



# The Norman Christian

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## SUNDAY, MARCH 22, 2026

*Fifth Sunday in Lent*

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: Romans 8: 6-11

Sermon: *Mind Setting*

Worship & Wonder: Jesus the King & Jesus's  
Last Passover

***Evensong***

***Monday, March 30th, at 5:15 p.m.– Chapel***



In honor of Rev. Colton Lott's first Sunday at First Christian Norman, his dad, Chris Lott rings the bell, joined by family.

## “THE RIGHT FRAME OF MIND”

***Rev. Colton D. Lott, Senior Minister***

My teaching pastor in Chicago had a catchphrase that sustained her through the hardest days of ministry:

*"Nothing is wasted in God's economy."*

The event only had five people in attendance?

*Nothing is wasted in God's economy.*

We only had pasta dishes at the church potluck?

*Nothing is wasted in God's economy.*

Was this dollar given to the woman panhandling given wisely?

*Nothing is wasted in God's economy.*

It's easy to get discouraged, to get into a mindset of scarcity, and to feel that everything is useless, exorbitant, or simply wasteful. It was helpful to remember a deeper truth - *nothing is wasted in God's economy.*

This is one of the things I carry from those months of leadership with that church – that we can try to keep track of wins and losses, or we can instead see how God can take anything offered and make it useful. It matters the frame of mind we are in, and how we think about this marvelous thing we call Christian community.

This Sunday, we will continue our series *Same Quest, New Day*, looking at our identity statement: *we are a community joined together in a reverent, thoughtful, loving quest for faith.* This week, we turn to thoughtfulness and receive instruction from Paul's Letter to the Romans.

This letter is Paul at his smartest and most scholarly, but what shines through is not the importance of cleverness or theological prowess but of thoughtfulness. One of Paul's best lessons to them and to us is that *how* we think is just as important as *what* we think.

And if we can get our frame of mind right... then we might see everything as a gift... that with our creative God, nothing is wasted.

Thank you for the generous hospitality that you extended to my family and me this past Sunday. I hope to see you all (again or for the first time!) in the pews at 8:40 or 10:45, or by church online.

Every good thing,

*Pastor Colton*

## REV. COLTON LOTT OFFICE HOURS

To schedule Tuesday/Thursday appointment times please use this link: [Select a Date & Time - Calendly](#)

To schedule a Monday lunch please use this link: [Select a Date & Time - Calendly](#)

## LENTEN PRAYER VIGIL

I have been participating in the annual Lenten Prayer Vigil since I was in high school at First Christian in Norman many years ago. It became a very important time in my life, as I would drive to the church at 2:00AM to pray in the peaceful setting in the old chapel long ago. Being a part of this prayer chain always gives me a heightened sense of being in the presence of God, whether it is in the chapel or at my home. I appreciate feeling a part of the ongoing chain of prayer with my church community. It brings a special feeling of gratitude, of humility, of contemplation about my role in society and about how I can try to be a better friend, partner, and citizen. I find a higher level of comfort in praying for guidance and for a clearer vision. My God is truly walking by my side.

The Prayer Vigil will take place from 8:00PM on Maundy Thursday, April 2 (immediately following the Maundy Thursday service) through Good Friday, April 3 at 10:00PM. Overnight times after 10:00PM Thursday will be observed in your home, followed by times in the chapel on Friday from 8:00AM until 10:00PM. Security personnel will be present at the church on Thursday evening and after the offices close on Friday at 4:00PM until 10:00PM. Sign-up can be accessed online [Participants: Prayer Vigil 2026](#), by signing the schedule in the gallery on Sunday mornings, or by calling the church office.

*Larry Reed*

## EASTER LILIES

Again this year, the church will have Easter lilies to beautify the sanctuary on Easter Sunday. You may purchase one for \$15, given in remembrance, honor, or appreciation of a loved one or friend. All you need do is contact the church office with the information for the dedication, paying by either credit card or check (making sure to note that it is for an Easter Lily). Dedication forms are also available in the church office. The church newsletter will run a list of dedications the week following Easter. Thank you.

## GEBREG ZIEBBE TO DISCUSSION GROUP 1

Gebreg Ziebbe will be sharing some of his experiences at Discussion Group 1 Friday, March 27 at 6:00 p.m. in the parlor. After a covered-dish supper, the group will hear about his long and successful journey as an immigrant from Ethiopia. He and his wife were sponsored and aided by our church years ago.

Any who would like to share in this evening are welcome.

## IN THE CHURCH FAMILY...

Ryatt Clark is in OU Children's Hospital.

Congratulations to fifth grader Luc Lubbers on his acceptance into the Vocal Music Major Program at Classen School of Advanced Studies!

## EVENSONG DATE CHANGE

Please note that the April 6th Evensong has been rescheduled to Monday, March 30th due to the church office being closed April 6th following Easter Sunday.

## ChARM MARCH ADVENTURES

**Wednesday, March 18** — 11:00am—ChARM - please come and enjoy a Hideaway pizza lunch and get to know our new senior minister, Colton Lott. Movie Day will follow lunch in the Church Parlor. A \$10 love offering will be accepted. **Please RSVP by Tuesday, March 17 at 5:00pm** so we have enough pizza and dessert.

