

**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



Scan to give electronically!  
 Or go to  
[www.fccponcacity.com](http://www.fccponcacity.com)

**THE WEEK AHEAD**

**Tuesday, August 29**

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

**Wednesday, August 30**

2:00 pm                      Trustees Meeting  
 6:30 pm                      Chancel Choir Rehearsal

**Monday - Thursday**

4:45 pm                      Friendship Feast

**Monday - Sunday**

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

**UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS**

August 28                      Skyra Rhodd  
 August 29                      Marvin Clark  
 August 29                      Chris Valentine  
 September 2                      Richard Himbury  
 September 2                      Bobby Jorgenson

**UPCOMING ANNIVERSARIES**

August 31                      Diann & Rusty Benson  
 August 31                      Janna & Tracy Gregg  
 September 1                      Jacque & Doug Hart

**SERVING TODAY**

Elder:                              Lester Freeman  
 Tech Team:                      Karen Adams

Deacons

John Adams  
 William Adams  
 Angie Novotny

Tellers

Stan Brown  
 Chuck Schneider  
 Bobby Wilson

**SERVING SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3**

Elder:                              Jerry Brace  
 Tech Team:                      Karen Adams

Deacons:

Dave Bryan  
 Sheila Kirkpatrick  
 Allison Graham

Tellers:

Ruth Brace  
 Jeri Waller

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.



**BUT WHO DO YOU  
 SAY THAT I AM?**

Matthew 16: 15

**First Christian Church**



(Disciples of Christ)

August 27, 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

580.762.1667 [connect@fccponcacity.com](mailto:connect@fccponcacity.com)  
[www.fccponcacity.com](http://www.fccponcacity.com)

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

Prelude		Amy Boatman
Welcome and Announcements		Pastor Stephen
* Call to Worship		Lester Freeman, Elder
L:	We come to this place of worship, to this place of community, seeking an encounter with the presence of Christ.	
P:	<b>As many different people who arrive for worship, there are as many different needs that are met.</b>	
L:	As many different times as we each worship, there are as many different experiences of Christ.	
P:	<b>Some of us experience healing. Some of us find a friend.</b>	
L:	Some of us long for a parental figure. Some of us need an advocate.	
P:	<b>Some of us benefit from wisdom. Some of us receive unconditional love.</b>	
L:	All of us encounter an unexpected form of the Divine. We are blessed in ways we could not have predicted.	
P:	<b>Let us offer our gratitude and praise to Christ, an unending presence, who can meet us and fulfill us in so many surprising and different ways.</b>	
* Invocation		Lester Freeman
* Opening Hymn	"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"	Number 91 (1,3,5)

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

Chancel Choir	"Amazing Love! Amazing Grace!"	Earlene Rentz
Psalter Reading	Psalm 124	Lester Freeman
Hymn	"Seek Ye First"	Number 354
Scripture	Matthew 16:13-20	Pastor Stephen
Sermon	"But who do you say that I am?"	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	"I Come with Joy"	Number 420
Offering Invitation		Lester Freeman
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		Lester Freeman
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		Lester Freeman
<b>GOING FORTH TO SERVE</b>		
* Closing Hymn	"Bind Us Together"	On the Screen
* Benediction		Pastor Stephen
Go forth acknowledging your real power to be the presence of Christ in the lives of others.		
Postlude		Amy Boatman, Accompanist

*The flowers are in celebration of Arlene & Kim Stauffer's anniversary!*