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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2025

Second Sunday of Advent

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: Isaiah 11: 1-10 & Matthew 3: 1-12

Sermon: *Peace Came Down: For the Wolf,
the Lamb and Us!*

Worship & Wonder: Family Sunday

Evensong

Monday, January 5th, at 5:15 p.m.— Chapel

POINSETTIAS FOR ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS

As in past years, the sanctuary and church will be decorated with beautiful red poinsettias. The poinsettias have been ordered, and all you need do is contact the church office by phoning (405-329-2192) or emailing stephanie@fccnorman.org to indicate to whom the poinsettia is given (in memory or appreciation) as well as the giver's name. The cost of the poinsettia is \$14 and you may pay by cash, check, or card. Thank you for beautifying the church during this wonderful season of the year!

UPCOMING INFANT AND FAMILY DEDICATION

The dedication of families and infants to Christian family life is scheduled for **Sunday, December 14th at both the 8:40 and 10:45 services.** If you would like to participate in this service, please contact the church office by calling 405-329-2192 or emailing ashley@fccnorman.org and be sure to include the name of the child to be dedicated, the date of birth of the child, and the parents' names. We look forward to this delightful time of dedication!

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT & FESTIVAL

This Sunday, December 7th at 6:00 p.m. we celebrate this year's Christmas Pageant and Festival led by our children's Logos Choir, with a preview by our Pre-School Choir getting the evening started off with '*Away in a Manger*,' as they come dressed as animals from the manger—you might be surprised which animals make an appearance! The Christmas Festival has many delightful components including...

ARRIVING—

Our Youth Group will be on hand beginning at 5:15 p.m. for you to drop off the finger food you are bringing to share with the church family at the Tasting Party which follows immediately after the Pageant!

THE CHRISTMAS PAGEANT—

Our Logos Choir has been getting ready to lead us in this year's pageant entitled *Carriers of the Light*, as we celebrate the birth of Christ. The Pageant begins at 6:00 p.m., with all who are participating arriving at 5:15 p.m. to get ready (the Pre-School Choir can arrive at 5:30). **The pageant will be livestreamed so that those who cannot be here can still enjoy the evening. Go to fcc.link/pageant from a computer or mobile device to view the Pageant.** In addition to the beautiful music, we all participate in the pageantry by bringing gifts for...

CLEVELAND COUNTY CHRISTMAS STORE—

You are invited to bring **unwrapped gifts** for the Cleveland County Christmas Store that can be brought forward and placed across the steps of the Chancel. This year, you are encouraged to bring **gifts for teens including basketballs, footballs, soccer balls, make-up kits, art kits, hoodies and sweatshirts, cologne or perfume sets, or if you prefer, a check made out to First Christian Church and designated for the Christmas Store.** As we bring forward our gifts, we will enjoy singing a medley of Advent and Christmas hymns. Please note, if you are unable to attend the pageant, you may bring your gift on Sunday morning and place it under the Christmas tree in the sanctuary.

THE TASTING PARTY—

After we have shared our gifts for the Cleveland County Christmas store and finished our hymn medley, we will move to the Fellowship Hall to enjoy the finger foods brought by the congregation (please bring your food in a disposable container if possible and enough for 12 to 15 to enjoy). The food, fun, and conversation is a delightful conclusion to a wonderful evening. Thank you for sharing in this joyous event!

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING ON DECEMBER 21ST

The church will hold its annual congregational meeting on Sunday December 21st, immediately following the conclusion of the 8:40 and 10:45 services to approve the 2026 General Fund budget for the daily ministries and operations of the church (both a summary and a detail of the proposed budget will be included in upcoming newsletters).

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.

December 3—Advent Study and Christmas Trivia!

Sunday, December 7—Logos Christmas Program and Tasting Party—Chi Rho and CYF will help with the tasting party and are invited to arrive at 5:15 p.m. All youth are also invited to help after the program with the donations made to the Christmas Store.

