

**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, February 13**

*Election Day*

9:00 am                      Workday (Tuesday Guys)  
10:30 am                      Bible Discussion  
4:00 pm                      Sojourners Adult Ed. Class (ZOOM)  
6:30 pm                      Elder's Meeting

**Wednesday, February 14**

*Ash Wednesday †*

*Happy Valentine's Day! ♡*

5:30 pm                      Ash Wednesday Service

**Monday - Thursday**

4:45 pm                      Friendship Feast

**Monday - Sunday**

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

**UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS**

February 11                      Vicki Braden  
February 11                      Roberta Streeter  
February 13                      Frances Coonrod  
February 13                      Allison Graham

**UPCOMING ANNIVERSARIES**

February 12                      Allison & Rick Allensworth

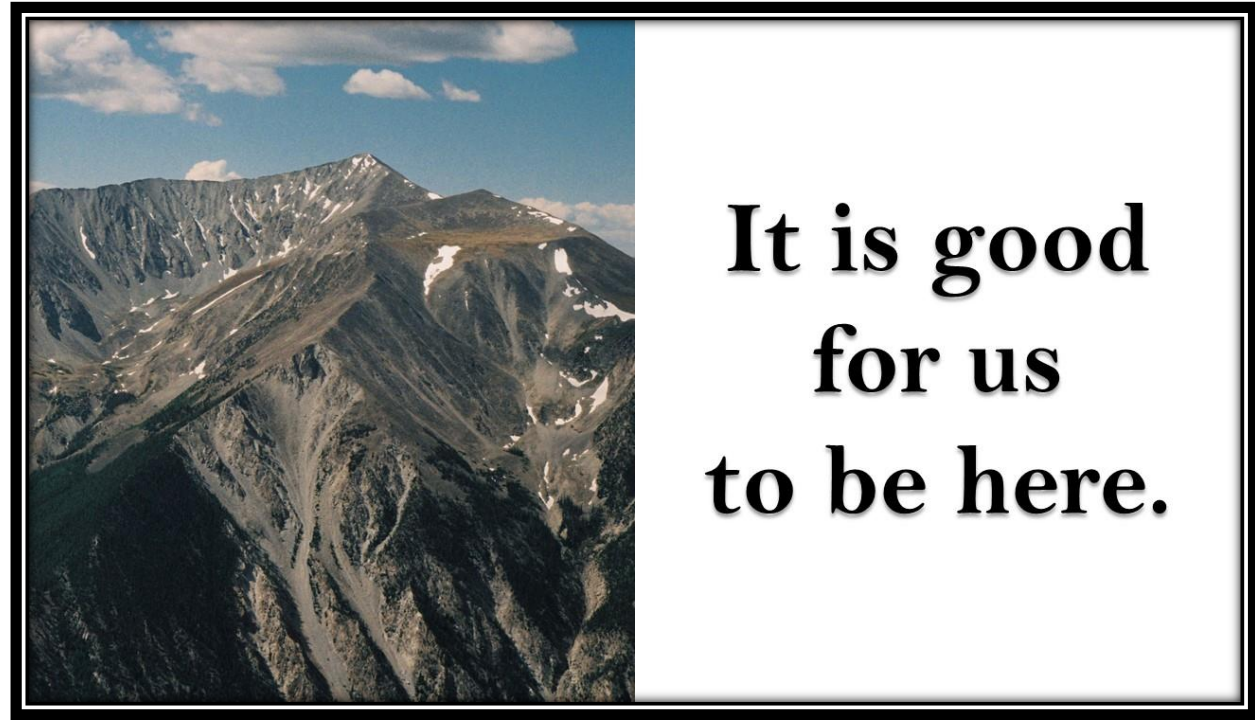
**SERVING TODAY**

Elder:                              Lester Freeman  
Tech:                                Karen Adams  
  
Deacons                              Tellers  
Doug Hart                              Stan Brown  
Jacque Hart                              Chuck Schneider  
Allison Graham                              Bobby Wilson

**SERVING SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18**

Elder:                                Ron Kreger  
Tech:                                 Karen Adams  
  
Deacons:                              Tellers:  
Tracy Gregg                              Ruth Brace  
E.J. Wilson                                Arlene Stauffer  
Vicki Braden

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)

February 11, 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 Lester Freeman, Elder

L: We come to worship on days when the sun shines bright  
and we come to worship on days when clouds obscure the sky.

**P: Whether in warm radiance or in cold darkness,  
when we come together for worship, it is good for us to be here.**

L: We sometimes gather in celebration of the richness of life.  
Other times we console one another when we experience losses.

**P: Whether in times of jubilation or in moments of sorrow,  
when we come together for worship, it is good for us to be here.**

L: Some enter the sanctuary of God with the assurance of love and grace.  
Some pass through the doors full of questions and doubt.

**P: Whether we come with confidence or uncertainty,  
when we come together for worship, it is good for us to be here.**

L: No matter what state we find ourselves in  
this day when we have come together for worship,  
know that it is good for us to be here.

\* Invocation Lester Freeman  
\* Opening Hymn "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" Number 2

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

Psalter Reading Psalm 50:1-6 Lester Freeman  
Hymn "How Great Thou Art" Number 33  
Scripture Mark 9:2-9 Pastor Stephen  
Sermon "It is good for us to be here." 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 "You Satisfy the Hungry Heart" Number 429 (1,3)  
Offering Invitation Lester Freeman

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 Lester Freeman  
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 Lester Freeman

## **GOING FORTH TO SERVE**

\* Closing Hymn "We are Walking" Number 442  
(walking, singing, praying, living)

\* Benediction Pastor Stephen  
May Christ be forever present in your life.

Postlude

The flowers are in memory of Betty Kreger's  
mother, Elsie Porter.