

**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**

**Sunday, April 14**

Noon                      Fellowship Luncheon

**Tuesday, April 16**

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

**Wednesday, April 17**

2:00 pm                  SFRT Meeting

**Monday - Thursday**

4:45 pm                  Friendship Feast

**Monday - Sunday**

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

**SERVING TODAY**

Elder:                      Stan Brown  
Tech:                      Karen Adams  
Deacons                      Tellers  
Rusty Benson              Frances Coonrod  
Becky Abel  
Diann Benson

**SERVING SUNDAY, APRIL 21**

Elder:                      Frances Coonrod  
Tech:                      Karen Adams  
Deacons:                      Tellers:  
Cliff Poet                      Jerry Helems  
Donetta Hicks              Ted Impson  
Pauletta Beaty

**UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS**

April 17                      Arlene Stauffer



... let's celebrate ...  
Angela & Pastor Stephen  
Fellowship Lunch-April 14, 2024  
(immediately following the 11 o'clock service)

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 14, 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 Stan Brown, Elder
- L: Come together as sisters and brothers and celebrate that we are children of God, children of creation.
- P: We come to worship this morning and honor the blessing of life that we experience each and every day.**
- L: Let us commit ourselves to truly seeing the world this day, and every day from the perspective of the divine.
- P: Let the Spirit of God transform our hearts that we might truly live in Christ.**
- \* Invocation Stan Brown  
\* Opening Hymn "We Gather Together" Number 276

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

- Anthem "The Gift of Love" arr. Hal Hopson  
Psalter Reading Psalm 4 Stan Brown  
Hymn "What Wondrous Love Is This" Number 200 (1,3,4)  
Scripture 1<sup>st</sup> John 3:1-7 Pastor Stephen  
Sermon "See what love God has given 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 "In the Garden" Number 227  
Offering Invitation Stan Brown  
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 Stan Brown  
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 Stan Brown
- GOING FORTH TO SERVE***
- \* Closing Hymn "Go, My Children, with my Blessing" Number 431  
\* Benediction Pastor Stephen
- Continue to seek the path of righteousness.  
Continue to abide in Christ.
- Postlude

Flowers are in celebration of Louise Willison's birthday!