

The flowers are given in celebratory memory of Philip and Rosalee Corbin's wedding anniversary from Robert and Lois Corbin.

SUNDAY OPPORTUNITIES TO WORSHIP, LEARN & FELLOWSHIP

8:30 a.m. Worship in the Chapel
9:30 a.m. Sunday School Classes
Adults:
Inquirers (in person and ZOOM) (1st floor)
Sojourners (in person and ZOOM) (1st floor)
Challengers (in person and ZOOM) (3rd Floor)
Children:
2nd - 6th Grade (2nd floor)
11:00 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary

THE WEEK AHEAD

SERVING TODAY

Tuesday, December 21
9:00am Workday (Tuesday Guys)
Friday, December 24
5:30pm Christmas Eve Service
Saturday, December 25
MERRY CHRISTMAS!!

Elder: Krista Valentine
Tech Team: Karen Adams
 Bobby Jorgenson
Greeters: Pauletta Beaty
 Ralph Beaty

Monday - Thursday
5:00pm Friendship Feast
Monday - Wednesday - Thursday
7:00pm Narcotics Anonymous

SERVING SUNDAY, DECEMBER 26
Elder: Diann Benson
Tech Team: Karen Adams
 Sarah Orr
Greeters: Ed Newport
 Charles Smith



Communion wafers free of gluten, wheat, dairy, egg, soy, nut, yeast, and corn are available in small plastic bags near the entrances of the Chapel and Sanctuary.

Large print bulletins and hymnals are available upon request. Hearing amplification devices are also available.

A staffed nursery for infants and toddlers is available during the 11:00 a.m. worship service and is located on the 1st floor by the elevator.



FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH



(Disciples of Christ)

December 19, 2021

11:00 a.m.

*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.*

REV. STEPHEN JOHNSON, SR. PASTOR
ANDREW ORR, MINISTER OF MUSIC

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WE GATHER AS A COMMUNITY OF FAITH

- Prelude
- Welcome and Announcements Pastor Stephen
- * Call to Worship Krista Valentine, Elder
- L: It is the final Sunday before Christmas. The wait is almost over!
The longest nights of the year are upon us, leaving maximum time
for the festive lights to shine out to announce the coming of the Christ Child.
- P: We have prepared our hearts to receive the gift of God's grace.
Our mountains are made low; our valleys have been filled in.
Our crooked and rough roads have been straightened and smoothed.**
- L: With the work of preparation behind us, it is time to enjoy
the beauty of the season of giving to its fullest.
It is time to celebrate the coming of our redemption in Christ.
- P: Let the music continue to ring out.
Let the aroma of sugar and spice fill the air.
Let the love of God spread everywhere.**
- * Invocation Krista Valentine
- * Opening Hymn "Joy to the World" Number 143 (all)
- Passing of Our Presence Video Presentation

HEARING AND PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

- Children's Moment Pastor Stephen
- Advent Candle Reading Karyn Sledge & Nancy Stevenson
- Response Micah 5:2-5a
- Lighting the Candle of Love "Wait for the Lord" (On the screen)
- Response "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" Number 119 (vs. 4)
- Hymn "My Soul Gives Glory to My God" Number 130 (all)
- Scripture Luke 1:39-45 Pastor Stephen
- Sermon "The child leaped in her womb." Pastor Stephen



Thank you for wearing a mask today!

* All who are able, please stand.

RESPONDING TO THE WORD OF GOD

- Invitation to Discipleship and Reflection 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.*
- Prayers for God's Creation Pastor Stephen
- Invitation to Christ's Table Pastor Stephen
- Hymn of Preparation "There's a Song in the Air!" Number 159 (all)
- Offering Invitation Krista Valentine
- * 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 Krista Valentine
- Words of Institution Pastor Stephen
- Congregation Response, followed by *The Lord's Prayer*
- 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: Number 310 (all)
- Our Father, in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil,
for the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever.**
- Partaking of the Elements Pastor Stephen
- Prayer of Thanksgiving Krista Valentine
- GOING FORTH TO SERVE**
- * Closing Hymn "It Came upon the Midnight Clear" Number 153 (vs. 4)
- * Benediction Pastor Stephen
- Greet the arrival of Christ in the world with an open heart.
Let God's love flow into you, and through you,
to bless the lives of those you encounter in all your days.
- Postlude Connie Van Ausdall, Accompanist