

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, April 30

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

Thursday, May 2

12:00 pm Disciples Women

Monday - Thursday

4:45 pm Friendship Feast

Monday - Sunday

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

UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS

April 29 Bill Leming
April 30 Kathy Megee
May 1 Claire Russell
May 1 Betty Thompson
May 3 John Adams
May 3 Curtis Bradley
May 4 William Adams

UPCOMING ANNIVERSARIES

April 28 Karen & Darrell Backhaus

SERVING TODAY

Elder: Lester Freeman
Tech: Karen Adams

Deacons

Doug Hart
Jacque Hart

Tellers

Sandy Pendergraft
Bobby Jorgenson

SERVING SUNDAY, MAY 5

Elder: Lynda Himbury
Tech: Karen Adams

Deacons:

Tracy Gregg
E.J. Wilson
Vicki Braden

Tellers:

Marshall Basham
Nancy Stevenson

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)

April 28, 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 Lester Freeman, Elder

L: God's love has drawn us together in this place of community worship and the greetings we receive from others are expressions that love.

P: **It is the love of God which leads us in worship and inspires our songs of praise and the prayers of our hearts.**

L: We ponder scriptures inspired by God's love for us and we respond by committing to live as Christians, knowing that God's love is demonstrated to us in the bread and cup we share.

P: **As the love of God sends us from this place and leads us through life, our faith is expressed and demonstrated through our love for others.**

* Invocation Lester Freeman
* Opening Hymn "Thine Is the Glory" Number 218

HEARING AND PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

Psalter Reading Psalm 22:25-31 Lester Freeman
Hymn "The Gift of Love" Number 526
Scripture 1st John 4:7-21 Pastor Stephen
Sermon "If we love one another, God lives in us." 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 "Breathe on Me, Breath of God" Number 254
Offering Invitation Lester Freeman
Offertory
* 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 Lester Freeman
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 Lester Freeman

GOING FORTH TO SERVE

* Closing Hymn "Take My Life" Number 609 (1,2,6)
* Benediction Pastor Stephen
May it be abundantly clear by your love for others
that God abides in you.

Postlude

