# 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:

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



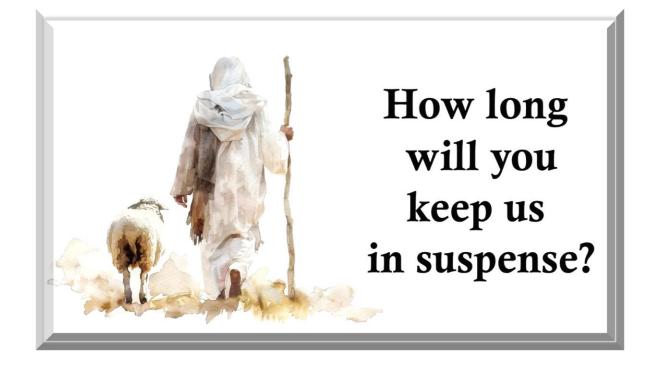
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#### THE WEEK AHEAD

#### **SERVING TODAY**

	Monday, May 12	Elder:	Stan Brown		
4:00 pm 6:30 pm	Sojourners Adult Ed. Class (ZOOM) Bible Discussion	Tech:	Karen Adams Bobby Jorgenson		
9:00 am 10:30 am 4:00 pm 7:00 pm	Tuesday, May 13 Workday (Tuesday Guys) Bible Discussion Community Discussion Series Community Discussion Series	<u>Deacons</u> Gabby Gregg Tracy Gregg Vicki Braden	<u>Tellers</u> Jerry Brace Frances Coonrod		
Wednesday, May 14					
	WEDNESDAT, WAT 17				
4:00 pm	Elders Meeting	SERVING SUI	NDAY, <b>M</b> AY 18		
5:15 pm	Elders Meeting Choir Rehearsal	SERVING SUI	NDAY, MAY 18 Lois Corbin		
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5:15 pm	Elders Meeting Choir Rehearsal Handbell Rehearsal	Elder: Tech:	Lois Corbin Karen Adams William Adams		
5:15 pm 6:30 pm	Elders Meeting Choir Rehearsal Handbell Rehearsal	Elder:	Lois Corbin Karen Adams		

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.



# **FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH**



(DISCIPLES OF CHRIST)

May 11, 2025 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
AMY MUEGGE, MUSIC DIRECTOR

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#### WE GATHER AS A COMMUNITY OF FAITH

Prelude "Spirit Song" Amy Boatman
Welcome and Announcements Pastor Stephen
\* Call to Worship Stan Brown, Elder

L: Many voices call to us each day.

These voices assure us they have what we need.

P: Some voices promise endless riches. Other voices promise eternal youth.

L: They say, "This simple trick can change your life forever."

P: But a different voice has called us to worship today. A voice that offers a different type of transformation.

L: We are invited to believe the gospel message and experience true life in Christ.

P: Let us answer the call from the voice inviting us to commune with God and with one another.

\* Invocation Stan Brown

\* Opening Hymn "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us" Number 558

Anthem "Wonderful, Merciful Savior" Chancel Choir arr. by Russell Mauldin

### HEARING AND PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

Psalter Readir	ng Psalm 23	Stan Brown
Hymn	"Because He Lives"	Number 556
Scripture	John 10:22-30	Pastor Stephen
Sermon	"How long will you keep us in suspense?"	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.

Prayer for God's Creation

Pastor Stephen

Greetings from the Regional Church
Invitation to Christ's Table
Hymn of Preparation "Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee"
Offering Invitation
Offertory
"Where He Leads Me"
Amy Boatman
\* Doxology

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 Stan Brown Words of Institution Rev. Randy Kuss

Congregation Response:

By eating this bread and drinking this cup, we proclaim Christ's death, celebrate Christ's resurrection, and embody 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 Rev. Randy Kuss
Prayer of Thanksgiving Stan Brown

# GOING FORTH TO SERVE

\* Closing Hymn "To God be the Glory" Number 72 (1,3)

\* Benediction Pastor Stephen

May you continue to be led to a deeper knowledge of God by following the ways of Christ.

Postlude Amy Boatman



<sup>\*</sup> All who are able, please stand