

The flowers are given by the Emer family in memory of Melinda.

The flowers are given by Karen and Stan Slegde in celebration of their 43<sup>rd</sup> 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) (1<sup>st</sup> floor)  
Sojourners (in person and ZOOM) (1<sup>st</sup> floor)  
Challengers (in person and ZOOM) (3<sup>rd</sup> Floor)  
*Children:*  
2<sup>nd</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> Grade (2<sup>nd</sup> floor)  
11:00 a.m.                      Worship in the Sanctuary

**THE WEEK AHEAD**

**Sunday, November 28**

5:00pm                      Council Meeting

**Tuesday, November 30**

9:00am                      Workday (Tuesday Guys)

**Wednesday, December 1**

6:30pm                      Bell Choir

**Thursday, December 2**

12:00pm                      Disciples Women

**Monday - Thursday**

5:00pm                      Friendship Feast

**SERVING TODAY**

Elder:                      Arlene Stauffer  
Tech Team:                Karen Adams  
                                  William Adams  
Greeters:                 Becky Abel  
                                  Lester Freeman

**SERVING SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 28**

Elder:                      Kim Stauffer  
Tech Team:                Karen Adams  
                                  Bobby Jorgenson  
Greeters:                 Jerry Brace  
                                  Ruth Brace



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 1<sup>st</sup> floor by the elevator.



**FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH**  
(Disciples of Christ)

November 28, 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

Prelude		
Welcome and Announcements		Pastor Stephen
* Call to Worship		Arlene Stauffer, Elder
L: The anticipation of Christmas has begun. All around, lights, ribbons, and colorful ornaments adorn the greenery announcing the coming celebration.		
<b>P: Cheerful songs of the season play on radio stations and over the speakers of department and grocery stores.</b>		
L: Plans are made to join in festive gatherings with family and friends. There is much to prepare - travel for some, welcoming visitors for others.		
<b>P: Time becomes a scarce commodity. We rush to make the best of every moment.</b>		
L: But here, our anticipation and preparation take on a different pace. As you enter into this time of worship, allow yourself the gift of slowing down.		
<b>P: As we pause from the pressures of to-do lists and crammed schedules, let us listen patiently for the promise of God. Let us soak in the story of the coming of Christ.</b>		
* Invocation		Arlene Stauffer
* Opening Hymn	"People Look East"	Number 142 (all)
Passing of Our Presence		Video Presentation

## HEARING AND PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

Children's Moment		Pastor Stephen
Advent Candle Reading		Lois Corbin & Christy Thomson
	Jeremiah 33:14-16	
Response	"Wait for the Lord"	(On the screen)
Lighting the Candle of Hope		
Response	"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"	Number 119 (vs. 1)
Hymn	One Candle is Lit	Number 128 (all)
Scripture	Luke 21:25-36	Pastor Stephen
Sermon	"My words will never pass away."	Pastor Stephen



**Thank you for wearing a mask today!**

\* 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	"Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silent"	Number 124 (all)
Offering Invitation		Arlene Stauffer
* Doxology		Number 46
<b>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</b>		
* Prayer for the Offering and Communion Elements		Arlene Stauffer
Words of Institution		Pastor Stephen
Congregation Response, followed by <i>The Lord's Prayer</i>		
<b>By eating this bread and drinking this cup, we proclaim Christ's death, celebrate Christ's resurrection, and await Christ's coming again.</b>		
<i>Hear us as we offer the prayer Your Son taught us:</i>		
<b>Our Father, in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil, for the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever.</b>		
Partaking of the Elements		Pastor Stephen
Prayer of Thanksgiving		Arlene Stauffer
<b>GOING FORTH TO SERVE</b>		
* Closing Hymn	"It Came Upon the Midnight Clear"	Number 153 (vs. 1)
* Benediction		Pastor Stephen
With expectation of salvation through Christ go with the hope of one trusting in the love of God.		
Postlude		Connie Van Ausdall, Accompanist