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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Contact Us:

Church Office 270-684-8879 Church Email: contact@fccowb.org Web Address: www.fccowb.org Guest Wifi Password: FCCGuest!

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 7

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 8

630 p.m. OCTC Chorus Rehearsals

Tuesday, September 9

11:30 Primetimers Outing (O'Charley's)

Wednesday, September 10

6:30 a.m Men's Fellowship (Panera)
5:30 p.m. Dinner
6:15 p.m. Worship Service
6:30 p.m. Youth Group

Thursday, Septemper 11

Friday, September 12 Church Office Closed
Elder's Retreat
Saturday, September 13 Elder's Retreat

Announcements

Handbells rehearsal begins 9/7 at 5:00. All are welcome!

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.

A new Sunday school class starts 9/7 for 20's and 30's, led by Rev. Chris Michael, and meets on the 2nd floor (last room on the right).

Our next Primetimers outing is Sept 9 at O'Charleys 11:30 a.m. We will have a speaker David Tucker, Executive Director of the Owensboro Senior Center. To come, contact: Janet Luckett by text message only @ 270-929-4984 or Barbara Chavez 270-929-6941 text, call or leave a message. Email babsc1222@gmail.com

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!



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(Disciples of Christ)

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost September 7, 2025

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost September 7, 2025 **SEEKING THE PRESENCE OF GOD** Rev. Chris Michael Welcome Bringing of the Light Bell of Mindfulness (Please use this time for quiet reflection.) Prelude Roselie McKinley, piano "Prelude" Moritz Vogel and Cornelius Gurlitt *Call to Worship Chris Castlen One: Praise God with bouquets of joy and miles of laughter, All: Praise God for children's delight and grandparents' wisdom. One: Praise God for the slant of sunlight and the eagles' flight. All: Praise God with deeds of love and words of compassion and care. One: Praise God with the sound of strings and voices raised in song. All: Let us indeed praise God! *Hymn #543 "Blessed Assurance"

*Invocation and Lord's Prayer Chris Castlen (using "debts" and "debtors")

First Scripture Reading Chris Castlen

Proverbs 3:1-6

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 #190

"Tell me the Stories of Jesus"

Second Scripture Reading Rev. Chris Michael

Luke 12:13-21

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Rev. Chris Michael

"Rich Toward God"

Invitation to Discipleship

*Hymn #295

"In This Very Room"

OFFERING OURSELVES TO GOD

Preparation for the Offering Rev. Chris Michael Offertory Ann Jeannette Pierce, Piano

> "On Eagle's Wings" Michael Joncas Arr. John Purifoy

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 Tab & Vicki Quisenberry

Words of Institution Prayer of Thanksgiving

Communion Music

Ann Jeannette Pierce, Piano "Softly and Tenderly"

Will L. Thompson Arr. Lisa Hoekstra

GOING IN PEACE TO LOVE AND TO SERVE

Rev. Chris Michael *Benediction

One: The Lord be with you. All: And also with you.

Scripture Reading

First Reading- Proverbs 3:1-6

3 My child, do not forget my teaching, but let your heart keep my commandments, ² for length of days and years of life and abundant welfare they will give you. ³Do not let loyalty and faithfulness forsake you; bind them around your neck; write them on the tablet of your heart. ⁴Then you will find favor and high regard in the sight of God and of people. ⁵Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not rely on your own insight. ⁶ In all your ways acknowledge him,

Second Reading-Luke 12:13-21

and he will make straight your paths

¹³ Someone in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me." ¹⁴ But he said to him, "Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?" ¹⁵ And he said to them, "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions." ¹⁶ Then he told them a parable: "The land of a rich man produced abundantly. 17 And he thought to himself, 'What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?' ¹⁸ Then he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. 19 And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' 20 But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' ²¹ So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God."

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^{*}Doxology and Presentation of Gifts (Page 46)

^{*}Dedication Prayer

^{*}Please stand if you are able.