

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!

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 8

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 9

Tuesday, September 10

5:30 p.m. Elders Meeting

Wednesday, September 11

12:00 p.m.	DWM meeting at FCC
6:30 a.m.	Men's Fellowship (Panera)
5:30 p.m.	Youth Groups (F)
6:00 p.m.	Choir Practice (CR)

Thursday, September 12

Friday, September 13

Church Office Closed

Saturday, September 14

Announcements

The Nominating Committee is seeking nominations; please pick up a form out on the table near the bulletins.

Elders Meeting- Tuesday @ 5:30 p.m. at FCC

DWM Meeting- Wednesday 12:00 p.m. at FCC

Church Picnic is next Sunday @ Legion Park at 5:30 p.m. FCC will provide the meat and drinks, please bring a side dish! All friends and family welcome!

Board Meeting- Tuesday, September 17th @ 5:30 p.m.



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Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost
 September 8, 2024

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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

"For the Beauty of the Earth"

Conrad Kocher

arr. Daniel Burton

*Call to Worship Colton Manley

One: We gather to worship:

All: a sign that we are faithful to God.

One: We greet each other with "The Peace":

All: a sign that we trust and support each other in the faith community.

One: We listen for God's word to us:

All: a sign that God, who has spoken in times past, still speaks to the people of God.

One: We resolve to serve the living God:

All: a sign that our faith has meaning and purpose for good, meaning and purpose for ourselves, and meaning and purpose for those in our community who have practical and spiritual needs.

*Hymn #543

"Blessed Assurance"

*Invocation and Lord's Prayer Colton Manley
(using "debts" and "debtors")

First Scripture Reading Colton Manley

Song of Songs 2:1-7

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

"Worthy of Worship"
-Blankenship

Second Scripture Reading Rev. Chris Michael

Song of Songs 2:8-17

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon Rev. Chris Michael

"My Beloved Speaks"

Invitation to Discipleship

*Hymn #586

"Open My Eyes, That I May See"

OFFERING OURSELVES TO GOD

Preparation for the Offering Rev. Chris Michael

Offertory Ann Jeannette Pierce, Piano

"I Am His, and He Is Mine"

James Mountain

arr. Molly Ijames

*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 Chris & Laura Michael

Words of Institution

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Communion Music Ann Jeannette Pierce, Piano

"Hiding in Thee"

Ira D. Sankey

Arr. Jay Rouse

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- Song of Songs 2:1-7**

1 I am a rose of Sharon,
a lily of the valleys.

2 As a lily among brambles,
so is my love among maidens.

3 As an apple tree among the trees of the wood,
so is my beloved among young men.

With great delight I sat in his shadow,
and his fruit was sweet to my taste.

4 He brought me to the banqueting house,
and his intention towards me was love.

5 Sustain me with raisins,
refresh me with apples;
for I am faint with love.

6 O that his left hand were under my head,
and that his right hand embraced me!

7 I adjure you, O daughters of Jerusalem,
by the gazelles or the wild does: do not stir up or awaken
love until it is ready!

Second Reading- Song of Songs 2:8-17

8 The voice of my beloved! Look, he comes, leaping upon the
mountains, bounding over the hills.

9 My beloved is like a gazelle or a young stag. Look, there he
stands behind our wall, gazing in at the windows, looking
through the lattice.

10 My beloved speaks and says to me: Arise, my love, my fair
one, and come away;

11 for now the winter is past, the rain is over and gone.

12 The flowers appear on the earth; the time of singing has
come, and the voice of the turtle-dove is heard in our land.

13 The fig tree puts forth its figs, and the vines are in
blossom; they give forth fragrance. Arise, my love, my fair
one, and come away.

14 O my dove, in the clefts of the rock, in the covert of the
cliff, let me see your face, let me hear your voice; for your
voice is sweet, and your face is lovely.

15 Catch us the foxes, the little foxes, that ruin the vineyards
— for our vineyards are in blossom.'

16 My beloved is mine and I am his; he pastures his flock
among the lilies.

17 Until the day breathes and the shadows flee, turn, my
beloved, be like a gazelle or a young stag on the cleft
mountains.