

**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, October 10**

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

**Wednesday, October 11**

1:00 pm                      Bell Choir Rehearsal  
 3:15 pm                      Wildcat Wednesday!  
 4:00 pm                      Elder's Meeting  
 4:45 pm                      Beginner Bells  
 6:30 pm                      Chancel Choir Rehearsal

**Monday - Thursday**

4:45 pm                      Friendship Feast

**Monday - Sunday**

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

**SERVING TODAY**

Elder:                              Marshall Basham  
 Tech Team:                        Karen Adams  
    Bobby Jorgenson

Deacons

John Adams  
 William Adams  
 Angie Novotny

Tellers

Todd Sheffield  
 Bobby Jorgenson

**SERVING SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15**

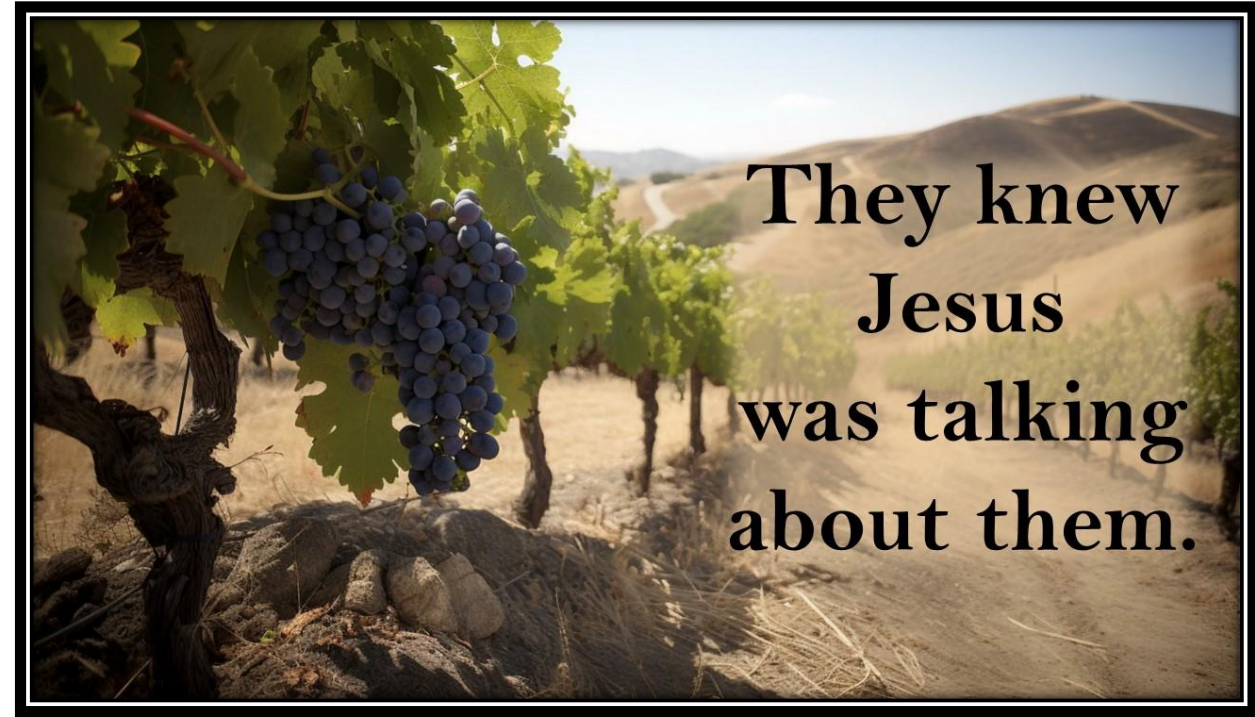
Elder:                              Jerry Brace  
 Tech Team:                        Gabby Gregg  
    Bobby Jorgenson

Deacons:

Dave Bryan  
 Sheila Kirkpatrick  
 Allison Graham

Tellers:

Marshall Basham  
 Nancy Stevenson



**First Christian Church**



(Disciples of Christ)

October 8, 2023  
 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  
 AMY BOATMAN, MUSIC DIRECTOR

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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 located in the basket by the post in the center aisle.

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

Prelude		Amy Boatman
Welcome and Announcements		Pastor Stephen
* Call to Worship		Marshall Basham, Elder
L:	Let us come together as a community of faith, dedicating ourselves to the act of giving praise to God and listening for the guidance of the Spirit.	
P:	<b>We are waiting expectantly for good news to be shared with all who gather this day. We rejoice at the revelation of God's message.</b>	
L:	May what we experience here today enhance our understanding of what it is to live in God's grace and under God's care.	
P:	<b>May our lives honor the gift of God's unending love that has come to be known to us and to many through the redeemer of the world, Christ Jesus.</b>	
* Invocation		Marshall Basham
* Opening Hymn	"My Hope Is Built"	Number 537

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

Chancel Choir	"I'll Fly Away"	Albert E. Brumley
Psalter Reading	Psalms 19	Marshall Basham
Hymn	"Rock of Ages"	Number 214
Scripture	Matthew 21:33-46	Pastor Stephen
Sermon	"They knew Jesus was talking about them."	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>		

\* All who are able, please stand.

Prayers for God's Creation		Pastor Stephen
Invitation to Christ's Table		Pastor Stephen
Hymn of Preparation	"Bread of the World, in Mercy Broken"	Number 387
Offering Invitation		Marshall Basham
Offertory		Amy Boatman
* 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		Marshall Basham
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		Marshall Basham
<b>GOING FORTH TO SERVE</b>		
* Closing Hymn	"My Life Flows On"	Number 619
* Benediction		Pastor Stephen
Let the abundance of God's love flow from you to the world.		
Postlude		Amy Boatman, Accompanist

*The flowers are from Nancy Stevenson in honor and celebration of her mother Darleen Brown.*