

**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, May 7**

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

**Wednesday, May 8**

4:00 pm                      Elder's Meeting

**Monday - Thursday**

4:45 pm                      Friendship Feast

**Monday - Sunday**

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

**Lincoln Elementary  
 School Concert  
 May 14<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm  
 (in the sanctuary)**

**UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS**

May 7                              Rusty Benson  
 May 10                             Pat Boyer  
 May 10                             Zoey Waggoner

**UPCOMING ANNIVERSARIES**

May 9                              Paul Muehlberg & Terron Liles

**SERVING TODAY**

Elder:                              Lynda Himbury  
 Tech:                                Karen Adams  
  
Deacons                              Tellers  
 Tracy Gregg                              Marshall Basham  
 E.J. Wilson                                Nancy Stevenson  
 Vicki Braden

**SERVING SUNDAY, MAY 12**

Elder:                                Ron Kreger  
 Tech:                                Karen Adams  
  
Deacons:                              Tellers:  
 Dave Bryan                                Stan Brown  
 Pat Hicks                                 Chuck Schneider  
     Bobby Wilson

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)

May 5, 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 Lynda Himbury, Elder
- L: Welcome to this moment of worship in which we express our faith through song, prayer, reflection, and dedication.
- P: Our faith proclaims our hopes and dreams for a better world. Our faith acknowledges our need for a guide to realize our desires.**
- L: We come with confidence that following Christ is a way for us to bring about the changes in our lives and in the world that offer us the opportunity to reconcile our reality with our calling.
- P: Let this time of worship lead us deeper into our relationship with God's Spirit and sustain us in our quest for universal love.**
- \* Invocation Lynda Himbury
- \* Opening Hymn "Christians, We Have Met to Worship" Number 277

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

- Psalter Reading Psalm 98 Lynda Himbury
- Hymn "For the Healing of the Nations" Number 669
- Scripture 1<sup>st</sup> John 5:1-6 Pastor Stephen
- Sermon "For the Spirit is the truth." Pastor Stephen

## ***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

\* All who are able, please stand

- Hymn of Preparation "Take Time to Be Holy" Number 572
- Offering Invitation Lynda Himbury
- Offertory "Lord, I Want to Be a Christian"  
*Sheila Kirkpatrick, Pastor Stephen, Christy Thompson, Jan Thompson*
- \* 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 "I've Got Peace Like a River" Number 530
- \* Benediction Pastor Stephen
- Let your love of God carry you boldly into the world as you proclaim your faith by your active love for all creation.

Postlude

THE SPIRIT IS THE TRUTH