

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) (1st floor)
Challengers (in person) (3rd floor)
Children:
2nd – 6th Grade (2nd floor)
10:30 am Fellowship Time (coffee & donuts)
11:00 am Worship in the Sanctuary



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THE WEEK AHEAD

Tuesday, August 22

9:00 am Workday (Tuesday Guys)
10:30 am Bible Discussion
4:00 pm Sojourners Adult Ed. Class (ZOOM)

Wednesday, August 23

3:30 pm Council Meeting
6:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Monday - Thursday

4:45 pm Friendship Feast

Monday - Sunday

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

UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS

August 22 Deb Hagler
August 24 Marlena Freeman
August 25 Cliff Schilling

UPCOMING ANNIVERSARIES

August 25 Arlene & Kim Stauffer

SERVING TODAY

Elder: Becky Davis
Tech Team: Karen Adams

Deacons Tellers
Vicki Braden Marshall Basham
Diann Benson Nancy Stevenson
Jeri Waller

SERVING SUNDAY, AUGUST 27

Elder: Lester Freeman
Tech Team: Karen Adams

Deacons: Tellers:
John Adams Stan Brown
William Adams Chuck Schneider
Angie Novotny Bobby Wilson

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.



**Woman,
great is
Your faith!**

First Christian Church



(Disciples of Christ)

**August 20, 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
AMY BOATMAN, MUSIC DIRECTOR**

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WE GATHER AS A COMMUNITY OF FAITH

Prelude		Amy Boatman
Welcome and Announcements		Pastor Stephen
* Call to Worship		Becky Davis, Elder
L:	Sometimes things go in a direction we do not expect. Plot twists of life come to us in the form of unexpected, good news, devastating surprise diagnoses, chance encounters, shocking losses, or those mysterious aha moments of life changing clarity.	
P:	The whiplash of the unexpected can knock us off balance. The sudden change can be amazingly good for us, as bad as bad can be, or we might not know whether to laugh or cry.	
L:	No matter what unexpected circumstances arise in our lives, we can trust the Holy Spirit of God is with us in our moments of change, guiding us through the watershed events that mark our story.	
P:	Let us give thanks that Christ surrounds us in our community of faith helping us to regain our feet when we have been unsettled by life. Let us offer our praises to God who leads us through the changes.	
* Invocation		Becky Davis
* Opening Hymn	“O God of Vision”	Number 288 (1,2,5)

HEARING AND PROCLAIMING GOD’S WORD

Chancel Choir	“Worthy of Worship”	Terry York
Psalter Reading	Psalm 133	Becky Davis
Hymn	“I Need Thee Every Hour”	Number 578
Scripture	Matthew 15:21-28	Pastor Stephen
Sermon	“Woman, great is your faith!”	Pastor Stephen

RESPONDING TO THE WORD OF GOD

Invitation to Discipleship and Reflection		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>	
Prayers for God’s Creation		Pastor Stephen
Invitation to Christ’s Table		Pastor Stephen

Hymn of Preparation	“Abide with Me”	Number 636 (1,3)
Offering Invitation		Becky Davis
Offertory		Amy Boatman
* Doxology	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	Number 46
* 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	“I’m So Glad Jesus Lifted Me”	Number 529 (1,3)
* Benediction	Let us live life offering each person the dignity and grace that God has offered us through Christ.	Pastor Stephen

Postlude		Amy Boatman, Accompanist
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The flowers are from Marvin Clark in memory and celebration of Sharon’s birthday.