

**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, MARCH 31**

4:00 pm    Sojourners Adult Ed. Class (ZOOM)  
6:30 pm    Bible Discussion

**TUESDAY, APRIL 1**

9:00 am    Workday (Tuesday Guys)  
10:30 am   Bible Discussion  
4:00 pm    Community Discussion Series  
7:00 pm    Community Discussion Series

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2**

5:15 pm    Choir Rehearsal  
6:30 pm    Handbell Rehearsal

**THURSDAY, APRIL 3**

12:00 pm   Disciples Women

**MONDAY - THURSDAY**

4:45 pm    Friendship Feast

**MONDAY - SUNDAY**

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

**UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS**

March 30                                    Cindy Gray  
March 31                                    Chuck Schneider  
April 3                                        Dave Bryan

**SERVING TODAY**

Elder:                                      Sandy Pendergraft  
Tech:                                        Karen Adams  
  Bobby Jorgenson

Deacons

Gabby Gregg  
Tracy Gregg  
Vicki Braden

Tellers

Ruth Brace  
Ted Impson

**SERVING SUNDAY, APRIL 6**

Elder:                                      JoAnne Robison  
Tech:                                        Karen Adams  
  Bobby Jorgenson

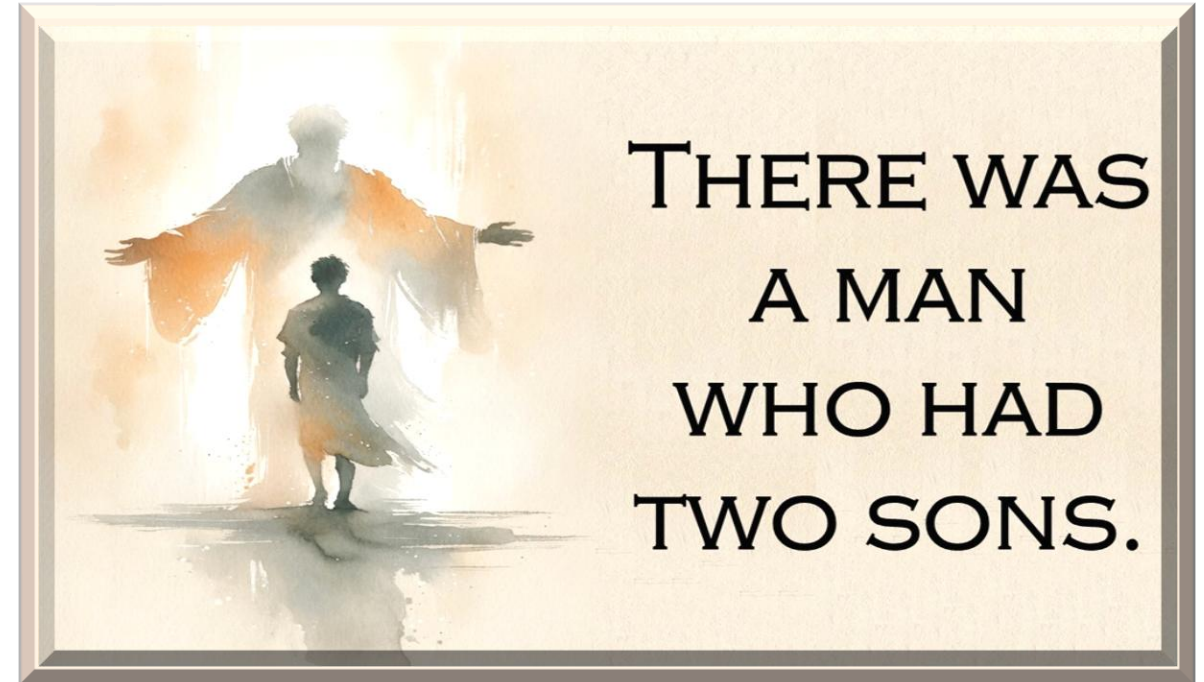
Deacons:

Doug Hart  
Jacque Hart  
Pauletta Beaty

Tellers:

Jerry Brace  
Frances Coonrod

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.



**FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH**



(DISCIPLES OF CHRIST)

March 30, 2025  
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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## **WE GATHER AS A COMMUNITY OF FAITH**

Prelude	"Spirit Song"	Amy Boatman
Welcome and Announcements	Pastor Stephen	
* Call to Worship		Sandy Pendergraft, Elder
L:	Each of us have traveled many of life's pathways, all of which have brought us to this community of faith.	
P:	<b>Some were nicely paved high-speed expressways, smooth and easy, flowing through majestic scenery.</b>	
L:	Other times we traversed rough terrain in relentlessly bad weather following treacherous trails that were rutted and sloppy.	
P:	<b>No matter the paths that brought us together, it is good to be welcomed into this place where yesterday does not matter as much as today.</b>	
L:	God's love welcomes each and every one of us. Let us celebrate God's goodness. Let us celebrate God's grace.	
* Invocation		Sandy Pendergraft
* Opening Hymn	"This Is a Day of New Beginnings"	Number 518
Anthem	"I Am Thine, O Lord" arr. David Lantz III	Chancel Choir

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

Psalter Reading	Psalms 32	Sandy Pendergraft
Hymn	"Amazing Grace"	Number 546
Scripture	Luke 15:11-32	Pastor Stephen
Sermon	"There was a man who had two sons."	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

Prayer for God's Creation		Pastor Stephen
Invitation to Christ's Table		Pastor Stephen
Hymn of Preparation	"I Come with Joy"	Number 420 (1,2,5)
Offering Invitation		Sandy Pendergraft
Offertory	"Where He Leads Me"	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		Sandy Pendergraft
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		Sandy Pendergraft

## **GOING FORTH TO SERVE**

* Closing Hymn	"Create in Me"	Number 519
* Benediction		Pastor Stephen
Know that there is always a way back to God's love.		

Postlude		Amy Boatman
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**HE WAS LOST, AND IS FOUND.**