

**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, February 27**

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

**Wednesday, February 28**

3:30 pm                      Council Meeting

**Monday - Thursday**

4:45 pm                      Friendship Feast

**Monday - Sunday**

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

**UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS**

February 26                      Toni Kreger  
 February 27                      Jana Fredricks  
 March 1                              Judy Basham  
 March 1                              Becky Helems

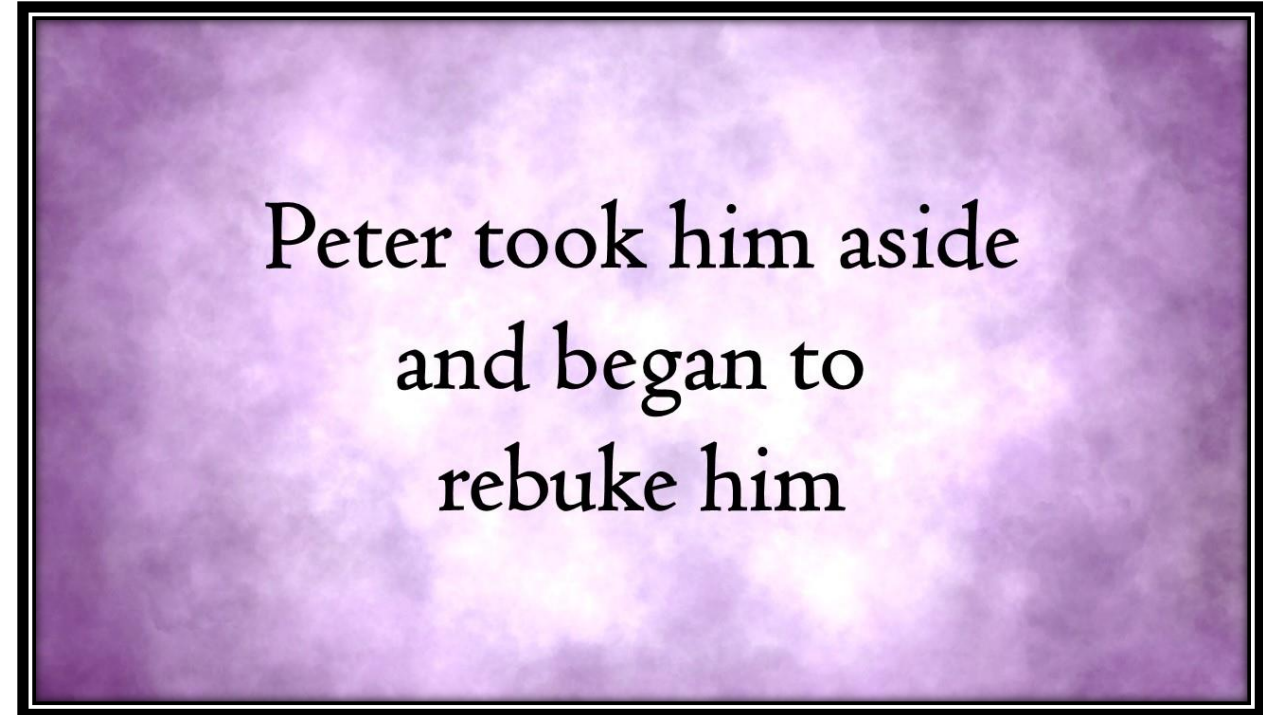
**SERVING TODAY**

Elder:                              JoAnne Robison  
 Tech:                                Karen Adams  
  
Deacons                              Tellers  
 Dave Bryan                              Jerry Brace  
 Pat Hicks                                Frances Coonrod

**SERVING SUNDAY, MARCH 3**

Elder:                                Jeff Shelton  
 Tech:                                Karen Adams  
  
Deacons:                              Tellers:  
 Rusty Benson                              Becky Abel  
 Deb Hagler                                Patti Ziegenhain  
 Diann Benson

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)

February 25, 2024

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

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## ***WE GATHER AS A COMMUNITY OF FAITH***

Prelude		
Welcome and Announcements		Pastor Stephen
* Call to Worship		JoAnne Robison, Elder
L:	Together, let our voices sing out our joy for life and love of God in songs of praise.	
P:	<b>May the air be filled with our adoration and gratitude.</b>	
L:	Together, let our hearts be moved by the Spirit which guides us in our understanding and our knowing.	
P:	<b>May our souls be nurtured and tended to in divine care that we might embody grace and exhibit compassion.</b>	
L:	Together, let us break bread and share the cup as we acknowledge our need for reconciliation.	
P:	<b>May our bodies work together as the manifestation of Christ's healing presence in our community.</b>	
L:	Together, let us join in worshiping God.	
* Invocation		JoAnne Robison
* Opening Hymn	"O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"	Number 5

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

Psalter Reading	Psalm 22:23-31	JoAnne Robison
Hymn	"Where He Leads Me"	Number 346
Scripture	Mark 8:31-38	Pastor Stephen
Sermon	"Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him."	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

\* All who are able, please stand.

Invitation to Christ's Table		Pastor Stephen
Hymn of Preparation	"Be Still, My Soul"	Number 566
Offering Invitation		JoAnne Robison
Offertory		
* Doxology		Number 46
	<b>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</b>	
* Prayer for the Offering and Communion Elements		JoAnne Robison
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:		
	<b>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.</b>	
Partaking of the Elements		Pastor Stephen
Prayer of Thanksgiving		JoAnne Robison

## ***GOING FORTH TO SERVE***

* Closing Hymn	"I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"	Number 344
* Benediction		Pastor Stephen
	Allow the peace of Christ to flow from you to the world.	

Postlude

The flowers are in honor of Toni Kreger's birthday!