

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

Monday, February 19
Presidents' Day

Tuesday, February 20

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

Monday - Thursday

4:45 pm Friendship Feast

Monday - Sunday

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

UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS

February 20 Bret Smith
 February 22 Jason Shelton
 February 24 Elouise Mayse

SERVING TODAY

Elder: Ron Kreger
 Tech: Karen Adams

Deacons

Tracy Gregg
 E.J. Wilson
 Vicki Braden

Tellers

Ruth Brace
 Arlene Stauffer

SERVING SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25

Elder: JoAnne Robison
 Tech: Karen Adams

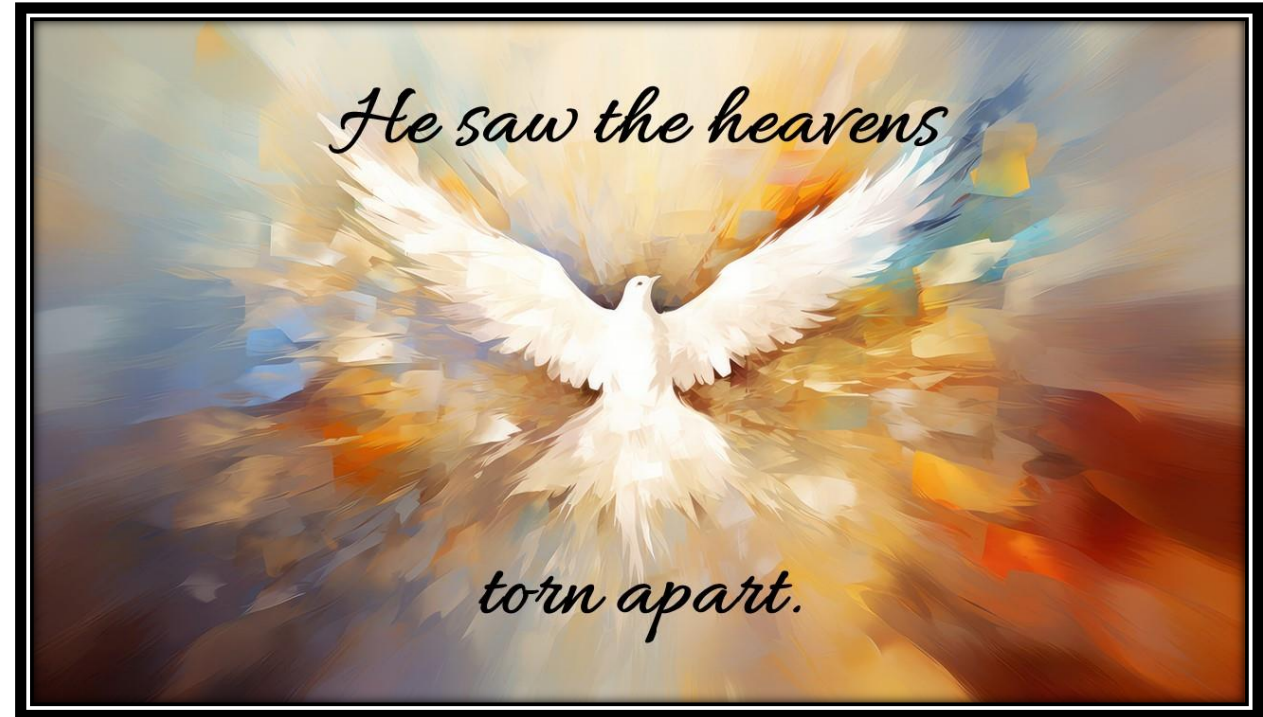
Deacons:

Dave Bryan
 Pat Hicks

Tellers:

Jerry Brace
 Christy Thompson

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 18, 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 Ron Kreger, Elder

L: As we journey through the season of Lent over the next several weeks we will follow the path of Jesus from the waters of his baptism in the Jordan to the place called Golgotha outside Jerusalem where his crucifixion occurred.

P: **As unique as Jesus was, as rare as his journey was, when we read the stories of his ministry we see our own lives reflected back to us.**

L: As followers of Christ, each of us have been called to enter the waters of baptism and to take up our cross.

P: **As we traverse this world in which it is easy to lose one's way, we choose to follow the path of compassion, healing, justice, and mercy.**

L: Let us come together for worship this day, celebrating Christ who teaches us to navigate life with love and grace.

* Invocation Ron Kreger
* Opening Hymn "Hope of the World" Number 538 (1-3)

HEARING AND PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

Psalter Reading Psalm 25:1-10 Ron Kreger
Hymn "His Eye Is on the Sparrow" Number 82
Scripture Mark 1:9-15 Pastor Stephen
Sermon "He saw the heavens torn apart." 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

* All who are able, please stand.

Hymn of Preparation "What Was Your Vow and Vision" Number 177
Offering Invitation Ron Kreger
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 Ron Kreger
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 Ron Kreger

GOING FORTH TO SERVE

* Closing Hymn "Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days" Number 180
* Benediction Pastor Stephen

May the Spirit lead you to a deeper relationship with God
as we explore our faith during the season of Lent.

Postlude

