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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2025

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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: Isaiah 6: 1-8, Romans 8: 12-17

Sermon: *Let Your Life Speak*

Worship & Wonder: Exodus

Evensong Worship

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

CLEVELAND COUNTY CROPWALK

No one in this world should be hungry. That's why the CROP Hunger Walk is more than just a gathering of people in a place. We're part of a movement, taking steps and raising funds together to provide meals for those in our own community who need them - and supporting programs that create greater food security in communities all around the world.

Date: October 19, 2025

Time: 1:30pm Check-In &

2:00pm Walk Send-Off

**NEW Location: Adult Wellness and Education
Center, 602 N. Findlay Ave**

Parking: Behind the Adult Wellness Center – Enter from Porter Ave., Norman Regional Southeast Lot

First Christian Church will donate \$25 per walker through our outreach ministry. Please sign-up on behalf of the church when registering the day of the walk. Or if you are walking in your neighborhood, please let us know so that we may donate \$25 on your behalf.

FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE

The Fellowship Committee will meet Monday, October 13th at 7:00 p.m. in the Parlor.

STEWARDSHIP

“What is a Legacy? It's planting seeds in a garden you never get to see.”

- Lin-Manuel Miranda

(From the Broadway musical Hamilton)

Investing in the future is hard. You don't know what's going to happen. Will things turn out well? That's where faith comes in. Hebrews 11:1 says “Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see.”

This year's stewardship theme, “Joyful Giving, a faithful future as God's people,” got me thinking about how all of us as a congregation are not just helping to keep the church going in the present, but we are setting things up for future generations. We are also continuing to follow this church's legacy of faithful stewardship and joyful giving set by those who have gone before us.

Serving on the search committee for the next senior minister also has me thinking about how decisions we make now will affect the future. As we strive to follow God in a reverent, thoughtful, loving quest for faith, I feel assured that the right person will be called to be our next minister. I believe in this church, and I have confidence that the future is bright for the First Christian Church of Norman.

Mitch Duprez

QUESTIONS ABOUT STEWARDSHIP?

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

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!



B.I.B.L.E. CLASS

B.I.B.L.E will be viewing the movie Jeremiah on Sunday afternoon beginning after church in the library. Please bring your bottled water and popcorn. Movie is 1-1/2 hours in length covering his life up to the fall of Jerusalem.

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NEWS FROM DISCIPLES OF CHRIST WOMEN'S MINISTRIES

If you are interested in making fall and Christmas cards, Leslie Bumgarner will be here on Sunday, October 19. The class will begin at 4:00. Leslie will bring supplies to make 12 cards (3 cards of 4 designs). The cost for the class is \$30. To reserve a spot please contact Patty Wadsack at 405 620-6553 or Patty@wgmeidcal.com. Patty needs your reservation by Wednesday, October 15.

Don't forget the Fall Bazaar on Saturday, November 8. You can bring anything you make to Fellowship Hall on Friday afternoon or Saturday morning. The Bazaar will be open for business from 9:00 to 3:00.

ChARM OCTOBER ADVENTURES

Tuesday, October 14 - our charter bus will begin to load at the church at 7:30AM and will leave promptly at 8AM for our incredible Branson vacation. We will return on Friday, October 17 by 5 PM,

Friday, October 31 - 8:00am – please meet at the OK Diner for breakfast. Please RSVP to Stephanie so that she may give them a number for seating.

ChARM SHIRTS ARE IN!

If you ordered a long sleeve red ChARM shirt or a sweatshirt, they are in the office and ready for pick up. They are \$25 each.

PATHFINDERS SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

The Pathfinders Class has relocated to the Conference Room. We meet every Sunday morning from 9:30 am to 10:30 am

Right now, we are on a journey through a five-film series. In this series, Miguel De La Torre exposes illusions of salvation separated from justice and reveals how Christianity is complicit in oppressive systems.

Through raw and prophetic truth-telling, he calls us to a gospel of solidarity—one that does not find comfort in hope without cost but instead learns to sit in the agony of injustice.

This series challenges viewers to reflect on their faith, asking: What does salvation mean when it is disconnected from justice? Where is God among today's crucified? How do we practice a faith that supports the oppressed rather than benefiting from their suffering?

Please email Tom (tom@fccnorman.org) for questions. Thank you!

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.

October 8—No Youth—NPS Fall Break

October 15—Service Project: College Care Packages

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

All Chi Rho and CYF youth must have a registration on file by the first meeting in August! Visit <https://fccnorman.shelbynextchms.com/external/form/13cde659-783d-4d92-9157-9bfd113a1d85> to fill out the registration form.

LOGOS CHILDCARE ATTENDANTS NEEDED:

Do you have a heart for caring for little ones?

Our Logos Children's Ministry is looking for two dedicated childcare attendants to help care for our youngest children (pre-K and under) during our Wednesday afternoon program.

Position: Childcare Attendant (2 positions available)
Paid position

When: Wednesdays, 2:15 PM – 6:30 PM

Who: Caring for children pre-K and under

We are looking for warm, responsible, and nurturing individuals who enjoy working with young children. If you or someone you know might be interested, please contact Eula at eula@fccnorman.org or (405)329-2192 for more information or to apply.

CHRISTMAS STORE

The Christmas Store has a temporary location for this year! It is at 1030 N Flood Ave. in Norman. The dates for client shopping are Dec. 8-11, 2025.

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 8, 2025– Wednesday

No NPS/MDO

7:30 p.m. Choir

October 9, 2025– Thursday

No NPS/MDO

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

October 10, 2025– Friday

No NPS/MDO

October 11, 2025– Saturday

9:00 a.m. Spiritual Formation Group

October 12, 2025– Sunday

8:40 a.m. Worship

9:30 a.m. Church School

10:45 a.m. Worship

October 13, 2025– Monday

12:00 p.m. Advent Planning & Staff

Lunch

2:00 p.m. Hester Sickles– C.R.

5:30 p.m. Search Committee– C.R.

6:30 p.m. Handbells

7:00 p.m. Fellowship Meeting– Parlor

October 14, 2025– Tuesday

7:30 a.m. ChARM bus loads for

Branson

10:00 a.m. Mabel Bogges– Parlor

INFANTS – PRE-K FROLIC WORSHIP

Our attendants who care and teach the infant–Pre-K children continue to create a safe and nurturing environment. Last Sunday the children focused on *Have Your Eyes on Jesus* 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 DISCIPLESHP

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 began our voyage with storytelling Deborah, a judge, prophet, and leader of Israel.

LOGOS

The Logos Choir – Fall break...Enjoy your time off, and no Logos, see you on October 15th.

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>.

HYMNS FOR SUNDAY

This Is the Day (286)

How Lovely, Lord, How Lovely (285)

All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly (419)

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.

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.