

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 6

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 7



Church Office Closed

Tuesday, September 8

11:30 a.m.	Primetimers to Big Whiskey
5:30 p.m.	Youth Groups to Joys of Cooking

Wednesday, September 9

6:30 a.m.	Men's Fellowship (Great Harvest on Frederica)
5:15 p.m.	Fellowship Potluck
6:15 p.m.	Worship Service
6:30 p.m.	Cantata & Choir Rehearsals

Thursday, September 10

11:30 a.m.	Finance Committee Meeting (C)
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Friday, September 11



Church Office Closed

Saturday, September 12

Announcements

The Church Office will be closed tomorrow, September 7th, to allow our staff to observe Labor Day. We will reopen on Tuesday, September 8th.

Our next Primetimers luncheon is THIS TUESDAY at 11:30AM at Big Whiskey 234 Frederica St, Owensboro. If you wish to join us, please contact Janet Luckett by text only at 270-929-4984.

Fellowship's September Potluck THIS WEDNESDAY at 5:30. Fellowship will provide homemade pulled pork sandwiches, hot dogs, AND a sundae bar. Please bring in a vegetable or a salad to feed 8-10 people.

We are again collecting money 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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Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 6, 2026

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

Prelude

"Praise to God, Immortal Praise"

Sir Francis Champneys

Arr. Larry Schackley

*Call to Worship

Hampton Gaddis

One: When two or three gather, Christ lives in every moment,
All: where two or three gather, Christ is present with them.

One: Where two or three gather to worship God,
All: glad songs of praise are lifted, hearts are filled with hope.

One: When two or three gather to serve God's creation,
All: Christ is feeding the hungry, Christ is building shelters of peace.

*Hymn #66

"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" (vs. 1 & 4)

*Invocation and Lord's Prayer

(using "debts" and "debtors")

Hampton Gaddis

First Scripture Reading

Hampton Gaddis

Matthew 9:14-17

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

Rev. Chris Michael

HEARING THE WORD OF GOD

Choral Anthem

FCC Choir

"I Worship You"

by Michael Barrett and Michael E. Showalter

Second Scripture Reading

Rev. Chris Michael

Matthew 9:18-26

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

Sermon

Rev. Chris Michael

"Take Heart"

Invitation to Discipleship

*Hymn #561

"It Is Well with My Soul" (vs 1 & 4)

OFFERING OURSELVES TO GOD

Preparation for the Offering

Rev. Chris Michael

Offertory

Ann Jeannette Pierce, piano

"I'd Rather Have Jesus"

George Beverly Shea

Arr. Mark Hayes

*Doxology and Presentation of Gifts (Page 46)

*Dedication Prayer

Rev. 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 Communion

Steve & Shannon Divine

Words of Institution

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Communion Music

Ann Jeannette Pierce, piano

"Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus"

Helen Howarth Lemmel

Arr. Zach James

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 - Matthew 9:14-17

¹⁴Then the disciples of John came to him, saying, “Why do we and the Pharisees fast often, but your disciples do not fast?” ¹⁵And Jesus said to them, “The wedding attendants cannot mourn as long as the bridegroom is with them, can they? The days will come when the bridegroom is taken away from them, and then they will fast. ¹⁶No one sews a piece of unshrunk cloth on an old cloak, for the patch pulls away from the cloak, and a worse tear is made. ¹⁷Neither is new wine put into old wineskins; otherwise, the skins burst, and the wine is spilled, and the skins are ruined, but new wine is put into fresh wineskins, and so both are preserved.”

Second Reading - Matthew 9:18-26

¹⁸While he was saying these things to them, suddenly a leader came in and knelt before him, saying, “My daughter has just died, but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live.” ¹⁹And Jesus got up and followed him, with his disciples. ²⁰Then suddenly a woman who had been suffering from a flow of blood for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his cloak, ²¹for she was saying to herself, “If I only touch his cloak, I will be made well.” ²²Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, “Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well.” And the woman was made well from that moment. ²³When Jesus came to the leader’s house and saw the flute players and the crowd making a commotion, ²⁴he said, “Go away, for the girl is not dead but sleeping.” And they laughed at him. ²⁵But when the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took her by the hand, and the girl got up. ²⁶And the report of this spread through all of that district.