December 10—Christmas Party and Gift Exchange—The theme for gifts this year is “Country Christmas”—think cowboys, western and southwest themes! Chi Rho and CYF youth are invited to bring a gift for any gender that costs no more than \$15. (If you need help with providing a gift, please contact Rev. Shannon Cook. A gift can easily be provided for each youth. No one present will go home without a gift!)

****Please note that dinner on December 10th is at CiCi's pizza. Chi Rho youth can be picked up AT CiCi's at 7:00 p.m. and CYF youth can meet AT CiCi's at 6:30 p.m!**

December 17, 24, and 31—No Youth

January 7—No Youth

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

WE 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!)

ChARM CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS

December Events:

Saturday, December 6 – Noon in the Church Fellowship Hall we will have our annual ChARM Christmas Party Extravaganza! The entrée will be provided. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share. Please let Stephanie know that you plan to attend just in case there might be a surprise coming your way...Thank you to Kaye Shields who is providing our Christmas entertainment called *Love Songs and Fun Songs of the 50's and 60's* plus a special Kaye Shields' Surprise!

Tuesday, December 16 - We will leave Church at 4:30pm and enjoy dinner at La Herencia Mexican Restaurant. Please wear your ChARM shirt or sweatshirt if possible. Following dinner, we will take the buses to tour the Midwest City Holiday Lights Spectacular at Joe B. Barnes Regional Park. We will drive thru Automobile Alley as well as look at the fabulous lights in The National, Autograph Collection in what was previously the First National Bank Building. Please RSVP to Stephanie as we have 1 seat remaining.

ADVENT BOOK AVAILABLE

Again this year, members of the church have provided writings for a book of daily reflections during the season of Advent. Along with the writings which include scripture and prayer, the book entitled *Christ Came Down* also has pictures to enhance our preparations for the birth of Christ. Our thanks to all the contributors to this year's excellent Advent book, and to editor Catherine Bennett and producer Ashley Atherton. The Advent books will be available in the gallery or by the office!



December schedule

3rd – Logos ends at 7:00pm (Pageant Rehearsal)

7th – 9:30am: meet in the children's Voyage area to rehearse

10:45am: sing during worship, followed by rehearsal in the Fellowship Hall

5:15 pm: Arrive at the church to prepare for the Pageant

6:00pm: Christmas Pageant, followed by the Tasting Party

13th – Service Night and CiCi's

Church Calendar

December 3, 2025– Wednesday

2:45 p.m. Logos (meets until 7:00 pm)
4:00 p.m. Chi Rho Service Night
(6th-8th Grade)
5:15 p.m. Chi Rho (6th-8th Grade)
6:30 p.m. Youth Meal
7:15 p.m. CYF (9th– 12th Grade)
7:30 p.m. Choir

December 6, 2025– Saturday

12:00 p.m. ChARM Christmas Party
-F.H.
6:00 p.m. Discussion II
-3617 Windover Drive

December 7, 2025– Sunday

8:40 a.m. Worship
9:30 a.m. Church School
10:45 a.m. Worship
6:00 p.m. Christmas Pageant &
Tasting Party

December 8, 2025– Monday

12:00 p.m. Hester Sickles
-1712 Montclair Ct.
6:30 p.m. Handbells

December 9, 2025– Tuesday

11:00 a.m. Mabel Bogges
-30752 Aussie Ct.

INFANTS – PRE-K FROLIC WORSHIP

Our attendants who care and teach the infant–Pre-K children continue to create a safe and nurturing environment. Sunday, through story, play and craft the children explore a Bible story each week. Each Sunday the children experience a Bible story and craft. 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. The month of December takes them on a journey to Bethlehem and Jesus’ birth with themes from the book and movie, *The Best Christmas Pageant Ever*.

WORSHIP PODCAST

The morning prayer, anthem, scripture, and sermon are now available each week in podcast form. Simply search Apple Podcasts, Google Podcasts, or Spotify for “First Christian Church of Norman.” You can also listen right in your browser at podcast.fccnorman.org.

HYMNS FOR SUNDAY

O Come, O Come Emmanuel (119)
It Came Upon the Midnight Clear (153)
Blessed be the God of Israel (135)

Sunday Worship will be both video and audio
livestreamed at 10:45 in the morning

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.