

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)
 Challengers (in person) (3rd floor)
 Children:
 2nd – 6th Grade (2nd floor)
 10:30 am Fellowship Time (coffee & donuts)
 11:00 am Worship in the Sanctuary



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THE WEEK AHEAD

Tuesday, January 9

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

Wednesday, January 10

3:15 pm Wildcat Wednesday!
 4:00 pm Elder's Meeting

Monday - Thursday

4:45 pm Friendship Feast

Monday - Sunday

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

UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS

January 8 Joyce Ketcher
 January 9 Wilma Wilkins
 January 13 Bailey Johnson

SERVING TODAY

Elder: Marshall Basham
 Tech Team: Karen Adams

Deacons
 Kathy Megee

Tellers
 Becky Abel
 Frances Coonrod
 Patti Ziegenhain

SERVING SUNDAY, JANUARY 14

Elder: Frances Coonrod
 Tech Team: Karen Adams

Deacons:
 Bob Erner
 Bobby Wilson
 Pat Hicks

Tellers:
 Jerry Brace
 Jerry Helems
 Ted Impson

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.



First Christian Church



(Disciples of Christ)

January 7, 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 Amy Boatman
Welcome and Announcements Pastor Stephen
* Call to Worship Marshall Basham, Elder
- L: Gather together as we continue the story of Christmas.
Hear how the magi arrived in Jerusalem from the East.
Hear how they sought to honor a child born king of the Jews.
- P: We wait expectantly for the unfolding of the story that tells us
how the knowledge of Christ was revealed to the world.**
- L: While this story began long ago in Judea, it is a story that has no ending.
Christ continues to be revealed to the world in unexpected ways.
- P: As the magi offered gifts to pay homage to the Christ child,
we offer ourselves to God as participants in the story of Christ
spreading God's love throughout the world in human form.**
- L: Let us worship God today and let us live every day as the body of Christ.
- * Invocation Marshall Basham
* Opening Hymn "Good Christian Friends, Rejoice" Number 164

HEARING AND PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

- Psalter Reading Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14 Marshall Basham
Hymn "We Three Kings" Number 172
Scripture Matthew 2:1-12 Pastor Stephen
Sermon "We have come to pay him homage." 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
Hymn of Preparation "As with Gladness" Number 173

* All who are able, please stand.

- Offering Invitation Marshall Basham
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 Marshall Basham
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 Marshall Basham

GOING FORTH TO SERVE

- * Special Music "Jesus, Oh, What a Wonderful Child" Arr. Lloyd Larson
Christy Thompson, Patti Ziegenhain, and Connie Van Ausdall
* Benediction Pastor Stephen
- Go forth as the body of Christ,
revealing the truth of God's love and grace
to those who have yet to hear the good news.

- Postlude Amy Boatman, Accompanist

The flowers are given in honor of Bob Willison's
birthday from the Willison family.