

**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 17**

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

**Wednesday, September 18**

2:00 pm                      SFRT Meeting

**Monday - Thursday**

4:45 pm                      Friendship Feast

**Monday - Sunday**

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

**UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS**

September 21                      Diann Benson  
 September 21                      Charles Ziegenhain

**UPCOMING ANNIVERSARIES**

September 20                      Linda & Glenn Willison

**SERVING TODAY**

Elder:                                      Stan Brown  
 Tech:                                        Karen Adams

Deacons

Dave Bryan  
 Pat Hicks

Tellers

Sandy Pendergraft  
 Bobby Jorgenson

**SERVING SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22**

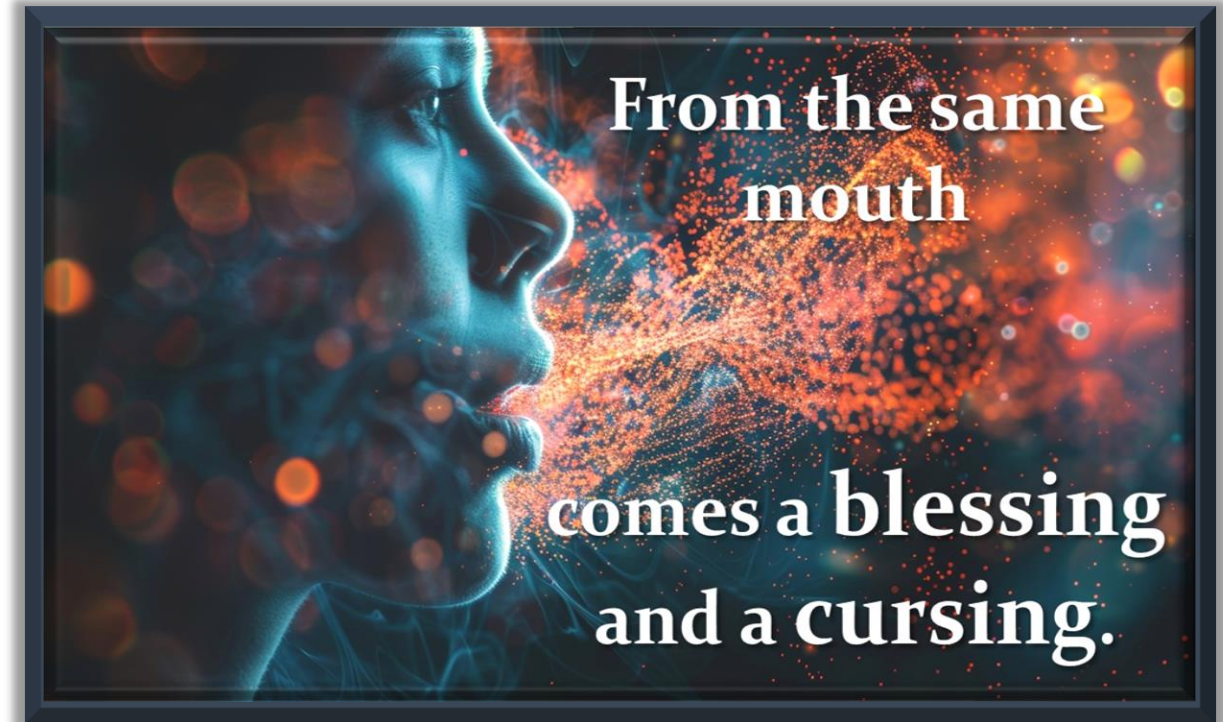
Elder:                                      Lynda Himbury  
 Tech:                                        Karen Adams

Deacons:

Pat Gray  
 Deb Hagler  
 Cindy Gray

Tellers:

Marshall Basham  
 Nancy Stevenson



**FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH**



(DISCIPLES OF CHRIST)

September 15, 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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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.

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

Prelude "We Are an Offering" Amy Boatman  
Welcome and Announcements Pastor Stephen  
\* Call to Worship Stan Brown, Elder

L: Some critics of church goers have at times  
accused the faithful of thinking they are perfect.

P: **Well, they haven't visited this church.  
We will be the first to tell you that we are not perfect!**

L: No, not in our actions and not in our thoughts.  
But we are trying to be better people as we grow in our faith.

P: **Let us continue to seek a better way of life in Christ  
as we gather in community listening for the wisdom of God.**

\* Invocation Stan Brown  
\* Opening Hymn "Be Thou My Vision" Number 595

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

Psalter Reading Psalm 19:7-14 Stan Brown  
Hymn "Lead Me, Guide Me" Number 583  
Scripture James 3:1-12 Pastor Stephen  
Sermon "From the same mouth comes a blessing and a cursing." Pastor Stephen

## **RESPONDING TO THE WORD OF GOD**

Invitation to Discipleship Pastor Stephen  
*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.*

Time of Reflection "He Is Exalted" Amy Boatman  
Prayers for God's Creation Pastor Stephen  
Invitation to Christ's Table Pastor Stephen  
Hymn of Preparation "Here at Thy Table, Lord" Number 384

\* All who are able, please stand

Offering Invitation Stan Brown  
Offertory "Let There Be Glory and Honor and Praises" 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:

**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 Stan Brown

## **GOING FORTH TO SERVE**

\* Closing Hymn "Standing in the Need of Prayer" Number 579  
\* Benediction Pastor Stephen  
Lead with grace. Follow with humility.  
May God's peace be with you always.

Postlude Amy Boatman

The flowers are in memory and celebration of  
Mary Lou Bryan's birthday!