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CAPITAL CAMPAIGN COMMITMENT SUNDAY

As has been well documented in mailings, articles in the newsletter, and announcements in worship, we eagerly anticipate our next three-year Capital Campaign with this Sunday, June 22nd being our Sunday to receive our pledge cards. Many will have shared their pledges in anticipation of Sunday, and many others will present their pledges in worship this Sunday as we celebrate *Illuminating Our Legacy of Faith*. If you have any questions about any of the information shared, please contact the church office by calling 405-329-2192.

ALL CHURCH FELLOWSHIP LUNCH SUNDAY

As part of this wonderful day of Illuminating Our Legacy of Faith, we shall gather around tables in the Fellowship Hall to enjoy an all-church luncheon immediately following the 10:45 worship service. The lunch is complimentary for all who would enjoy sharing a meal on this special day. The lunch is catered by Ray's BBQ.

Thank you for your support, your presence, and your participation in the mission and ministry of First Christian Church of Norman as together we share in Illuminating Our Legacy of Faith.

SERVING OPPORTUNITIES: YOU ARE INVITED!

Each year, those participating in the life of First Christian Church of Norman are invited to consider in which areas of the church they would like to serve. There are opportunities in education, hospitality, fellowship, membership, outreach, property, stewardship, worship, spiritual formation, care ministry, discussion groups, Logos, workshop rotation model children's Sunday school, youth ministry and Worship and Wonder/ Following Jesus. Forms are available as a bulletin insert on Sundays and at the link below. First Christian Church of Norman is grateful for each and every volunteer who helps make our ministries happen!

<https://fcc.link/Serving>



ILLUMINATING OUR LEGACY OF FAITH

FCC Norman IS my family. In fact, for the last four years it has been my ONLY family and I love it deeply. We all have personal homes, but this building – this almost 100 year old church building and campus -- is our shared church home. This is where we celebrate and grow in too many ways to count, highlighted by babies, baptisms, weddings and funerals. Here is where we all learn what it means to be a Christian, where we have opportunities to practice our faith, and to be brothers, sisters and special friends. Here we laugh and cry together. Generations built and maintained this building and grounds through the Great Depression, through wars and through the COVID pandemic. Now it is in our care, not just for us but for the generations to come. We give gifts of thanks for the past, present and the future.

Michelynn McKnight

MISSION TRIP COMMISSIONING

This Sunday, June 22, we will commission this summer's CYF mission trip team as they prepare to serve for a week in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Those participating in the trip are Elise Buyten, Kitty Cazier, Sophie Chancellor, Zach Chancellor, Harry Clinton, Shannon Cook, Ella Corrick, Hannah Douglas, Luke Douglas, Bart Hanna, Jami Harp, Hannah Ingels, Maggie Jablonski, Morgan Lininger, Bennett Lyda, Tom Lyda, Mason Marriott, Stacy Minnick, Rae Lynn Payton, Caleb Sterling, and Nicole Sterling.

SUNDAY, JUNE 22, 2025

Second Sunday after Pentecost

8:40 a.m. Worship

9:00/9:30 a.m. Church School

10:45 a.m. Worship

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

Scripture: Galatians 3: 23-29

Texts of the week: 1 Kings 19: 1-4, 8-15a,

Psalms 42 & 43, Luke 8: 26-39

Sermon: *A Determinative Step*

Worship & Wonder: The Good Shepherd and the
Lord's Supper

Evensong Worship

Monday, July 7th, at 5:15 p.m. – Chapel

ChARM FUN!

Friday, June 20 – 12:30pm – Sandwich lunch provided in the Fellowship Hall. Then we will go to the *Sooner Theatre* to see *The Music Man, Jr.* which begins at 2:00pm. Please call Stephanie for ticket information.

Thursday, June 26 – Noon – Potluck Lunch in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring a dish to share. Jeff Champeau will explain the new audio system to be used during worship and Adam and Stephanie Clinton will entertain us! You won't want to miss this!!!

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!

