

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

Tuesday, September 26

9:00 am Workday (Tuesday Guys)
 10:30 am Bible Discussion
 4:00 pm Sojourners Adult Ed. Class (ZOOM)

Wednesday, September 27

1:00 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal
 3:15 pm Wildcat Wednesday!
 3:30 pm Council Meeting
 4:45 pm Beginner Bells
 6:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Monday - Thursday

4:45 pm Friendship Feast

Monday - Sunday

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

UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS

September 25 Ed Halverson
 September 26 Stan Brown
 September 28 Susan Hill
 September 29 Sandra Brown
 September 29 Robert McWhorter
 September 29 Krista Valentine
 September 30 Earl Ball

SERVING TODAY

Elder: Nancy Stevenson
 Tech Team: Karen Adams

Deacons

Ruth Brace
 Jeri Waller
 Christy Thompson

Tellers

Jerry Brace
 Jerry Helems
 Ted Impson

SERVING SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1

Elder: Lynda Himbury
 Tech Team: Karen Adams

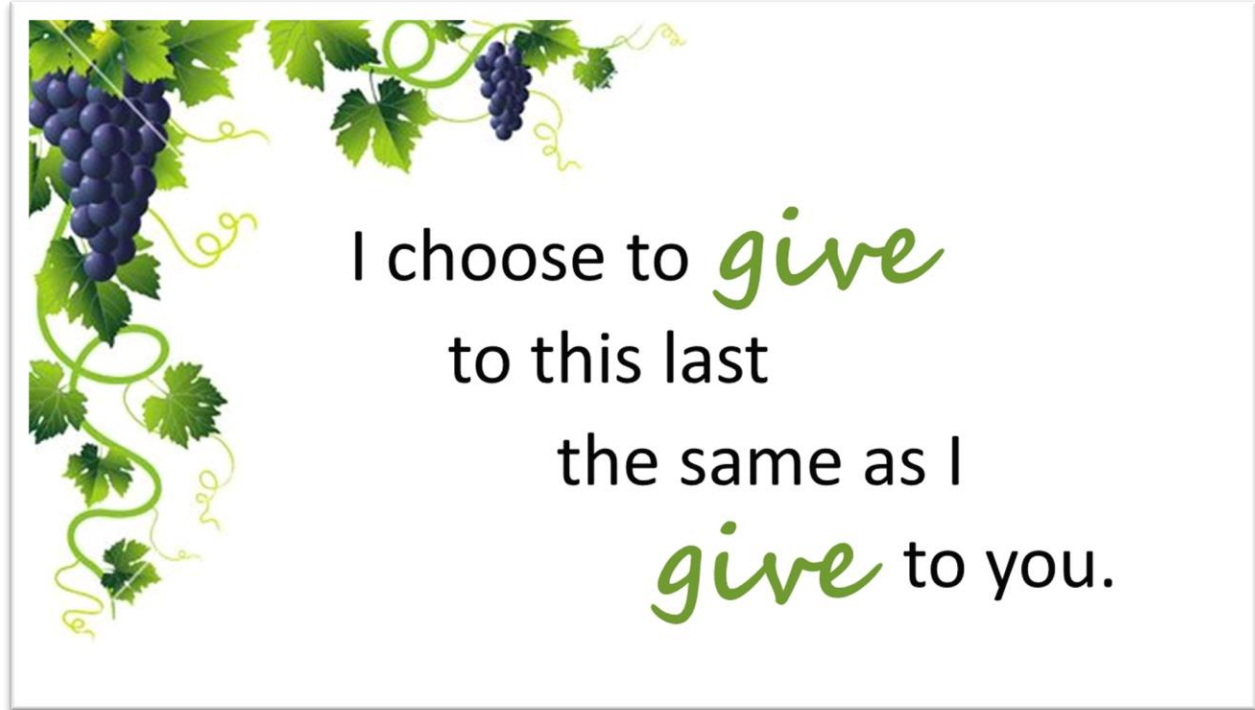
Deacons:

Vicki Braden
 Diann Benson
 Krista Valentine

Tellers:

Angie Novotny
 Sandy Pendergraft

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)

September 24, 2023
 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 BOATMAN, MUSIC DIRECTOR

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WE GATHER AS A COMMUNITY OF FAITH

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| Prelude | Amy Boatman |
| Welcome and Announcements | Pastor Stephen |
| * Call to Worship | Nancy Stevenson, Elder |

L: If this is your first time here, come, receive the blessing of what God has to offer through this community of faith.

P: Connection. Comfort. Challenge. Inspiration. Love. Grace. These are but a few of the things that can be received in this place.

L: If you are a long-time member, come, receive the blessing of what God has to offer through this community of faith.

P: Connection. Comfort. Challenge. Inspiration. Love. Grace. These are but a few of the things that can be received in this place.

L: Whether you are here for the first time, or you have been here countless times, the blessings of Christ are here for you.

P: We celebrate with body and soul in our time together, receiving from and contributing to the power of the Body of Christ.

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| * Invocation | Nancy Stevenson |
| * Opening Hymn | "All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly" Number 419 |

HEARING AND PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

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| Chancel Choir | "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" | Scriven/Converse |
| Psalter Reading | Psalms 145:1-8 | Nancy Stevenson |
| Hymn | "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" | Number 86 |
| Scripture | Matthew 20:1-16 | Pastor Stephen |
| Sermon | | Pastor Stephen |

"I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you."

RESPONDING TO THE WORD OF GOD

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| Invitation to Discipleship and Reflection | Pastor Stephen |
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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.

* All who are able, please stand.

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| Prayers for God's Creation | Pastor Stephen |
| Invitation to Christ's Table | Pastor Stephen |
| Hymn of Preparation | "Here at Thy Table, Lord" Number 384 |
| Offering Invitation | Nancy Stevenson |
| Offertory | Amy Boatman |
| * 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**

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| * Prayer for the Offering and Communion Elements | Nancy Stevenson |
| 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.**

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| Partaking of the Elements | Pastor Stephen |
| Prayer of Thanksgiving | Nancy Stevenson |

GOING FORTH TO SERVE

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| * Closing Hymn | "God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending" Number 606 |
| * Benediction | Pastor Stephen |

Go from here worthy of receiving God's love.
Go from here worthy of spreading God's love.

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| Postlude | Amy Boatman, Accompanist |
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The flowers are from Bobby Jorgenson in memory and celebration of his mother Ethel's birthday.