July 18, 2021 9:00 AM Pentecost 8

**SEEKING THE PRESENCE OF GOD** 

Welcome Rev. J. Chris Michael

Bringing of the Light

Bell of Mindfulness

(Please use this time for quiet reflection.)

Prelude Ann Jeannette Pierce, piano

"Praise to God, Immortal Praise" By Sir Francis Champneys, arr. Larry Shackley

\*Call to Worship Steve Divine

One: Come, rest your spirits in the Lord.

All: We come, hungering and thirsting for God's word.

One: This is a place of peace and hope, where all may be fed

and healed.

All: Bring us to the time of healing.

One: Come, place your trust in God who is always near you.

All: Open our hearts, Lord, to hear your word and feel

your presence AMEN.

\*Hymn #274

ST. THOMAS

"I Love Your Church, O God" (v. 1, 2, and 5)

\*Invocation and Lord's Prayer

Steve Divine

(using "debts" and "debtors")

First Scripture 2 Corinthians 4:7-12 Steve Divine

One: The Word of God for the people of God

All: Thanks be to God.

Children's Blessing

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. Michael

**HEARING THE WORD OF GOD** 

Message in Music "My Help/My Tribute" Emily Sullivan

by Farms/Crouch

Second Scripture 2 Samuel 11:1-15 Rev. Michael

Response

One: The Word of God for the people of God

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon "In the Spring of the Year...." Rev. Michael

Invitation to Discipleship

**\*Hymn #494** ST. BRENDAN'S

"Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service" (v. 1 and 3)

**OFFERING OURSELVES TO GOD** 

Preparation for the Offering Rev. Michael

\*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 Steve Divine

Words of Institution
Prayer of Thanksgiving

Communion Music "Sweet By and By"

Joseph P. Webster, arr. Mark Hayes

**GOING IN PEACE TO LOVE AND TO SERVE** 

\*Benediction Rev. Michael

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

\*Please stand if you are able.

Flowers have been placed in the chancel to the glory of God and in memory of Coralie Runyon Jones, Sessions Class' oldest regular attendee, who would have been 100 years old this month. **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".



Please scan this QR code using your smart phone to let us know you were here. Using that link, you can mark your attendance, share prayer requests, and link to our website. If you prefer to speak to someone in person, feel free to speak to Rev. Michael following the service.

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

## <u>Serving Schedule</u>

Elder and Liturgist: Steve Divine

Elder Serving at the Hospital: Bonnie Brown Worship & Wonder Story Teller: Gloria Goodaker

Shepherd: Nancy Connor

# **Scripture Reading- 2 Samuel 11:1-15**

In the spring of the year, the time when kings go out to battle, David sent Joab with his officers and all Israel with him; they ravaged the Ammonites, and besieged Rabbah. But David remained at Jerusalem. 2 It happened, late one afternoon, when David rose from his couch and was walking about on the roof of the king's house, that he saw from the roof a woman bathing; the woman was very beautiful. 3David sent someone to inquire about the woman. It was reported, 'This is Bathsheba daughter of Eliam, the wife of Uriah the Hittite.' 4So David sent messengers to fetch her, and she came to him, and he lay with her. (Now she was purifying herself after her period.) Then she returned to her house. 5The woman conceived; and she sent and told David, 'I am pregnant.'

6 So David sent word to Joab, 'Send me Uriah the Hittite.' And Joab sent Uriah to David. 7When Uriah came to him, David asked how Joab and the people fared, and how the war was going. 8Then David said to Uriah, 'Go down to your house, and wash your feet.' Uriah went out of the king's house, and there followed him a present from the king. 9But Uriah slept at the entrance of the king's house with all the servants of his lord, and did not go down to his house. 10When they told David, 'Uriah did not go down to his house', David said to Uriah, 'You have just come from a journey. Why did you not go down to your house?' 11Uriah said to David, 'The ark and Israel and Judah remain in booths; and my lord Joab and the servants of my lord are camping in the open field; shall I then go to my house, to eat and to drink, and to lie with my wife? As you live, and as your soul lives, I will not do such a thing.' 12Then David said to Uriah, 'Remain here today also, and tomorrow I will send you back.' So Uriah remained in Jerusalem that day. On the next day, 13David invited him to eat and drink in his presence and made him drunk; and in the evening he went out to lie on his couch with the servants of his lord, but he did not go down to his house. 14In the morning David wrote a letter to Joab, and sent it by the hand of Uriah. 15In the letter he wrote, 'Set Uriah in the forefront of the hardest fighting, and then draw back from him, so that he may be struck down and die.'

#### Staff

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## This week at First Christian

F-Fellowship Hall; FHL-Fa-Ho-Lo Room; S-Sanctuary

Sunday, July 18

9:00 a.m. Worship Service (S) 10:30 a.m. Sunday School

Monday, July 19

Tuesday, July 20

10:00 a.m Meet the Pastor- Century Christian members (F)

Wednesday, July 21

6:30 a.m. Men's Fellowship (Panera) 5:30 p.m. Board Meeting (FHL)

Thursday, July 22

Friday, July 23 Church Office Closed

## **Announcements**

### **Century Members- Come Meet the Pastor- July 20**

We are thrilled to share in ministry with so many new faces, especially those joining us from Century Christian. We'd like to extend an invitation for our friends from Century to meet with Rev. Chris Michael on Tuesday, July 20, at 10am in our Fellowship Hall. Come share a cup of coffee and a pastry as we get to know each other. This will be a time to fellowship and asks questions about First Christian.

#### "Did you get my text?!"

We'd love to make sure you are receiving our text messages and e-mail notifications throughout the week.

To sign up:

Text FCCOWB to 84576

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