

**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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## Staff

|                                         |                                                                                          |
|-----------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Sr. Minister.....                       | Rev. J. Chris Michael                                                                    |
| Minister of Music.....                  | Dr. Phillip Mitchell                                                                     |
| Minister of Finance.....                | Kristin Callis                                                                           |
| Education & Youth Activities .....      | Meaghan Murphy                                                                           |
| Education & Children's Activities ..... | Riley Payne                                                                              |
| Executive Assistant.....                | Stacy Castlen                                                                            |
| Pianist.....                            | Ann Jeannette Pierce                                                                     |
| Nursery.....                            | Carly Arnold, Kaydence Coomes, Josie Hawkins, & Piper Kipling                            |
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## **Contact Us:**

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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 27

|            |                              |
|------------|------------------------------|
| 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 28

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

**Tuesday, September 29**

## Wednesday, September 30

|           |                                               |
|-----------|-----------------------------------------------|
| 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, October 1

8:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.  Refugee Food Pantry



## October is Pastor Appreciation Month!

# Refugee Food Pantry

## Friday, October 2

# Church Office Closed

## Saturday, October 3

## Announcements

Sunday, October 4th is World Communion Day. We would love for you to bring in some bread of your choice, (homemade or store bought) to share. Just take it to the kitchen on Sunday, October 4th before church begins. Please label what kind of bread it is, and anything else you would like to share about it.

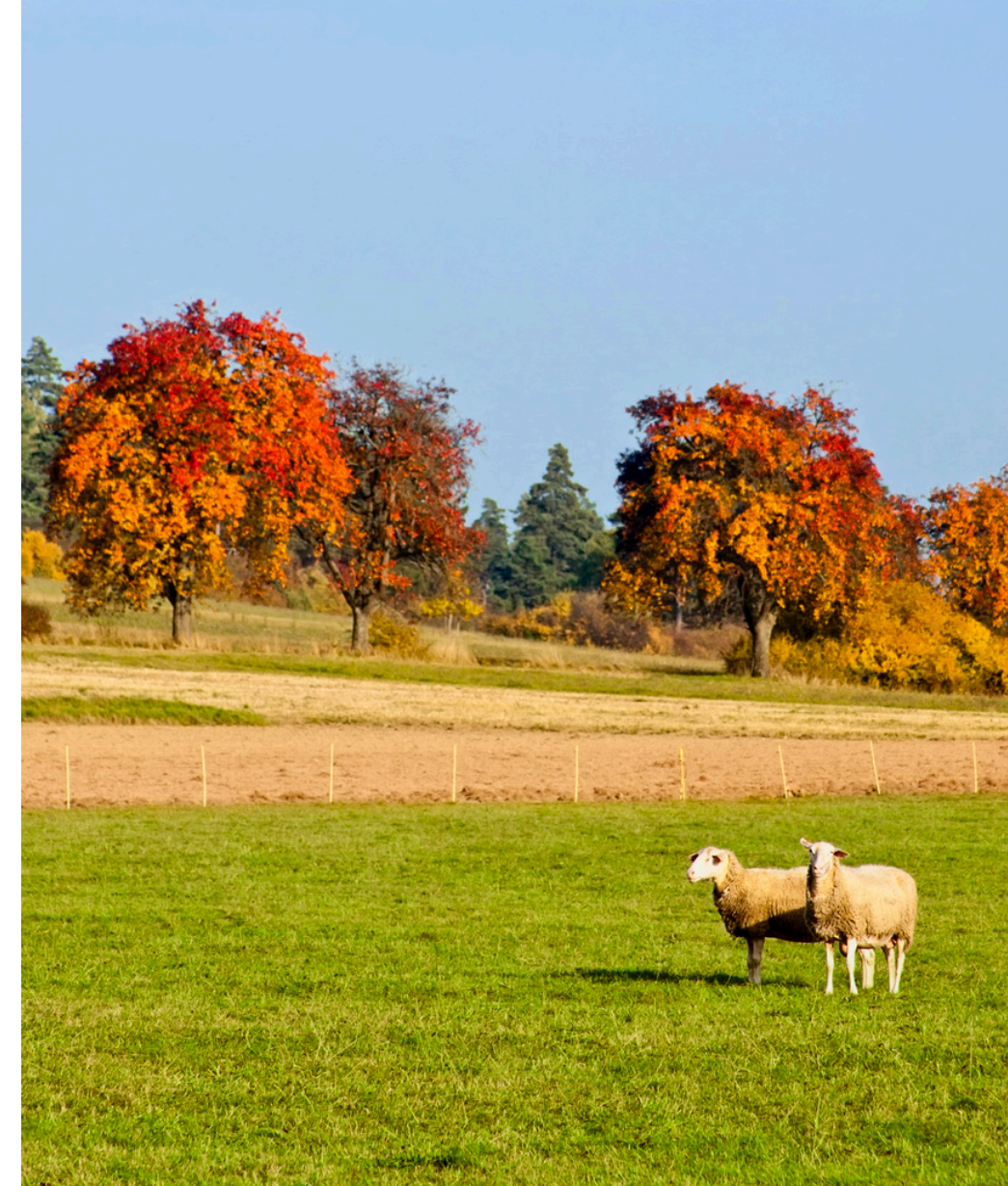
Our next Primetimers luncheon will be Oct 13 at 11:30 AM at Shogun Bistro at 2127 East Parrish Ave Owensboro. We will have a speaker, Cindy Sheriff, from the Alzheimer's Association. She will speak about 'A Healthy Brain'. Contact Janet Luckett by text only at 270-929-4984, if you can come.

