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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2025

Twenty-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: Haggai 1: 1b-2:9b
Sermon: *When Sacred Space Speaks*

Worship & Wonder: The Promised Land

***Evensong Worship
Monday, December 1, at 5:15 p.m.— Chapel***

MINISTER APPRECIATION

As the Thanksgiving season approaches, we're reminded to pause and count our blessings. Among the many gifts God has given our church family, our ministers stand out as faithful shepherds who guide, teach, comfort, and serve with love and dedication. This is the perfect time to express our gratitude for all they do, both seen and unseen.

Let's take time this season to show our appreciation in meaningful ways. A simple note, a heartfelt prayer, a small gift, or even a kind word of encouragement can remind our ministers how much they are valued. Gratitude doesn't have to be grand, it just needs to be sincere.

Together, let's make this a season of gratitude and encouragement for those who serve so faithfully in His name.

"And now, friends, we ask you to honor those leaders who work so hard for you, who have been given the responsibility of urging and guiding you along in your obedience. Overwhelm them with appreciation and love!"
— 1 Thessalonians 5:12-13 (MSG)

With appreciation,
Stephanie Clinton
Congregation President

FALL BAZAAR

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

**SATURDAY
November 8**

9:00-3:00

**220 S WEBSTER
NORMAN**



VENDORS

**HANDMADE CRAFTS, ART,
HOLIDAY DÉCOR, BAKED GOODIES,
JEWELRY, AND MUCH MORE**

SPONSORED BY FCC DISCIPLES WOMEN'S MINISTRIES

A NOTE FROM STEWARDSHIP

First Christian Church has long been a community of faithful and joyful givers, joining together to share our resources in service to God and others. Through your generosity, we are able to continue and expand our ministry as a living example of God's love in our community and the world.

As part of our church's commitment to responsible stewardship, our committee prepares and presents a balanced budget to the Church Board and the congregation for approval. Your pledge plays a vital role in the development of the 2026 budget.

If you have not yet made your pledge, please complete a pledge card or visit <https://fcc.link/2026PledgeCard> to conveniently submit your pledge online. While pledges are non-binding, they are an essential component of our financial planning for the year ahead.

Thank you for your continued faithfulness and generous support of the mission and ministry of First Christian Church of Norman.

Sincerely,
Rachel Spannagle,
Chair of Stewardship

JOYFUL GIVING: A FAITHFUL FUTURE AS GOD'S PEOPLE

We continue receiving our pledges as we plan for the mission and ministry of the church for 2026. Thank you to all those who responded with presenting your pledge cards so far, with 117 pledges received totaling \$589,155.76 which includes 17 new pledges and 39 who are increasing their pledge. Thank you for your faithful and dedicated responses!

CHOIR NEEDS YOU

Some might choose to join the Chancel Choir when we return from our four-week break in August. Others might choose to join when the choir begins rehearsing music for Advent and Christmas. If you choose this option, you are in luck. We will begin preparing music for Advent and Christmas very soon.

All you need to join the choir is to have a love of singing. You do not need to be able to read music. We have singers in every section who read music, and you can follow them. Also, you do not need to attend every Wednesday and Sunday. Covid has reduced our numbers, and if we have a larger choir, all singers can feel that they can miss, and we will still have enough in every section. If you have a question regarding which section you should join, I will meet you at church, listen to you, and help you to find a section. Speaking of Covid, we lost choir members during that challenging time, and if you are one who has not sung with us since Covid and are willing to return, we would love to have you back. All are welcome: both new members and returning members.

The Chancel Choir meets in the Chancel on Wednesday evenings from 7:30 to 8:30 pm (the shortest rehearsal in town). Childcare is also available. If you have questions, please contact me.

Steve Curtis, Director of Music
scurtis@ou.edu

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.

November 5—Study on Mary, the mother of Jesus

November 12—Service project for Meals on Wheels

November 19—Fellowship Night

November 26—No youth meetings

ChARM UPCOMING FUN!!!

Friday, November 21 – 8:00am – Breakfast at Cracker Barrel in Norman. We will meet there.

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!

Tuesday, December 16 - We will meet at Church at 4:30pm and take all 3 church buses to La Herencia Mexican Restaurant for dinner. 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. This event is always very popular so please sign up with Stephanie as soon as you know you can go.

SALVATION ARMY BELL-RINGING

Get those arms ready to ring for the Salvation Army bells on Wednesday December 3rd, Thursday December 4th and Friday December 5th. The one hour shifts will be from 12:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.. We will be on the west entrance of Dillard's Department Store as we have done before. There will be sign-up sheets on Sunday, or you can call the church office at 329-2192 to reserve a time to ring the bells! Thank you.

NEW PEDESTRIAN CROSSING SIGNS

Last week the City of Norman installed 2 new Pedestrian Crossing Entire Area signs at each end of Eufaula in front of the church. Steve Graham brought it to the attention of Jud Foster who promptly went to the city and they were out within the week to install. Thank you Steve, Jud and the City of Norman for helping to keep us safe.



Church Calendar

November 5, 2025– Wednesday

11:30 a.m. Nancy Chess Lunch Bunch
-Gaberine's
2:45 p.m. Logos
4:00 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

November 6, 2025– Thursday

9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study

November 7, 2025– Friday

9:00 a.m. DoCWM Bazaar Set Up

November 8, 2025– Thursday

9:00 a.m. DoCWM Bazaar
9:00 a.m. Spiritual Formation Group
9:30 a.m. Chi Rho & Youth Regional
Retreat Leaves
6:00 p.m. Discussion II– Casa Blanca

November 9, 2025– Sunday

8:40 a.m. Worship
9:30 a.m. Church School
9:30 a.m. DoCWM Bazaar
10:45 a.m. Worship
12:30 p.m. Chi Rho & Youth Regional
Retreat Returns

November 10, 2025– Monday

2:00 p.m. Hester Sickles– C.R.
6:00 p.m. Membership Meeting
6:30 p.m. Handbells

November 11, 2025– Tuesday

10:00 a.m. Mabel Boggess– Parlor
6:30 p.m. Elders Meeting
7:30 p.m. Board Meeting

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. 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. Sunday we began a voyage with Daniel and a few lions. We discussed the decision Daniel made: to worship and pray to God and spend the night with the lions or obey a law to ignore God.

LOGOS

From the first crunch of snack time to the last laugh over dinner, our LOGOS evenings are alive with joy and purpose. Children are singing, creating, playing and discovering God's love in every corner of the building. Each week reminds us that faith grows best when shared with friends, our adult teachers, shepherds, tables parents, and the wonderful kitchen staff around a full table with a delicious dinner.

HYMNS FOR SUNDAY

Restless Weaver (658)

Let There Be Peace on Earth (677)

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.