June 18—No Youth Meetings

June 25—OU Scavenger Hunt and dinner in Campus Corner, 5:30-8:00 p.m.!

July 2—CYF Mission Trip—No youth meetings.

July 9—Christmas in July! 5:30-8:30 p.m. in the youth room. We'll have snacks, a movie, and a gift exchange! Gifts will be provided. Please RSVP no later than July 4 to guarantee you will receive a gift!

July 16—No youth meetings.

July 23—Youth Round Up! Current Chi Rho and CYF youth will meet at the church at 9 a.m. We'll then go "round up" the new Chi Rho youth and head to the Trnka's home for lunch and swimming. Pick up is at the church at 2 p.m.

July 28-31—VBS! All Chi Rho and CYF youth are invited to attend and help with Vacation Bible School. It is from 6-8 p.m. each evening, with a snack supper at 5:30 p.m.

CHURCH SECURITY UPDATE

Recently, First Christian Church has experienced some troubling security incidents during weekday hours. After reviewing the practices of neighboring churches, it's clear that we need to improve our own security measures. The church building will remain locked during the week. To gain entry, please use the Ring doorbells at the entrances. FCC has always been proud to be a welcoming place for all and that will continue. However, we must also prioritize the safety of our staff and volunteers. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

IN THE CHURCH FAMILY...

Sympathy is extended to the family of Ivan Blair who died June 11th. Services will be held at a later date in Ada, Oklahoma.

IN MEMORIAM

Ivan Blair
April 21, 1934 - June 11, 2025

FALL FOOTBALL SEASON PARKING

It is less than 90 days to kickoff for the Sooners football season. Again this year, the church's west lot will be available to any who would like to reserve a parking spot for the entire football season. The cost is only \$175, and your parking spot will be held to one hour before kickoff, thus saving you the trouble of having to come two or more hours ahead of kickoff, which is when the south lot is filled.

We are delighted that all the parking proceeds, from season pass parking to each game day parking, goes directly to the youth mission trip fund. So, be encouraged to support the church's mission work as part of your fun attending home football games. To make a reservation for season pass parking, please contact the church office by emailing stephanie@fccnorman.org, or calling the church office at 405-329-2192.



Registration opens next week!!

Hymn Notes for Sunday, June 22, 2025

Source: Chalice Hymnal – Worship Leader's Companion

Edited by Rev. Dr. Thomas Lyda

First Christian Church of Norman, Oklahoma

Hymn of Praise #56 "For the Beauty of the Earth Holy."

Initially conceived as a hymn for children, this composition was authored by F. S. Pierpoint in the year 1864 as an expression of gratitude for the numerous blessings bestowed by God. The imagery associated with these blessings is present in each stanza, encompassing the splendor of human nature, interpersonal relationships, the connection between intellect and the senses, as well as the communal bond within the church.

Each stanza culminates in a joyful expression of our gratitude. The melody, DIX, was adapted from the German chorale, "Treuer Heiland wir sind hier." Subsequently, it underwent some alterations and was included in *Hymns Ancient and Modern* (1861), edited by William Monk.

Hymn of Joy #517 "Love Divine, All Love Excelling"

Individuals interested in Wesleyan theology are advised to commence their exploration with the hymns composed by the Wesley brothers. Authored by Charles (1707–1788) and subsequently edited and published by John (1703–1791), these hymns collectively encapsulate the entirety of the Wesleyan faith, which John termed as "a body of experimental and practical divinity."

This hymn articulates the concept of God's perfect love. The fervency of Charles Wesley's faith and his unwavering confidence in God's enduring love are expressed clearly and directly, as he seeks holiness through the love of the Spirit residing within the heart. This evangelical hymn is notably engaging in its deeply personal approach as it addresses the God of love; however, it is composed in a manner that is collectively suitable for congregational singing.

