

**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, July 3**  
 Office Closed

**Tuesday, July 4**  
*Independence Day!*  
 Office Closed

**Thursday, July 6**  
 Noon                      Disciples Women

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

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

**SERVING TODAY**

Elder:                      Lynda Himbury  
 Tech Team:              Karen Adams  
                                  William Adams

<u>Deacons</u>	<u>Tellers</u>
Ruth Brace	Stan Brown
Jeri Waller	Chuck Schneider
Christy Thompson	Bobby Wilson

**SERVING SUNDAY, JULY 9**

Elder:                      Ron Kreger  
 Tech Team:              Karen Adams  
                                  Bobby Jorgenson

**UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS**

July 3	Betty Kreger
July 3	Beverly Schneider
July 3	David Shelton

**UPCOMING ANNIVERSARIES**

July 2	Linda & Don Stephens
July 8	Angie & Floyd Novotny

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 of the center aisle.

**First Christian Church**



(Disciples of Christ)

July 2, 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		Lynda Himbury, Elder
L:	We are lucky people. We have a beautiful church building to gather in for worship, study, service, and fellowship.	
P:	<b>We are lucky. We also have talented musicians who offer their gifts to make worship a more moving experience.</b>	
L:	We have helpful staff who work behind the scenes to make sure things we don't even know about get done.	
P:	<b>We have faithful leaders who have volunteered their time over many years to shape the direction of our ministry.</b>	
L:	And we owe it all to God who called us together into this community of faith that we might grow and serve together.	
P:	<b>Let us sing praises to God and offer our gratitude for welcoming us into this holy place of transformation.</b>	
* Invocation		Lynda Himbury
* Opening Hymn	"Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!"	Number 4

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

Chancel Choir	"America the Beautiful"	Bates/Ward/arr. Berry
Psalter Reading	Psalm 13	Lynda Himbury
Hymn	"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"	Number 25 (1-3)
Scripture	Matthew 10:40-42	Pastor Stephen
Sermon	"Whoever welcomes you welcomes me."	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

\* All who are able, please stand.

Hymn of Preparation	"One Bread, One Body"	Number 393
Offering Invitation		Lynda Himbury
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	Lynda Himbury
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	Lynda Himbury

## **GOING FORTH TO SERVE**

* Closing Hymn	"My Country, 'Tis of Thee"	Number 721
* Benediction		Pastor Stephen

Look for those opportunities to welcome and to be welcomed into deeper relationships with neighbors, with Christ, and with God.

Postlude	Amy Boatman, Accompanist
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*The flowers are in memory and celebration of two anniversaries...  
Marvin & Sharon Clark ~ July 4, 1975  
E.J. & Lynda Wilson ~ July 4, 1963*