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SUNDAY, JANUARY 11, 2026

First Sunday after the Epiphany

8:40 a.m. Worship

9:30 a.m. Church School

10:45 a.m. Worship

Worship will also be livestreamed at 10:45 a.m.

Scripture: Matthew 3: 13-17

Sermon: *The Power to Bless*

Worship & Wonder: *Jesus is Baptized*

Evensong

Monday, February 2nd, at 5:15 p.m.– Chapel

SENIOR MINISTER SEARCH COMMITTEE UPDATE

Over a year ago a search committee was formed and given the task of finding a new Senior Minister. We trusted them to vet the candidates and find the person who would be the best fit for our congregation. This task was taken extremely seriously and weighed heavy on their minds and hearts. We are very pleased to announce that an offer has been extended to a candidate and we will have the opportunity to meet this person and vote as a congregation to accept them as our new Senior Minister. This process is required by our by-laws and has been used for all of our past and current ministers.

Members are invited to a meet and greet on Saturday, January 10 from 1:00 - 3:00 pm in the church fellowship hall.

A congregational meeting to vote on the candidate will be held following both services on Sunday, January 11.

Faithfully,

Stephanie Clinton
Congregation President

Helen Green
Search Committee Chair

BOOK CLUB

The Sunday afternoon book club facilitated by Rev. Dr. Catherine Bennett takes place on **January 25th at 4:00 p.m.** meeting in the Study and Share Classroom! The book for November is entitled *The Last Secret of Lily Adams* by Sara Blaydes and can be picked up in the Study and Share Classroom.



[Sign-up Here](#)

First Christian Church Blood Drive

**Sunday, January 25
8:30 a.m. - Noon**

Join us in the Fellowship Hall!



YOUTH GROUP

Check the youth list email, Facebook, GroupMe, and the iMessage group text for meeting information. Please contact Shannon if you have any questions!

Chi Rho is for youth in 6th-8th grades and CYF is for youth in 9th-12th grades.

All Chi Rho and CYF youth are welcome to join us for any and all events, and friends are always welcome!

School Year Schedule

Chi Rho Service Night—4:00 p.m.

Chi Rho Free Time—4:45-5:15 p.m.

Chi Rho Meeting—5:15-6:30 p.m.

Youth Meal (Chi Rho and CYF)—6:30-7:15 p.m.

CYF Meeting—7:15-8:30 p.m.

January 7—No Youth

January 14—Return to school year schedule at Hey Day!

Chi Rho youth will arrive at Hey Day right after school for dinner and games. Pick up is AT HEY DAY AT 6 p.m.! CYF Youth are invited to arrive at Hey Day at 6:30 p.m. Pick up is AT HEY DAY AT 8:30 p.m.! Laser Tag, Mini Golf, and a 50 token FUNcard are included. Money is not needed unless youth want to add tokens to their FUNcard!

January 21—Spiritual Discipline—we will explore how to set intentions for the new year ahead.

January 28—Youth Sponsor Trivia!

Sunday, February 1—ChARM and Youth Lunch!

After the 10:45 a.m. service, Chi Rho and CYF youth are invited to join us for lunch and fellowship time with the ChARM group. RSVP to Shannon no later than January 27 so we can make sure we have enough food!

THE YOUTH WANT YOUR SODA CAN TABS!

We continue to collect soda can tabs that will go to Ronald McDonald House Charities in Oklahoma City. Please drop off your tabs in the church office or to Rev. Shannon Cook. (Please bring just the tabs, not the entire can or lid! At this time, we cannot take pet food or canned food lids with the tabs—please remove the tabs!)

IN THE CHURCH FAMILY...

Donna Hopper is in Norman Regional Healthplex.

WE EXTEND OUR SYMPATHY TO...

Julianne and Jon Annesley following the death of Julianne's father James Janewa who died on December 31, 2025. We also extend our sympathy to Sue Jansing and Robert Jansing. The Service will take place at Eufaula First United Methodist Church on Friday, January 9, 2026 at 2:00pm.

