

**SUNDAY OPPORTUNITIES TO WORSHIP, LEARN & FELLOWSHIP**

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



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**THE WEEK AHEAD**

**Monday, December 23**  
 4:00 pm Sojourners Adult Ed. Class (ZOOM)

**Tuesday, December 24**  
**MERRY CHRISTMAS EVE!!**

**Wednesday, December 25**  
**MERRY CHRISTMAS!!**

**Monday - Thursday**  
 4:45 pm Friendship Feast

**Monday - Sunday**  
 7:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous  
 (Saturdays @ noon and 7)

**UPCOMING ANNIVERSARIES**  
 December 28 Julie & Todd Sheffield

**SERVING TODAY**

Elder: Stan Brown  
 Tech: Karen Adams  
 William Adams

<u>Deacons</u>	<u>Tellers</u>
Rusty Benson	Jerry Brace
Donetta Hicks	Frances Coonrod
Pauletta Beaty	

**SERVING SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29**

Elder: Lester Freeman  
 Tech: Karen Adams  
 Bobby Jorgenson

<u>Deacons:</u>	<u>Tellers:</u>
Doug Hart	Sandy Pendergraft
Jacque Hart	Bobby Jorgenson

**FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH**



(DISCIPLES OF CHRIST)

December 22, 2024  
 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  
 AMY MUEGGE, MUSIC DIRECTOR

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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 in the basket by the post in the center aisle.



## **WE GATHER AS A COMMUNITY OF FAITH**

Prelude	"Christmastide"	Amy Boatman
Welcome and Announcements		Pastor Stephen
* Call to Worship		Stan Brown, Elder
* Invocation		Stan Brown
* Opening Hymn	"The Promised Day" Cross/Butler	on the screen (congregation & choir)

## **HEARING AND PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD**

Advent Candle 4	Micah 5:2-5a	Angela Johnson & Lynne Collenback
Choir Response	"Prepare the Way of the Lord"	Number 121
Lighting the Candle of Love		
Congregation Response	"Prepare the Way of the Lord"	Number 121
Scripture	Luke 1:39-45, (46-55)	Pastor Stephen
Hymn	"My Soul Gives Glory to My God"	Number 130
Anthem	"Awake, O Earth"	Cross/Butler
Bell Choir	"In the Bleak Midwinter"	arr. Martha L Thompson
"Hark! the Herald Angels Sing"		arr. James E Helman
"Pat-a-Pan"		arr. Hart Morris
"Ding, Dong, Merrily on High"		arr. Fred Gramann

## **RESPONDING TO THE WORD OF GOD**

Invitation to Discipleship		Pastor Stephen
<i>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.</i>		
Time of Reflection	"All Earth is Waiting"	Amy Boatman
Prayers for God's Creation		Pastor Stephen
Invitation to Christ's Table		Pastor Stephen

\* All who are able, please stand

Hymn of Preparation	"There's a Song in the Air"	Number 159
Offering Invitation		Stan Brown
Offertory	"Angel's from the Realms of Glory"	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		Stan Brown
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 embody 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		Stan Brown

## **GOING FORTH TO SERVE**

* Closing Hymn	"It Came Upon the Midnight Clear"	Number 153 (4)
* Benediction	"A Great Light"	Cross/Butler
Postlude		Amy Boatman



*The flowers are in celebration of our Savior's  
birth from Floyd and Angie Novotny!*