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CONSECRATION/COMMITMENT SUNDAY- OCTOBER 26, 2025

On Sunday, October 26th at the 8:40 and 10:45 services, the church family celebrates worship with presenting our pledges and commitments for the 2026 budget for the mission and ministries of First Christian Church of Norman. You will have received information by mail and electronically about this year's stewardship focus. As we eagerly anticipate another wonderful year of ministry for the church, your participation and commitment to the work of the church is essential. Thank you for your faithful and encouraging stewardship!

ADVENT BOOK WRITERS

Once again, the church family will be creating an Advent Devotional Book, which is a collection of readings for each day during the season of Advent, beginning Sunday, November 30th this year. So, we are looking for 25 writers to share a brief reflection that will be available to the church as a way to focus and reflect on this wonderful season of the year.

If you are interested in writing, please contact the church office to let us know. Thank you!



STEWARDSHIP

Children love to be able to help. It is our nature. Let's remember that nature as we pledge with grateful hearts to support our church, the church we love. Our pledges go to help First Christian Norman and beyond—our city, our state, our nation, our world. As Christians, our nature is to be good stewards for that entrusted to us. We are a family of concern, love, and benevolence for others. Share our united joy as you consider the good we get to do as a family of First Christian.

Ted & Janice Harp

OUESTIONS ABOUT STEWARDSHIP?

Members from the Stewardship Committee will be available for questions or discussion between the Sunday School and Worship hours in the gallery by the coffee bar.

JEFF CHAMPEAU AT DISCUSSION GROUP 1

Discussion Group 1 will meet in the Parlor Friday, October 24 at 6:00 p.m. Jeff Champeau will be sharing on the topic 'Technology at FCC and how it has changed over the past 25 years'!

The evening begins with a covered-dish supper and welcomes those who are interested in the subject or the group.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2025

Reformation/Commitment Sunday

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: Jeremiah 32: 1-15 Sermon: *Invest to Bless*

Worship & Wonder: Family Sunday

Evensong Worship Monday, November 3rd, at 5:15 p.m.– Chapel

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

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^{th} - 8^{th} grades and CYF is for youth in 9^{th} - 12^{th} 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.

October 22—Fellowship and Games

Sunday, October 26—Fall Carnival! Youth are welcome to stay after church (lunch will be provided) to help set up for the event. We will also need help with cleanup, which should take less than an hour. Youth should be done by 5 p.m. at the latest! Service hours can be earned at this event.

October 29—All Saint's Day

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 Fun – Please Join Us!!

<u>Friday, October 31</u> – 8:00am – Breakfast at OK Diner. We will meet there.

Tuesday, November 4 – Noon – Complimentary Lunch in Fellowship Hall. Dave Saunders will be our speaker, and he will teach us about Route 66. Please let me know if you plan to attend so I have enough food for all.

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

NEWS FROM DISCIPLES OF CHRIST WOMEN'S MINISTRIES

The DoCWM Council met on Tuesday, October 7. Following are some dates to remember.

Tuesday, October 28 CADW meeting at El Reno First Christian Church. The church bus will leave at 8:45 a.m. There is a \$10 cost for lunch. We will hear a presentation from Gospel of Life Disciples + Dwelling.

Saturday, November 8 Fall Bazaar, 9:00-3:00. This year there will be some outside vendors as well as our own crafts, baked goods, and freezer items. We will set up on Friday, November 7 at 9:00 a.m. Please bring your items to Fellowship Hall on Friday. If you would like to volunteer to work on Saturday, the morning shift is from 8:30-12:30 and the afternoon shift from 12:00-3:30. Lunch will be provided for workers. We will also be open for sales between services on Sunday and after the conclusion of the second service. There will be a craft table for kids for \$5.00 on Saturday.

STAY CONNECTED WITH THE MOST UP-TO-DATE DIRECTORY!

Don't forget to pick up a copy of this year's printed Membership Directory, available in the gallery or by the office. While this directory is a wonderful resource, please remember it only reflects information available at the time it was printed.

Life moves quickly—phone numbers change, email addresses get updated, and families move. To ensure you always have the most accurate and current contact information, we encourage you to use the Directory tab on our church app. The app updates in real time, making it the best way to stay connected with your church family.

As a reminder, the app isn't just for the directory! You can also view the church calendar, track your giving history, and explore many other helpful features designed to keep you connected and informed.

Download the app today and make it your go-to tool for staying connected with our church community.



Church Calendar

October 22, 2025- Wednesday

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

October 23, 2025- Thursday

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

October 24, 2025- Friday

6:00 p.m. Discussion I

October 25, 2025- Saturday

8:00 a.m. Youth Football Car Parking

11:00 a.m. OU vs. Ole Miss

October 26, 2025 – Sunday

Reformation/Commitment Sunday 8:40 a.m. Worship

9:30 a.m. Church School 10:45 a.m. Worship

2:00 p.m. Children's Fall Carnival 4:00 p.m. Catherine's Book Club

October 27, 2025- Monday

11:30 a.m. Advent Planning & Staff

Lunch

6:30 p.m. Handbells

October 28, 2025- Tuesday

8:45 a.m. CADW in El Reno

INFANTS – PRE-K FROLIC WORSHIP

Our attendants who care and teach the infant–Pre-K children continue to create a safe and nurturing environment. Each week a story or theme is introduced through a story, play and a craft. Kandice, our Nursery Coordinator, and our dedicated nursery staff ensure the children stay 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. Our Voyage currently takes us through the creation stories as children learn about the importance of caring for God's creation. This past Sunday, we continued our voyage with storytelling Deborah, a judge, prophet, and leader of Israel with a delicious craft!

LOGOS

The Logos Choir – This week we Our Agents in Action continue to experience the Bible stories that come alive in new ways!! The children continue to work on their selection to sing on October 26th, and enjoy making their creative crafts.

HYMNS FOR SUNDAY

We Call Ourselves Disciples (357) Hope of the World (538) O Jesus, I Have Promised (612)

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

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.