

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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EASTER SUNDAY, MARCH 31

8:30 am Lakeside Worship
 Lake Ponca Shelter House 5
 9:30 am Doughnuts & Coffee
 Fellowship Hall
 10:00 am Flowering of the Cross
 5th and Cleveland Outside Steps
 10:30 am Easter Games
 West Lawn (inside if it's wet)
 11:00 am Worship in the Sanctuary

SERVING TODAY

Elder: Jerry Brace
 Tech: Karen Adams
 Deacons Tellers
 Dave Bryan Stan Brown
 Pat Hicks Chuck Schneider

SERVING SUNDAY, APRIL 7

Elder: Ruth Brace
 Tech: Karen Adams
 Deacons: Tellers:
 Pat Gray Ruth Brace
 Deb Hagler Arlene Stauffer
 Cindy Gray

THE WEEK AHEAD

Tuesday, April 2

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

Thursday, April 4

Noon Disciples Women

Monday - Thursday

4:45 pm Friendship Feast

Monday - Sunday

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

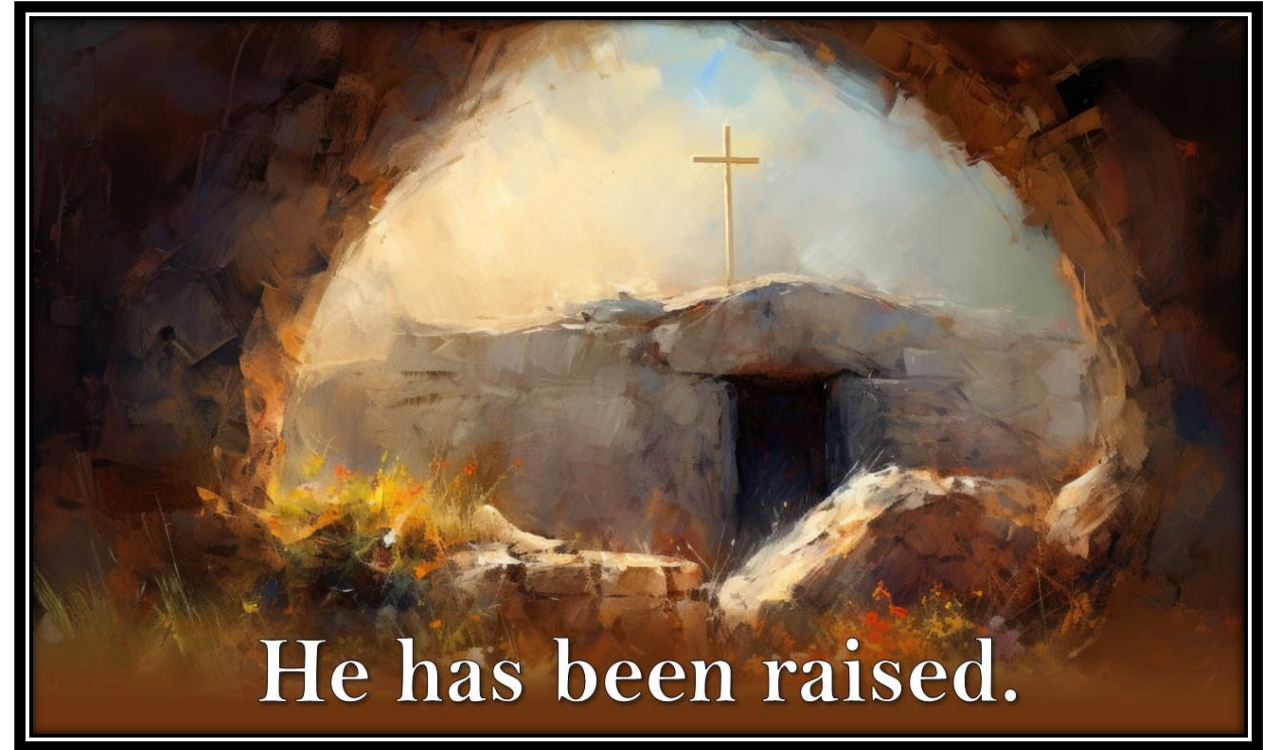
UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS

March 31 Bob Henderson
 March 31 Chuck Schneider
 April 3 Dave Bryan

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.



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



First Christian Church



(Disciples of Christ)

March 31, 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		Connie Van Ausdall
Welcome and Announcements		Pastor Stephen
Special Music	"Alleluia, Alleluia!"	Debrah Governor
* Call to Worship		Jerry Brace, Elder

L: The world tells us of so many ways in which we die each day.
But our faith tells us that in Christ there is fullness of life!

P: Alleluia! There is life in Christ!

L: We are told that loneliness is pervasive.
Our response is, "In Christ there is community."

P: Alleluia! There is life in Christ!

L: We are told that bullying is rampant.
Our response is, "In Christ there is support."

P: Alleluia! There is life in Christ!

L: We are told that some people do not belong.
Our response is, "In Christ there is acceptance."

P: Alleluia! There is life in Christ!

L: We are told that social and political division is spreading.
Our response is, "In Christ there is common ground."

P: Alleluia! There is life in Christ!

L: The list goes on and on about how much despair there is in the world.
It is true, but there is also a movement of reconciliation that strives
to turn the lament of death into the joy of resurrection.

**P: This is why we gather to celebrate in worship today,
and why we live and serve as the body of Christ in the world.
Alleluia! There is life in Christ!**

* Invocation		Jerry Brace
* Opening Hymn	"Christ the Lord Is Risen Today"	Number 216

HEARING AND PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

Psalter Reading	Psalms 118:1-2, 14-24	Jerry Brace
Hymn	"Christ Arose!"	Number 224
Scripture	Mark 16:1-8	Pastor Stephen
Sermon	"He has been raised."	Pastor Stephen

* All who are able, please stand

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	"Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!"	Number 222
Offering Invitation		Jerry Brace
Offertory	"In Christ Alone"	Connie Van Ausdall
words and music by Keith Getty, Stuart Towend, Shawn Craig, and Don Koch, arr. Benjamin Harlan		
* 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		Jerry Brace
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		Jerry Brace

GOING FORTH TO SERVE

* Closing Hymn	"He Lives!"	Number 226
* Benediction		Pastor Stephen

Live in resurrection! Live in Christ!

Postlude		Connie Van Ausdall, Accompanist
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