



The Norman Christian

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SUNDAY, MARCH 8, 2026

Youth Sunday

Third 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 5: 1-8, I John 4: 19-21,
Colossians 3: 12-13, Timothy 4: 12

Sermon: *Peace, Love and Understanding*

Worship & Wonder: Family Sunday/Youth Led Worship

Evensong

Monday, April 6th, at 5:15 p.m. – Chapel

FROM THE DESK OF REV. DR. STEVE GRAHAM

Dear First Christian,

Jennifer and I are grateful for the time we have shared with you. It has been our good fortune. Thank you for your gracious cards and gifts. We have loved being with you. Our lives have been enriched. We want you to know that across the board you are doing a good job being one fine congregation.

Warmly,

Steve & Jennifer Graham

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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!

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

REV. COLTON LOTT OFFICE HOURS

We are delighted to share that **Rev. Colton Lott** will officially begin his ministry at First Christian Church Norman on **Monday, March 9th**.

Rev. Lott is looking forward to meeting members of the congregation and getting to know our church family. For these first months (at least), he will hold regular office hours on **Tuesday and Thursday afternoons** and would be happy to visit with you during those times. Meetings may take place in his office or at your favorite local coffee shop — whichever setting is most comfortable for you.

If you would like to schedule a time to meet with Rev. Lott, please use the provided scheduling link. He is also available at other times by appointment as needed.

In addition, there is a special sign-up opportunity for those who would like Rev. Lott to treat them to lunch on a Monday. This is another wonderful way to connect, share your story, and welcome him to our church family.

If you experience any difficulty scheduling a time or signing up for lunch, please contact the church office and we will be glad to assist you in getting on his calendar.

Please join us in warmly welcoming Rev. Lott as he begins this new chapter of ministry with First Christian Church Norman!

To schedule Tuesday/Thursday appointment times please use this link: [Rev. Colton Lott Office Hours](#)

To schedule a Monday lunch please use this link: [Monday Lunch with Rev. Colton Lott](#)

DISCIPLES MEN

Work Day

On Saturday, March 14th, FCC Disciples Men will hold a church work party to power-wash certain exterior areas. The work is estimated to run from 9 am until noon, and we will focus on the circle drive-covered walkway, the Columbarium area, and the exterior walls around Colton's office. In addition, a team will rake and relocate the rubber playground mulch that has migrated through the fence and into the artificial turf and other places. If you would like to be a part of this work party, please text Dave Saunders at 405-406-3730 and let him know you will be coming to help. We'll have coffee and doughnuts ready before 9 am in the conference room. Bound to be fun!

Coffee Chat

You are invited to join the Disciples Men for a monthly Monday morning "Coffee Chat." Our next Coffee Chat will happen Monday, April 6, from 7:00am to 8:30am.

It is a men's get together to meet and get to know one another. The concept is to drop by whenever it is convenient and depart when it is convenient for you.

The location is the **Yellow Dog (222 South Porter Avenue) at Porter and Eufaula**, just down from the church and across the street from Hiland Dairy. Parking is on the street and behind their shop.

Please come and join us!

OPPORTUNITY TO TRAVEL TO SCOTLAND WITH CHOIR

This summer the Chancel Choir, friends, and family will be touring Scotland from July 29 to August 9. Members of the Choir wanted to have a trip together, and since we have room, you are invited to join us. This will be a **non-performance** trip. Please email me, and I will send you the trip proposal.

Steve Curtis, scurtis@ou.edu

DON'T FORGET — DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS!

It's almost time to "spring forward"! Daylight Saving Time begins this Sunday, so be sure to set your clocks **forward one hour** before you go to bed on Saturday night.

While we may lose an hour of sleep, we gain longer, brighter evenings — a sure sign that spring is on the way!

Please remember to adjust your clocks so you can join us on time for worship and Sunday activities. We look forward to seeing everyone bright and early!

IN THE CHURCH FAMILY...

David Deering is in Mercy Hospital North.

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 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

PASTORS' CLASS (BPS)

Pastor's classes for all interested in baptism are as follows: March 8th, 15th, & 22nd; we will begin each class at 1:30pm and finish by 3:00pm. If you were not able to attend on Sunday, please join us this Sunday March 8th. March 22nd will include lunch and a service project. We understand that Spring Break occurs during a couple of dates. Contact Eula to discuss or if you need more information (eula@fccnorman.org or (405)919-9821.)

YOUTH SUNDAY – YOUTH LEADING WORSHIP

Sunday, March 8

This Sunday, March 8, we invite you to a special **Youth Sunday** as our youth step forward to lead worship. From music and scripture to prayers and leadership roles, our students will be sharing their gifts and voices as they help guide our time together.