\*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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FIRST  
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## (Disciples of Christ)

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
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SEEKING THE PRESENCE OF GOD

Welcome

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

Prelude

Rev. Chris Michael

Ann Jeannette Pierce, piano

"On Eagles' Wings"

Michael Joncas

Arr. Joey Raney

Connie Ford, flute

\*Call to Worship

One: Becoming a baby,

All: Christ transformed all of us into his sisters and brothers.

One: Telling us stories we had forgotten,

All: God helps us to walk the paths of discipleship.

One: Becoming foolish in the world's eyes,

All: the Spirit teaches us all we need to find our way into the kingdom.

Cathy Perrin

\*Hymn #494

“They’ll Know We Are Christians” (vs. 1 & 4)

\*Invocation and Lord’s Prayer  
(using “debts” and “debtors”)

Cathy Perrin

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 of the first floor education wing)

Pastoral Prayer

HEARING THE WORD OF GOD

Rev. Chris Michael

Scripture Reading

Romans 8:31-39

Rev. Chris Michael

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“Nothing”

Rev. Chris Michael

Invitation to Discipleship

\*Hymn #284

“Gather Us In” (vs 1 & 4)

OFFERING OURSELVES TO GOD

Preparation for the Offering

Offertory

Rev. Chris Michael

Ann Jeannette Pierce, piano

"Be Thou My Vision"

Irish Folk Tune

Arr. Jan Welch

\*Doxology and Presentation of Gifts (Page 46)

\*Dedication Prayer

Rev. Chris Michael

ORDINATION OF JOSEPH JACOBS

Presentation of Candidate

The Examination of the Candidate

Confirmation by the Congregation

The Ordination Vow

The Act of Ordination

The Ordination and Conferring of the Office

Ordination Prayer

The Charge to the Candidate

The Granting of Standing

Presentation of the Signs of the Office of Ministry

Presentation of the Certificate of Ordination

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

Words of Institution

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Communion Music

Rev. Joseph Jacobs & Rev. Chris Michael

Ann Jeannette Pierce, piano

"Hard Times Come Again No More"

Stephen Collins Foster

Aaron Lundy, soloist

GOING IN PEACE TO LOVE AND TO SERVE

\*Benediction

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Rev. Chris Michael

\*Please stand if you are able.

Scripture Reading

Romans 8:31-39

<sup>31</sup> What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? <sup>32</sup> He who did not withhold his own Son but gave him up for all of us, how will he not with him also give us everything else? <sup>33</sup> Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. <sup>34</sup> Who is to condemn? It is Christ who died, or rather, who was raised, who is also at the right hand of God, who also intercedes for us. <sup>35</sup> Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will affliction or distress or persecution or famine or nakedness or peril or sword? <sup>36</sup> As it is written,

“For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.”

<sup>37</sup> No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. <sup>38</sup> For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, <sup>39</sup> nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Thank you to the following people who participated in the ordination service today:

Rev. Dr. Donald K. Gillett, II - Regional Minister of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Kentucky

Rev. Josh Snyder - Associate Regional Minister

Rev. Rachel Nance Woehler - West Area Regional Minister

Dr. Chris Gaddis - Elder, FCC (DOC) Owensboro