

**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, November 7**

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

**Wednesday, November 8**

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)

**UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS**

November 9                      Madux Johnson

**UPCOMING ANNIVERSARIES**

November 8                      Jacque & Robert Erner  
 November 10                      Toni & Ron Kreger

**SERVING TODAY**

Elder:                                      Lois Corbin  
 Tech Team:                                      Karen Adams

Deacons

Ed Newport  
 Jeri Waller  
 Christy Thompson

Tellers

Gabby Gregg  
 Christy Thompson

**SERVING SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12**

Elder:                                      Lester Freeman  
 Tech Team:                                      Karen Adams

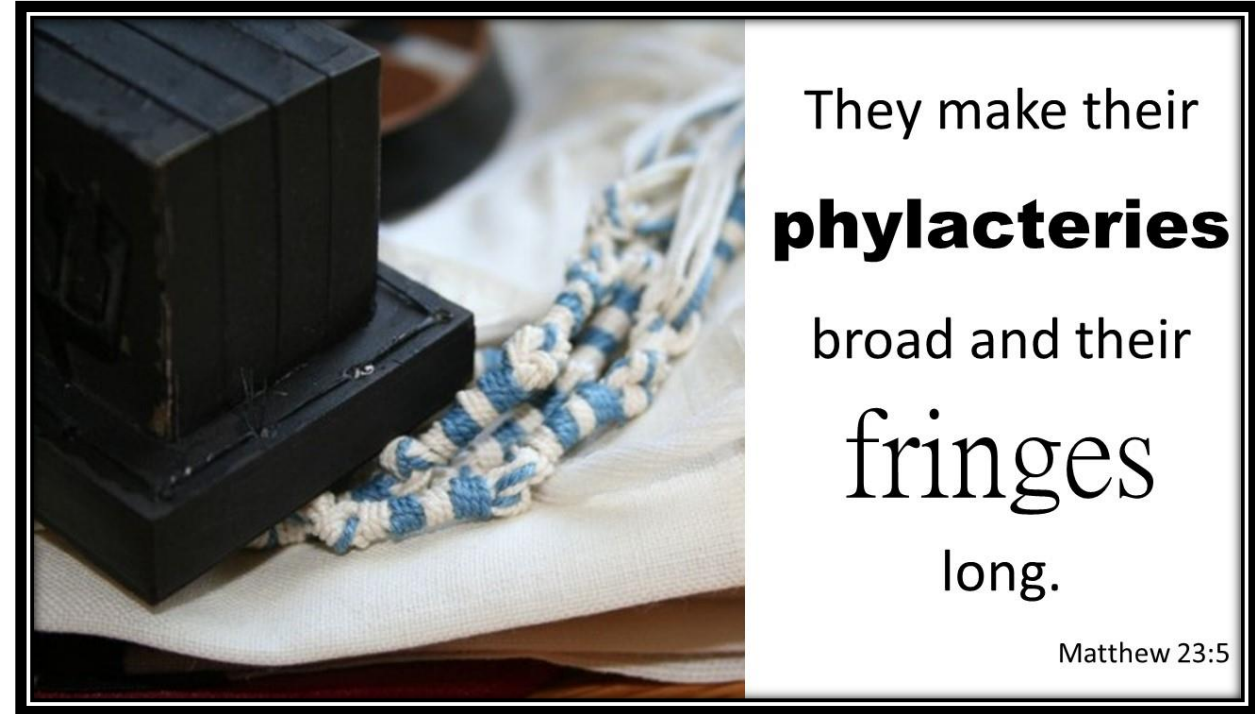
Deacons:

Vicki Braden  
 Diann Benson  
 Krista Valentine

Tellers:

Becky Abel  
 Frances Coonrod  
 Patti Ziegenhain

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.



They make their  
**phylacteries**  
 broad and their  
 fringes  
 long.

Matthew 23:5

**First Christian Church**



(Disciples of Christ)

November 5, 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

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

Prelude Amy Boatman  
Welcome and Announcements Pastor Stephen  
\* Call to Worship Lois Corbin, Elder

L: Come and worship the creator of all things.

**P: We offer praise through prayer and song  
to the One who brought us into being.**

L: Come and worship the source of all knowledge.

**P: We gather to study and contemplate the readings  
from the traditions of the faithful, and to build on their teachings.**

L: Come and worship in the example of true living.

**P: We strive to emulate the attitudes and behaviors of Christ  
who shows us what it is to live in love and compassion.**

\* Invocation Lois Corbin  
\* Opening Hymn "How Firm a Foundation" Number 618 (1, 2, 5)  
Recognition of All Saints Pastor Stephen

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

Chancel Choir "The Prayer *with* Lead Us, Lord" Sager/Foster  
Psalter Reading Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17 Lois Corbin  
Hymn "Open My Eyes, That I May See" Number 586  
Scripture Matthew 23:1-12 Pastor Stephen  
Sermon Pastor Stephen  
"They make their phylacteries broad and their fringes long."

### **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  
Stewardship Campaign On the Screen

\* All who are able, please stand.

Invitation to Christ's Table Pastor Stephen  
Hymn of Preparation "I Come with Joy" Number 420  
Offering Invitation Lois Corbin  
Offertory Amy Boatman  
\* 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 Lois Corbin  
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 Lois Corbin

### **GOING FORTH TO SERVE**

\* Closing Hymn "I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me" Number 614  
\* Benediction Pastor Stephen  
May the Spirit guide you in your living  
that you may love wholeheartedly in all you do.

Postlude Amy Boatman, Accompanist

The flowers are in celebration  
of Bob Corbin and his mother  
Rosalee's birthdays.

The flowers are in memory  
and celebration of Larry  
Chitwood's birthday.