

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, July 25

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

Wednesday, July 26

3:30 pm Church Council Meeting

Monday - Thursday

4:45 pm Friendship Feast

Monday - Sunday

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

UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS

July 26 Donetta Hicks

UPCOMING ANNIVERSARIES

July 23 Tina & Brad Beaty
 July 24 Judy & Curtis Bradley
 July 29 Barbara & Ted Impson

SERVING TODAY

Elder: Lynda Himbury
 Tech Team: Karen Adams
 Dylan Ives

Deacons

Dave Bryan
 Sheila Kirkpatrick
 Allison Graham

Tellers

Becky Abel
 Frances Coonrod
 Patti Ziegenhain

SERVING SUNDAY, JULY 30

♪ HYMN SING ♪

Elder: Stan Brown
 Tech Team: Karen Adams
 Arlene Stauffer

Deacons:

Pat Morahan
 Kathy Megee
 Gabby Gregg

Tellers:

Jerry Brace
 Jerry Helems
 Ted Impson

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.

**In gathering
 the weeds
 you would
 uproot the
 wheat.**



First Christian Church



(Disciples of Christ)

July 23, 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	Lynda Himbury, Elder

L: Our lives can be complex. The world we live in certainly is.

P: It helps to have a place where we can gather to share in the task of figuring things out.

L: While we might not have the answers to all of life's questions, we do have plenty of people who are willing to consider them together.

P: May God guide us in our pursuit of developing a deeper understanding of creation, our creator, and the mysteries of life.

L: Let this time of worship be another step in our journey of discovery.

P: Let this time of worship honor the revealing of God's truth in Christ.

* Invocation	Lynda Himbury
* Opening Hymn	"Gather Us In" Number 284

HEARING AND PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

Psalter Reading	Psalms 139:1-12, 23-24	Lynda Himbury
Hymn	"O Day of God, Draw Nigh"	Number 700
Scripture	Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43	Pastor Stephen
Sermon	"In gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat."	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
Hymn of Preparation	"In This Very Room" Number 295

* All who are able, please stand.

Offering Invitation	Lynda Himbury
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	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	"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"	Number 517
* Benediction	Pastor Stephen	

Let your love for your neighbor be expressed
by the words of your mouth and the actions of your heart.

Postlude	Connie Van Ausdall, Accompanist
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*The flowers are in celebration of
Ruth & Jerry Brace's anniversary.*