

**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**

**Tuesday, September 12**

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

**Wednesday, September 13**

1:00 pm            Bell Choir Rehearsal  
 3:15 pm            Wildcat Wednesday!  
 4:45 pm            Beginner Bells  
 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**

September 10           Jacque Erner  
 September 10           Ron Kreger  
 September 10           Ann Mayse  
 September 10           Blake Johnson  
 September 12           Tracy Gregg  
 September 12           Marilyn Leming

**SERVING TODAY**

Elder:                      Stan Brown  
 Tech Team:                Karen Adams  
                                     Bobby Jorgenson

Deacons

Pat Morahan  
 Kathy Megee  
 Tracy Gregg

Tellers

Angie Novotny  
 Christy Thompson

**SERVING SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17**

Elder:                      Ron Kreger  
 Tech Team:                Karen Adams  
                                     William Adams

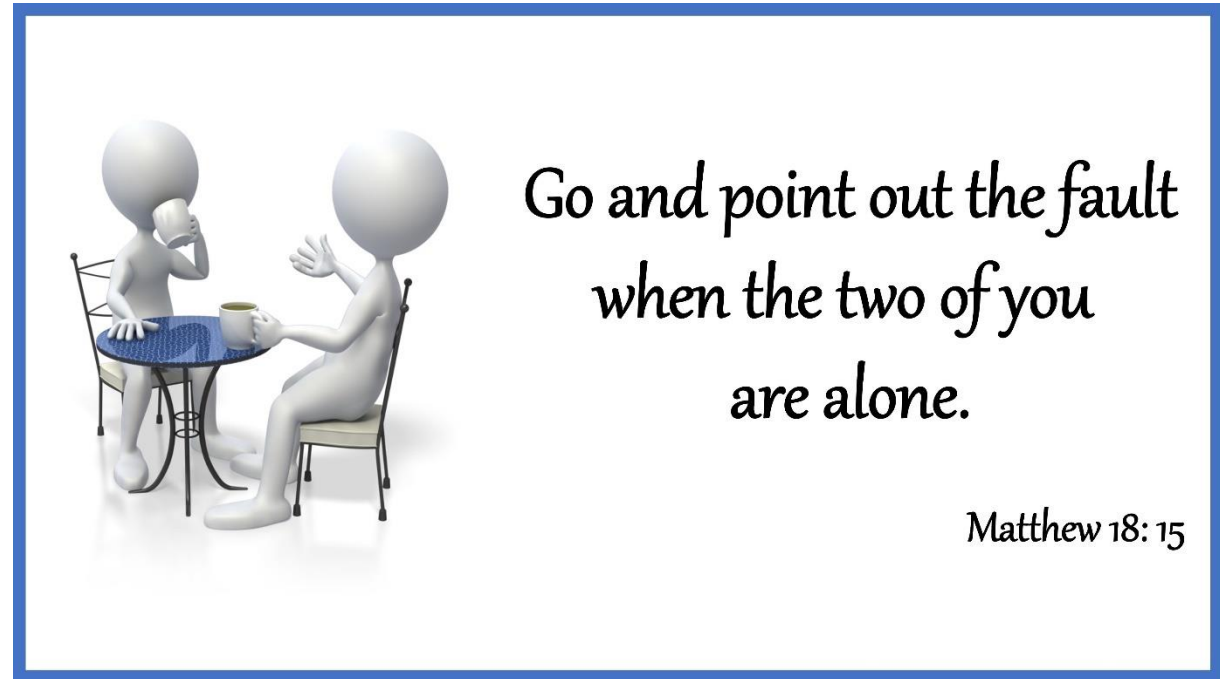
Deacons:

Bob Erner  
 Bobby Wilson  
 Pat Hicks

Tellers:

Becky Abel  
 Frances Coonrod  
 Patti Ziegenhain

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.



**First Christian Church**



(Disciples of Christ)

September 10, 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		Stan Brown, Elder
L:	As we come to this time of worship, whether in large numbers or in small, the Body of Christ takes on a new shape.	
P:	<b>Each time we come together as church our worship is a special gathering of community. It is unique for that time and place.</b>	
L:	Let us rejoice that we are part of today's gathering in which we celebrate the indwelling of the Spirit both in our worship, and in our lives.	
P:	<b>May our experience today sustain us until we gather once again for our continued journey as people of faith joining together as church.</b>	
* Invocation		Stan Brown
* Opening Hymn	"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"	Number 2

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

Chancel Choir	"Wonderful, Merciful Savior"	Rogers/Wyse
Psalter Reading	Psalms 119:33-40	Stan Brown
Hymn	"Help Us Accept Each Other"	Number 487
Scripture	Matthew 18:15-20	Pastor Stephen
Sermon	"If a member of the church sins against you..."	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>	

\* All who are able, please stand.

Prayers for God's Creation		Pastor Stephen
Invitation to Christ's Table		Pastor Stephen
Hymn of Preparation	"Come Share the Lord"	Number 408
Offering Invitation		Stan Brown
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		Stan Brown
Words of Institution		Pastor Stephen
Congregation Response:		
<b>By eating this bread and drinking this cup, we proclaim Christ's death, celebrate Christ's resurrection, and await Christ's coming again.</b>		

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	"Hope of the World"	Number 538 (1,3,5)
* Benediction		Pastor Stephen
Take from here the lessons of Christ's love into the world which is in need of grace.		

Postlude		Amy Boatman, Accompanist
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*The flowers are in celebration of Jacque Erner's birthday!*