WE ALSO SHARE OUR CONDOLENCES WITH...

Jim and Stephanie Gasaway following the death of Jim's brother Allen Gasaway. Our thoughts are also with James Kinchen and Julia and Leith Prise.

NEW FROM DISCIPLES OF CHRIST WOMEN'S MINISTRY

In December the council donated money to the *Cleveland County Christmas Store* and *Fostering Futures*. These donations were made possible because of the wonderful support DoCWM had for the bazaar this past fall.

This month we will begin planning for our Galentine's Celebration which will be on Saturday, February 14. Please plan to join us at 10:30 for fun, brunch and entertainment. All women of the church are invited. Invitation will go out later this month.

January is also the third quarterly meeting of Central Area Disciples Women. We will meet at Southern Hills Christian Church in Edmond on Tuesday, January 27. The speaker will be Kendall Torres, Executive

WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST MEMBER

We celebrate in welcoming **Skye Diers** who joined First Christian Church on January 4th.



HAPPY NEW YEAR ChARM!

Wednesday, January 7 at 1:00 p.m. — Planning Meeting for the 1st six months of 2026. We will meet in the Conference Room. If you have ideas but unable to attend this meeting, please email those ideas to stephanie@fccnorman.org.



Church Calendar



January 7, 2026– Wednesday

1:00 p.m. ChARM Planning Meeting
7:30 p.m. Choir

January 10, 2026– Saturday

1:00 p.m. Senior Minister Candidate Meet & Greet

January 11, 2026– Sunday

Senior Minister Candidate Vote

8:40 a.m. Worship
9:30 a.m. Church School
10:45 a.m. Worship

January 12, 2026– Monday

2:00 p.m. Hester Sickles
6:30 p.m. Handbells

January 13, 2026– Tuesday

10:00 a.m. Mabel Boggess– Parlor

Logos resumes on January 14th with Bowling and Pizza. The children will arrive as usual, following opening circle and a special activity, we will head to Hey Dey for bowling and pizza. Pick up for the children is at 6:30pm at Hey Dey.

INFANTS—PRE-K FROLIC WORSHIP

Each Sunday morning our attendants who care and teach the infant-Pre-K children continue to create a safe and nurturing environment. This past Sunday the children focused “God Made You Unique.” Kandice, our Nursery Coordinator, and our dedicated nursery staff ensure the children are engaged every Sunday morning.

VOYAGE INTO DISCIPLESHIP

Children, kindergarten through 5th grade, gather every Sunday to set sail from the third floor in the children’s education area at 9:30am. Our rotations for the month of January focus on *Two Houses*, as our voyage takes us to the Sermon on the Mount.



WORSHIP PODCAST

The morning prayer, anthem, scripture, and sermon are now available each week in podcast form. Simply search Apple Podcasts, Google

ACCESSING LIVESTREAM WORSHIP

Sunday 10:45 worship will be livestreamed so you can watch or listen from your computer, tablet, or smartphone. Simply search Facebook for “First Christian Church of Norman” or, if you aren’t on Facebook, point your browser to <http://live.fccnorman.org> for links to stream on YouTube and other social media platforms. If you are not able to watch live, the video will be available for later viewing. To access the church homepage please visit <http://fccnorman.org>.

STEWARDSHIP

Thank you for your faithful stewardship that makes possible the excellent work of the church in its many ministries of outreach, education, worship, care, and fellowship. As a reminder, you may send your contributions to the church in one of several ways...

*Checks can be mailed to the church at 220 South Webster Avenue, Norman, OK 73069.

*Calling the church office (329-2192) and charging on a debit or credit card.

*Setting up a recurring weekly or monthly payment from a checking, savings, debit or credit card.

*Givelify—you can give from your computer or mobile device by visiting <http://give.fccnorman.org> to donate online or search your device’s app store for the Givelify app.