

*The flowers are given in celebration of
Ron and Toni Kreger's November wedding anniversary.*

SUNDAY OPPORTUNITIES TO WORSHIP, LEARN & FELLOWSHIP

8:30 a.m. Worship in the Chapel
9:30 a.m. Sunday School Classes
 Adults:
 Inquirers (in person and ZOOM) (1st floor)
 Sojourners (in person and ZOOM) (1st floor)
 Challengers (in person and ZOOM) (3rd Floor)
 Children:
 2nd - 6th Grade (2nd floor)
11:00 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary

THE WEEK AHEAD

Tuesday, December 28

9:00am Workday (Tuesday Guys)

Saturday, January 1

Happy New Year!!

Monday - Thursday

5:00pm Friendship Feast

Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday

7:00pm Narcotics Anonymous

SERVING TODAY

Elder: Diann Benson
Tech Team: Karen Adams
 Bobby Jorgenson
Greeters: Judy Basham
 Marshall Basham

SERVING SUNDAY, JANUARY 2

Elder: Vicki Braden
Tech Team: Karen Adams
 Bobby Jorgenson
Greeters: Vicki Braden
 Tanja Walker



Communion wafers free of gluten, wheat, dairy, egg, soy, nut, yeast, and corn are available in small plastic bags near the entrances of the Chapel and Sanctuary.

Large print bulletins and hymnals are available upon request. Hearing amplification devices are also available.

A staffed nursery for infants and toddlers is available during the 11:00 a.m. worship service and is located on the 1st floor by the elevator.



FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH



(Disciples of Christ)

December 26, 2021

11:00 a.m.

*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.*

**REV. STEPHEN JOHNSON, SR. PASTOR
ANDREW ORR, MINISTER OF MUSIC**

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WE GATHER AS A COMMUNITY OF FAITH

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| Prelude | | |
| Welcome and Announcements | | Pastor Stephen |
| * Call to Worship | | Diann Benson, Elder |
| L: I bring you good news of great joy! A child has been born in the City of David. A Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. | | |
| P: Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors! | | |
| L: These words we have spoken are attributed to the appearance of heavenly angels to the shepherds in the fields the night Jesus was born. | | |
| P: Yet the same proclamation of good news, joy, and glory are as powerful today as that night so long ago. | | |
| L: We might not be shepherds or angels in the traditional sense, but we can fulfill the same roles in our lives today. | | |
| P: We receive the good news in awe as the shepherds did, and like the angels we proclaim to others that same good news of God's glory in the Messiah who brings peace. | | |
| L: Let us worship our God of glory. | | |
| P: Let us celebrate our Savior and our Lord. | | |
| * Invocation | | Diann Benson |
| * Opening Hymn | "Angels We Have Heard on High" | Number 155 (all) |
| Passing of Our Presence | | Video Presentation |

HEARING AND PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

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| Children's Moment | | Pastor Stephen |
| Psalter Reading | Psalms 148 | William Adams |
| Hymn | "What Child Is This" | Number 162 (all) |
| Scripture | Luke 2:41-52 | Pastor Stephen |
| Sermon | "Why were you searching for me?" | Pastor Stephen |



Thank you for wearing a mask today!

* All who are able, please stand.

RESPONDING TO THE WORD OF GOD

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| 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 | "I Wonder as I Wander" | Number 161 (all) |
| Offering Invitation | | Diann Benson |
| * 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 | | Diann Benson |
| Words of Institution | | Pastor Stephen |
| Congregation Response, followed by <i>The Lord's Prayer</i> | | |
| 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 | | Diann Benson |
| GOING FORTH TO SERVE | | |
| * Closing Hymn | "Go Tell It on the Mountain" | Number 167 (all) |
| * Benediction | | Pastor Stephen |
| Continue seeking the presence of Christ. Invite others to join you in your search. | | |
| Postlude | | Connie Van Ausdall, Accompanist |