

SUNDAY OPPORTUNITIES TO WORSHIP, LEARN & FELLOWSHIP

8:30 am	Worship in the Chapel
9:30 am	Sunday School Classes
	<i>Adults:</i>
	Inquirers (in person and ZOOM) (1 st floor)
	Challengers (in person) (3 rd floor)
	<i>Children:</i>
	2 nd – 6 th Grade (2 nd floor)
10:30 am	Fellowship Time (coffee & donuts)
11:00 am	Worship in the Sanctuary



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THE WEEK AHEAD

The church office will be closed.

Wednesday and Thursday

4:45 pm Friendship Feast

No meals served on Monday or Tuesday.

Monday - Sunday

7:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous
(Saturdays @ noon and 7)

No 8:30 AM worship service on December 31st.

UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS

December 29 Jerry Brace

UPCOMING ANNIVERSARIES

December 28	Julie & Todd Sheffield
December 30	Amy & Kevin Waggoner

SERVING TODAY

Elder:	Becky Davis
Tech Team:	Karen Adams William Adams

<u>Deacons</u>	<u>Tellers</u>
John Adams	Ruth Brace
William Adams	Jeri Waller
Angie Novotny	

SERVING SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31

Elder:	Jerry Brace
Tech Team:	Karen Adams Bobby Jorgenson

<u>Deacons:</u>	<u>Tellers:</u>
Dave Bryan	Gabby Gregg
Sheila Kirkpatrick	Christy Thompson
Allison Graham	



First Christian Church



(Disciples of Christ)

December 24, 2023

11:00 am

*A warm welcome is extended to all,
especially those who are worshipping here for the first time
or who have returned after an absence.
Your presence enriches us and this time of worship.*

REVEREND STEPHEN JOHNSON, SENIOR PASTOR

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Parents, you are welcome to use the 2nd floor classrooms if your children need to take a break from worship.
Changing tables are available in the bathrooms outside the classrooms.
Activity bags are located in the basket by the post in the center aisle.

WE GATHER AS A COMMUNITY OF FAITH

Prelude		Amy Boatman
Welcome and Announcements		Pastor Stephen
* Call to Worship		Becky Davis, Elder
L:	Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you.	
P:	What sort of greeting is this?	
L:	An angelic one! Do not be afraid, for you have found favor with God.	
P:	Are you sure this greeting is for us?	
L:	Don't worry, I am not going to tell you that you will bear a son and you will call him Jesus.	
P:	Thank you!	
L:	But the message of Christ entering our lives is a real message for us all! Enter this time of worship where we can celebrate the good news!	
P:	Here we are, servants of the Lord; let it be with us according to your word.	
* Invocation		Becky Davis
* Opening Hymn	"O Come, All Ye Faithful"	Number 148

HEARING AND PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

Advent Candle Liturgy		On the Screen
Chancel Choir	"Love Came Down At Christmas"	Oltman/Rossetti
Psalter Reading	Psalms 89:1-4, 19-26	Becky Davis
Hymn	"Infant Holy, Infant Lowly"	Number 163
Scripture	Luke 1:26-38	Pastor Stephen
Sermon	"He will be called Son of God."	Pastor Stephen

RESPONDING TO THE WORD OF GOD

Invitation to Discipleship and Reflection	Pastor Stephen
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If you would like to make a public confession of Christian faith or express interest in being baptized, you are invited to come forward at this time. Pastor Stephen is happy to schedule a time to meet with you if you would like to talk about this or about becoming a member of First Christian Church of Ponca City.

* All who are able, please stand.

Prayers for God's Creation		Pastor Stephen
Invitation to Christ's Table		Pastor Stephen
Hymn of Preparation	"I Wonder as I Wander"	Number 161
Offering Invitation		Becky Davis
Offertory		Amy Boatman
* Doxology		Number 46

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen**

* Prayer for the Offering and Communion Elements		Becky Davis
Words of Institution		Pastor Stephen
Congregation Response:		

**By eating this bread and drinking this cup,
we proclaim Christ's death,
celebrate Christ's resurrection,
and await Christ's coming again.**

The Lord's Prayer:

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts,
as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

Partaking of the Elements		Pastor Stephen
Prayer of Thanksgiving		Becky Davis

GOING FORTH TO SERVE

* Closing Hymn	"Hark! the Herald Angels Sing"	Number 150
* Benediction		Pastor Stephen
	God's love has been given to you. Share that gift with the world.	

Postlude	Amy Boatman, Accompanist
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The flowers are in celebration of Christmas
from Floyd and Angie Novotny.