


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
Facebook: FCCOwensboro
Instagram: @fccowb



Online Giving
Online giving is now live for tithes and offerings. To submit your gift, visit 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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Pianist.....	Ann Jeannette Pierce
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This week at First Christian Church (DOC)

<i>CR- Choir Room; C- Conference Room; F-Fellowship Hall; FHL-Fa-Ho-Lo Room; S-Sanctuary</i>	
Sunday, September 28	
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
Monday, September 29	
6:30 p.m.	OCTC Chorus Rehearsal
Tuesday, September 30	
Wednesday, October 1	
6:30 a.m.	Men's Fellowship (Great Harvest on Frederica) Dinner Worship Service Youth Group
5:30 p.m.	
6:15 p.m.	
6:30 p.m.	
Thursday, October 2	
10:00 a.m. -1:00 p.m.	Refugee Food Pantry
Friday, October 3	
	Church Office Closed
Saturday, October 4	

Announcements

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.

On Sunday, October 5th 2-3 p.m., all women of the Church are invited to Reignite, Reengage, and Reimagine the Disciples Women’s Ministry. Women of the Church are welcome to be a part of this group to share ideas for future ministries. Together we can make a bigger difference in the lives of others.

Our next Primetimers outing is Oct. 14 at 11:30 a.m. at Adams Breezy Hill Farm 1222 Cadiz Rd, Princeton, KY. It is about an hour and a half drive. To carpool or ride the bus, (\$5 bus charge) arrive at the Church around 9:45 a.m. Departure time is no later than 10 a.m. Text Janet Luckett (270-929-4984) if you’d like to ride the bus. Text Janet or text, call, or email Barbara Chavez (270-929-6941) babsc1222@gmail.com, to let them know you are planning to come. Looking forward to seeing you!

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!





FIRST
CHRISTIAN
CHURCH
(Disciples of Christ)

16th Sunday after Pentecost
September 28, 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
Prelude	
"Morning Has Broken"	
Traditional Gaelic Melody	
Arr. Pepper Choplin	

Call to Worship	Gary Bielefeld
One: Gathered to praise God, we lift our voices as one.	
All: Together we give thanks for God’s never-ending compassion.	
One: In the midst of challenges, let’s focus our hearts and minds.	
All: We turn to the Holy One, lifting up all the names we know,	
One: Creator, Redeemer, Way-Maker. Help us, deliver us, forgive our sins,	
All: even as we come to worship you as the God of our salvation!	

*Hymn #53

"Morning Has Broken"

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

First Scripture Reading	Gary Bielefeld
Mark 15:33-37	

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 #307
"The Lord's Prayer"

Second Scripture Reading	Rev. Chris Michael
Psalms 130	

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

Sermon	Rev. Chris Michael
“Honest to God”	
Invitation to Discipleship	

*Hymn #557

"Just a Closer Walk With Thee"

OFFERING OURSELVES TO GOD

Preparation for the Offering	Rev. Chris Michael
Offertory	Ann Jeannette Pierce, Piano
"Abide With Me"	
William H. Monk	
Arr. Heather Sorenson	

*Doxology and Presentation of Gifts (Page 46)
*Dedication Prayer

RENEWING THE COVENANT IN THE LORD’S SUPPER

<i>We are one in Christ, let everyone share in this communion without regard for denominational affiliation.</i>	
<i>You are invited to take the cup and bread after your prayers.</i>	
Invitation to Communion	Cathy Perrin & Leslie Mobley
Words of Institution	
Prayer of Thanksgiving	

Communion Music	Ann Jeannette Pierce, Piano
"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"	
Charles C. Converse	
Arr. Heather Sorenson	

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- Mark 15:33-37

³³ When it was noon, darkness came over the whole land^[a] until three in the afternoon. ³⁴ At three o’clock Jesus cried out with a loud voice, “Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?” which means, “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?”^[b] ³⁵ When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, “Listen, he is calling for Elijah.” ³⁶ And someone ran, filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink, saying, “Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to take him down.” ³⁷ Then Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last.

Second Reading- Psalm 130

¹ Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord.
² Lord, hear my voice!
Let your ears be attentive
to the voice of my supplications!
³ If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities,
Lord, who could stand?
⁴ But there is forgiveness with you,
so that you may be revered.
⁵ I wait for the Lord; my soul waits,
and in his word I hope;
⁶ my soul waits for the Lord
more than those who watch for the morning,
more than those who watch for the morning.
⁷ O Israel, hope in the Lord!
For with the Lord there is steadfast love,
and with him is great power to redeem.
⁸ It is he who will redeem Israel
from all its iniquities.