

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)
 Sojourners (in person and ZOOM) (1st floor)
 Challengers (in person and ZOOM) (3rd floor)
 Children:
 2nd – 6th Grade (2nd floor)
11:00 am Worship in the Sanctuary



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THE WEEK AHEAD

Tuesday, April 26

9:00 am Workday (Tuesday Guys)

Wednesday, April 27

4:00 pm Council Meeting
7:00 pm Chancel Choir

Thursday, April 28

10:00 am Grant Writing Seminar
6:00 pm Bell Choir

Monday - Thursday

5:00 pm Friendship Feast

Monday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday

7:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous
(Saturdays @ noon)

UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS

April 24 Julie Sheffield
April 29 Bill Leming
April 30 Kathy Megee

UPCOMING ANNIVERSARIES

April 24 Linda & Ed Halverson
April 28 Karen & Darrell Backhaus

SERVING TODAY

Elder: Nancy Stevenson
Tech Team: Karen Adams
 Bobby Jorgenson

Deacons:

Ed Newport
Terry Heyer
John Adams

Tellers:

Sheila Kirkpatrick
Betty Kreger
Marta Sullivan

SERVING SUNDAY, MAY 1

Elder: Frances Coonrod
Tech Team: Karen Adams
 Dylan Ives
Guest Pastor: Rev. Michael Davison

Deacons:

Bobby Wilson
Betty Kreger
Janice Richter

Tellers:

Sheila Kirkpatrick
Betty Kreger
Marta Sullivan

Pastor Stephen will be on vacation from 4/27-5/4.

Arlene Stauffer will be on vacation from 4/29-5/8.

The church office will be closed on Friday, April 29



FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH



(Disciples of Christ)

April 24, 2022

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.*

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		Nancy Stevenson, Elder
L: Today, we gather as Easter people continuing our celebration of the resurrection.		
P: Yet, much of the world continues to live in fear, suffering under oppression and the threat of violence.		
L: We have hope in the redemption of the world and we pray the peace of Christ may come to people everywhere.		
P: May God's Holy Spirit guide the world to an existence of compassion and understanding among all of humanity.		
L: Let the love of God be revealed to all of creation through the living body of Christ that is God's church.		
P: May this time of devotion help strengthen our faith as we celebrate God's ongoing grace through our worship.		
* Invocation		Nancy Stevenson
Opening Hymn	"Crown Him with Many Crowns"	Number 234 (all)
Passing of our Presence		Video Presentation

HEARING AND PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

Children's Moment		Pastor Stephen
Chancel Choir	"Hymn of Triumph"	by Craig Curry
Psalter Reading	Psalms 118:14-29 (<i>New Century Version</i>)	Nancy Stevenson
Hymn	"Without Seeing You"	on the screen
Scripture	John 20:19-31	Pastor Stephen
Sermon	"We have seen the Lord."	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>		

Prayers for God's Creation		Pastor Stephen
Invitation to Christ's Table		Pastor Stephen
Hymn of Preparation	"Now the Green Blade Rises"	Number 230 (all)
Offering Invitation		Nancy Stevenson
* 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		Nancy Stevenson
Words of Institution		Pastor Stephen
Congregation Response, followed by <i>The Lord's Prayer</i>		
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		Nancy Stevenson

GOING FORTH TO SERVE

* Closing Hymn	"He Lives!"	Number 226
* Benediction		Pastor Stephen
With the power of the Holy Spirit to strengthen you, carry the forgiveness of Christ into the world.		

Postlude		Connie Van Ausdall, Accompanist
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The flowers are in celebration of Karen & Darrell Backhaus' anniversary!

* All who are able, please stand