your cause to the Lord; let him deliver—  
let him rescue the one in whom he delights!'

**Second Reading- Psalm 23**

1 The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.  
2 He makes me lie down in green pastures;  
he leads me beside still waters;  
3 he restores my soul.  
He leads me in right paths  
for his name's sake.  
4 Even though I walk through the darkest valley,  
I fear no evil;  
for you are with me;  
your rod and your staff—  
they comfort me.  
5 You prepare a table before me  
in the presence of my enemies;  
you anoint my head with oil;  
my cup overflows.  
6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me  
all the days of my life,  
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord  
my whole life long.