

**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**

**Sunday, July 16**

6:00 pm                      Ice Cream Social

**Tuesday, July 18**

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

**Monday - Thursday**

4:45 pm                      Friendship Feast

**Monday - Sunday**

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

**UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS**

July 17                      Karen Adams  
 July 19                      Frances Edwards  
 July 21                      Dylan Ives

**UPCOMING ANNIVERSARIES**

July 22                      Ruth & Jerry Brace  
 July 22                      Becky & Gary Davis

**SERVING TODAY**

Elder:                      Marshall Basham  
 Tech Team:                      Karen Adams  
    Bobby Jorgenson

Deacons

Gabby Gregg  
 Christy Thompson  
 Angie Novotny

Tellers

Gabby Gregg  
 Christy Thompson

**SERVING SUNDAY, JULY 23**

Elder:                      Lynda Himbury  
 Tech Team:                      Karen Adams  
    Dylan Ives

Deacons:

Dave Bryan  
 Sheila Kirkpatrick  
 Allison Graham

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 of the center aisle.

**First Christian Church**



(Disciples of Christ)

July 16, 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	Connie Van Ausdall
Welcome and Announcements	Pastor Stephen
* Call to Worship	Marshall Basham, Elder

L: Like so many people around the world today,  
we have gathered together for a time of worship.

**P: Like so many others, we have come to hear  
lessons from scripture and to share in God's love.**

L: May this time together strengthen the roots of our faith  
that help us maintain our connection with the divine.

**P: Let us not be discouraged by the world's messages of fear.  
Let us celebrate what we know to be true, the good news of Christ.**

L: We shall sing. We shall pray. We shall consider God's word.

**P: We shall live as God's children and walk the path of Christ.**

* Invocation	Marshall Basham
* Opening Hymn	"What Is This Place" Number 289

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

Psalter Reading	Psalms 119:105-112	Marshall Basham
Hymn	"Wonderful Words of Life"	Number 323
Scripture	Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23	Pastor Stephen
Sermon	"Let anyone with ears listen!"	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.*

Prayers for God's Creation	Pastor Stephen
Invitation to Christ's Table	Pastor Stephen

\* All who are able, please stand.

Hymn of Preparation	"Seed, Scattered and Sown"	Number 395
Offering Invitation		Marshall Basham
Offertory		Connie Van Ausdall
* 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	Marshall Basham
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	Marshall Basham

### **GOING FORTH TO SERVE**

* Closing Hymn	"As Grain on Scattered Hillsides"	Number 491
* Benediction		Pastor Stephen
	Rejoice in the nurturing love of God our creator.	

Postlude	Connie Van Ausdall, Accompanist
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*The flowers are from John Adams in  
celebration of Karen Adams' birthday.*