Youth Sunday is a meaningful opportunity to celebrate the faith, energy, and dedication of our young people, and to support them as they grow in leadership within our church family. Their preparation and willingness to serve reflect the vibrant future of our congregation.

Please make plans to attend worship this Sunday and encourage our youth with your presence and prayers as they lead us in worship.

B.I.B.L.E. CLASS MOVIE

The B.I.B.L.E. Class is planning another movie day—this coming Saturday, March 7th. Since the church closes at noon, we will begin the movie at 10:00 and go until we cannot. The movie chosen is appropriately named "The Bible"—beginning with God created the heavens and the earth and continuing from there. Because of the length of the film, this movie will be shown in 2 maybe 3 showings (to be announced). **ALL WHO WISH TO JOIN US IN THE LIBRARY, PLEASE DO.**

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.

March 4—Game night!

Saturday, March 7—Youth Sunday rehearsal for Chi Rho and CYF youth, 9 a.m.-noon in the sanctuary.

Sunday, March 8—Youth Sunday! Chi Rho and CYF youth need to be at church at 8 a.m. for rehearsal. Breakfast will be served between services and the group will walk to Fuzzy's for lunch after the second service.

March 11—Study on Pilate

March 18—SPRING BREAK—No youth meetings!

March 25—Service Project for Meals on Wheels

CHURCH CAMP REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

Chi Rho Camp @ Canyon Camp: June 1-5 (current grades 6-8)

Discount Rate: \$440 (before April 24)

Discovery Camp @ Camp Christian: June 12-14 (current grades 2-3)

Discount Rate: \$180 (before April 24)

CYF Conference @ Disciples Center at Tawakoni: June 15-20 (current grades 9-12)

Discount Rate: \$485 (before April 24)

Junior Camp @ Camp Christian: June 22-26 (current grades 4-5)

Discount Rate: \$325 (before April 24)

How to register for camp:

1. Visit <https://okdisciples.org/connect/families-and-youth/> BEFORE April 24!
2. Click on the link for the correct camp for your youth. Fill in the information for your camper.
3. Once you have registered online, FORWARD your email confirmation to Eula (eula@fccnorman.org) at the church office to arrange for payment. If you have questions, see Eula.
4. Once registration is closed, FCC will contact you with information on how to pay the church 1/2 of the fee listed. If you need to scholarship that amount, let us know as soon as possible!
5. Look forward to a fun time at summer church camp!

OKLAHOMA DISCIPLES TO GATHER FOR REGIONAL ASSEMBLY

The Regional Assembly of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Oklahoma will take place March 6-7 at First Christian Church in Edmond. For more information on how you can be a part of this event, which will feature workshops, worship, business, and fellowship, visit okdisciples.org/ra2026.



CHILDREN AND YOUTH SPONSORS/VOLUNTEERS:

Per our Children's Safety Policy everyone volunteering/working with children or youth must have a background check on file. You are all wonderful, ensuring and adhering to our policy. The background checks only last two years, with many of you coming up on your two-year renewal. We would like an easier way to renew your background checks, but at this time the only way to renew is to fill out another waiver from the company who oversees our background checks. You will be contacted by the church office and then receive a link from the company performing the background for you to complete the process; this link does not come from FCCNorman. If you have any questions, please contact Eula in the church office.



The Logos Choir sang beautifully Sunday directed by Christine Hrubik, followed by the grade school children receiving Bibles presented by Pastor Eula Hledik.

Church Calendar

March 4, 2026– Wednesday

11:30 a.m. Nancy Chess Lunch Bunch
 2:45 p.m. Logos
 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

March 7, 2026– Saturday

9:00 a.m. Spiritual Formation Group

March 8, 2026– Sunday

Youth Sunday

Daylight Savings Time

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

March 9, 2026– Monday

Rev. Colton Lott's Ministry at FCC Norman Begins

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

March 10, 2026– Tuesday

10:00 a.m. Mabel Bogges

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 5th 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.



This week our Bible lesson focuses on the our actions and words during worship skills the children will continue to work on their anthem for Palm Sunday; a creative craft will be made, and a delicious dinner will be eaten. Thank you to all of our volunteers for bringing love and joy to our children.

HYMNS FOR SUNDAY

Of All the Spirit's Gifts to Me (270)

It Is Well with My Soul (561)

They'll Know We Are Christians (494)

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

SUMMER CHILDREN'S 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 4th; 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

Games

Snacks

Candy

Photo Opt

Easter Egg Hunt!!

Questions: contact Eula in the church office or at
eula@fccnorman.org