Originally published in *"Hymns for Those that Seek, and Those that Have Redemption in the Blood of Jesus Christ"* (1747), the hymn serves as a petition for the loving Spirit of God to inhabit our hearts and to sanctify our daily lives. This process of sanctification is a transformative experience, whereby the strength and light of God are increasingly reflected each day, as articulated in stanza 4 through the phrase "changed from glory into glory" (2 Corinthians 3:18). The collective language employed in this hymn renders it suitable as both an introductory and concluding hymn, particularly when addressing the themes of God's love and faithfulness or sanctification.

John Zundel (1815–1882), a German-born organist who emigrated to the United States, is recognized for composing the tune BEECHER. This

tune is named in honor of Henry Ward Beecher, the pastor of the Brooklyn church where he served. An alternative tune that enjoys popularity is HYFRYDOL.

Hymn of Consecration #518 "This is a Day of New Beginnings"

This hymn was composed for a New Year's Day service at Holy Family Church in Blackbird Leys, Oxford, England. The author recognizes that the commencement of a new year is an arbitrary convention. Its "newness" merely represents a notation on the calendar. The transformations that transpire naturally in the seasons do not provide a sufficiently robust foundation for the hope of genuine change. Nevertheless, the author asserts that in the truly novel occurrences within the Christian narrative, "a day or a month or an hour can become charged with promise, and be a springboard to a changed life."

This hymn represents a profound declaration of the good news of the gospel. While it can be utilized to commemorate the transition of the year, it also serves effectively as an invitation to the communion table or during the celebration of any "rite of passage," as well as in the proclamation of new life in Christ.

Brian Wren is a prominent contemporary hymn writer who has been composing hymns since the mid-1960s. He is closely linked to the phenomenon known as the "hymn explosion," a significant surge in new hymn writing that commenced in the 1960s in Great Britain and persists to this day in various regions worldwide. Currently, Wren resides in the United States. Twenty-one of his hymn texts are incorporated in the *Chalice Hymnal*.

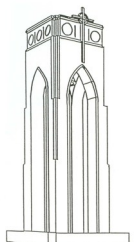
The composition "BEGINNINGS" was created by Carlton Young specifically for this text. Young served as the editor of *"The United Methodist Hymnal"* (1989). An alternative recommended tune is "EUCCHARISTIC HYMN" (387), as it is widely recognized among most congregations.

ChARM BRANSON TRIP

We hope you will join us for a wonderful time full of fun and fellowship in Branson. We will leave on Tuesday, October 14 and return Friday, October 17. The \$250 deposit is due on or before July 1. Branson in the Fall is wonderful. For more information, please contact Stephanie in the church office at 405-329-2192.

MONTHLY EVENSONG

Our traditional vespers service has transitioned to a monthly Taizé vespers with song, scripture, prayerful silence, and communion. This service will occur on the 1st Monday of each month. The next Evensong service will be **Monday, July 7th.**



Church Calendar

June 17, 2025– Wednesday

7:30 p.m. Choir

June 20, 2025– Friday

12:30 p.m. ChARM Lunch & Sooner
Theatre

June 22, 2025– Sunday

Capital Campaign Commitment Sunday

Mission Trip Commissioning

8:40 a.m. Worship

9:00/9:30 a.m. Church School

10:45 a.m. Worship

12:00 p.m. All Church Luncheon– F.H.

INFANTS – PRE-K FROLIC WORSHIP

Our attendants in the infant – Pre-K area continue to provide loving care for our youngest children, creating a safe and nurturing environment while introducing them to faith through story, play, games, and crafts through Bible stories of transformation.

VOYAGE INTO DISCIPLESHIP

Voyage Into Discipleship gathers for all children ages Kindergarten through 5th grade. Each voyage sets sail from the third floor in the children's education area at 9:30 am every Sunday. Our voyage this Summer Series, *At The Beach*, will take us with Jesus to the beach and on water. This week: *Jesus Chooses His First Disciples: Fishers of Men*.

HYMNS FOR SUNDAY

For the Beauty of the Earth (56)

Love Divine, All Love Excelling (517)

This is a Day of New Beginnings (518)

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

LEARN MORE ABOUT OUR SUNDAY WORSHIP HYMNS



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.

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.