**Friday, March 27** — 8:00am—Meet at Sunny Side Up in Moore for breakfast. Please RSVP.

**We are better together!**

*Stephanie Gasaway*

## ChARM BRANSON TRIP

The Branson trip is scheduled for Tuesday, November 17 - Friday, November 20. The \$300 deposit is due on or before July 1. Branson will be decorated for Christmas which is always very special. We hope you will join us for a wonderful time full of fun and fellowship. For more information, please contact Stephanie in the church office at 405-329-2192.



## NOMINATING COMMITTEE RECEIVING NAMES

This year's Nominating Committee, as approved by the Board, is Rob Bradshaw, Martie Buzzard, Dick Gray, Summer Suffridge and Emily Trnka. This Committee will meet on April 14th to assemble a slate of members to recommend for officers, elders, and deacons. You are invited to submit names of people to serve in these ways by contacting one of the members of the Nominating Committee, or by contacting one of the ministers at the church office. Anyone nominated to serve must have been a church member for at least six months. Thank you for your participation in this important aspect of the leadership of the church!

## FALL MDO ENROLLMENT

Our Fall Enrollment for Mother's Day Out will begin for Church Families via email at [mdo@fccnorman.org](mailto:mdo@fccnorman.org) on Monday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>. I just need your name, a good contact number, your child's name, child's DOB, and if completely potty trained for ages 3 and up, to get you on the correct list. All the current forms will be emailed in June once lists are completed.

Our 2026-27 school year will begin on Monday, August 17<sup>th</sup>. We always start with a full week on the Monday after Norman Public Schools begins. We then follow Norman Public Schools calendar for closure dates during the school year.

Enrollment will open to Current Families on April 6<sup>th</sup>, so please be sure to email me at [mdo@fccnorman.org](mailto:mdo@fccnorman.org) before that date so I am sure to save a space for you! Once current families begin enrolling, I cannot guarantee spots for Church families.

If you have any questions, please feel free to email [mdo@fccnorman.org](mailto:mdo@fccnorman.org) or text Debra Peltier at 405-245-0865.

## 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 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grades and CYF is for youth in 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> 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.

**March 18**—SPRING BREAK—No youth meetings!

**March 25**—Service Project for Meals on Wheels

## CELEBRATING REV. SHANNON COOK

We will hold a fellowship luncheon on Sunday, March 29, following the 10:45 service to thank and honor Rev. Shannon Cook. A collection is being taken to present her with a monetary gift at the luncheon. If you would like to contribute, checks may be mailed to the church office with "Gift for Shannon" in the memo line. You may also donate online. Any amount is appreciated. Cards and personal notes of thanks are also deeply meaningful and welcomed.

Please join me in celebrating Shannon on March 29, and know that all will be well.

Faithfully,

Stephanie Clinton, Congregational President

## DISCIPLES MEN WORK DAY



This past Saturday, men of the church gathered to power wash, unplug drains, reattach trim tile, clean the alley, and return rubber nibs to the playground. Shown above is the bell tower, freshly power washed by Bob Hall and Mike Lee. The right base has yet to be done. Thank you to everyone who came out for Work Day and generously gave your time and energy to care for our church grounds!



**Men at Work: Serving with grateful hearts, willing hands and a little elbow grease**

## PASTORS' CLASS (BPS)

For our final pastor's class we will meet on March 22nd after worship in the fellowship hall. We will enjoy lunch together and our service project. Contact Eula to discuss or if you need more information ([eula@fccnorman.org](mailto:eula@fccnorman.org) or (405)919-9821.)

## Church Calendar

### March 18, 2026– Wednesday

11:00 a.m. ChARM Pizza & Movie Day

### March 22, 2026– Sunday

8:40 a.m. Worship  
9:30 a.m. Church School  
10:45 a.m. Worship  
1:30 p.m. Pastor's Class

### March 23, 2026– Monday

6:00 p.m. Membership Meeting  
6:30 p.m. Handbells

## 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. Through story, play and a craft the children explored God's love. Kandice, our Nursery Coordinator, and our dedicated nursery staff ensure the children are engaged every Sunday morning.

## VOYAGE INTO DISCIPLESHIP

Children, kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> grade, gather every Sunday to set sail from the third floor in the children's education area at 9:30am. Over the next few weeks our voyage will explore the Bible story of Jesus and the Children, and the emphasis that Jesus put on the importance of children.

*Spring Break  
March 16-20  
No NPS/MDO/Logos/Youth*



**We will take this week off for Spring Break. See you all on March 25<sup>th</sup>**

### HYMNS FOR SUNDAY

*O For A Thousand Tongues to Sing (5)  
Breathe on Me, Breath of God (254)  
Just a Closer Walk with Thee (557)*

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



### Summer Ministry at FCC

**July 13th - 16th**

Vacation Bible School

**July 27th - 29th**

JYF Mission Day Camp  
(3rd - 5th gr. completed)

## FCC's Annual Easter Carnival

**April 4<sup>th</sup>; 10am–noon**

**NEEDED:  
EASTER PLASTIC EGGS  
AND CANDY  
OR  
EASTER PLASTIC EGGS  
FILLED WITH CANDY**

Candy must be individually wrapped  
Drop off in the church office

Questions: contact Eula in the church office or at  
[eula@fccnorman.org](mailto:eula@fccnorman.org)

Games

Snacks

Candy

Photo Opt

Easter Egg Hunt!!