



# *First Christian Church*

*Fayette, Missouri June 27 2021*

## *Stephen's Farewell*

June 27th was Stephen's final Sunday in the pulpit. It was bittersweet as he delivered his final sermon. We are all happy for his placement as permanent Pastor at First Christian Church in Ponca City, Oklahoma, but he had also become a part of the Fayette FCC family.

As part of his farewell, Rev. Dr. Paul Koch delivered a farewell litany and 4 individuals from the congregation offered words of remembrance.

Lacey Gladden and Mike Thornton combined their talents on "*How Great Thou Art*" as the special music of the day. Following the worship service, there was a carry-in fellowship dinner in the church basement that fed approximately 80 people. This was the first fellowship dinner since pre-Covid and it was a blessing to be together once again.

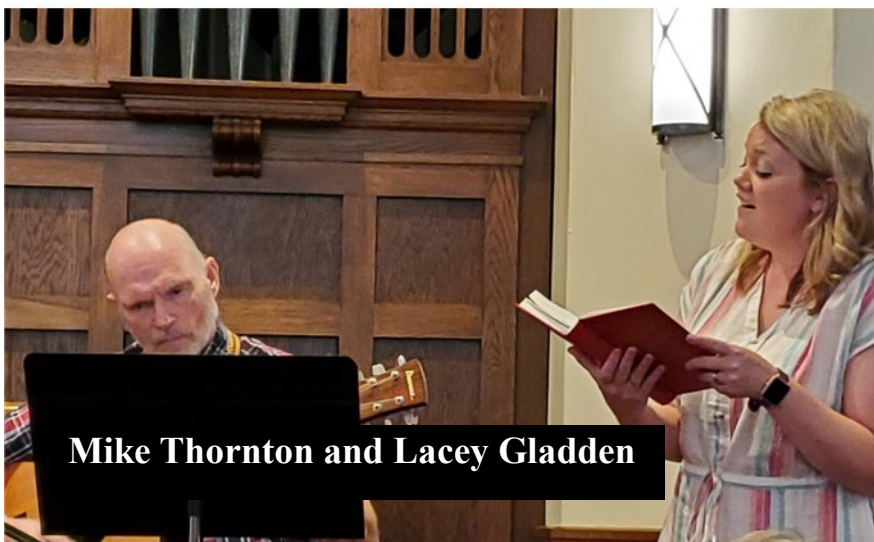
The Irish Blessing was offered to Stephen during Fred Eaton's memories and it seems fitting to include it here as well. Many Blessings to you Stephen!

*May the road rise up to meet you.*

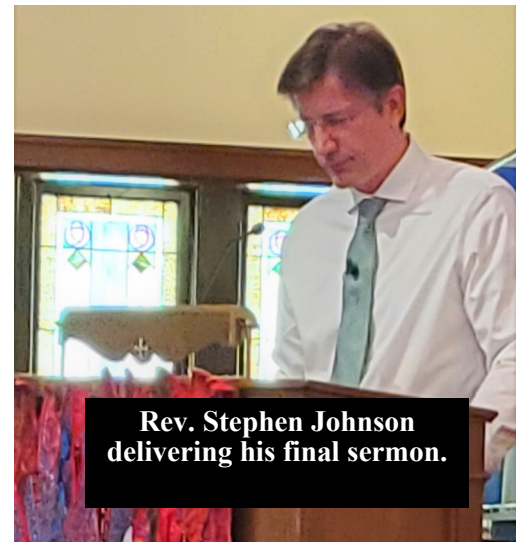
*May the wind be always at your back,*

*May the sun shine warm upon your face;*

*the rains fall soft upon your fields and until we meet again,  
may God hold you in the palm of His hand.*



**Mike Thornton and Lacey Gladden**



**Rev. Stephen Johnson  
delivering his final sermon.**

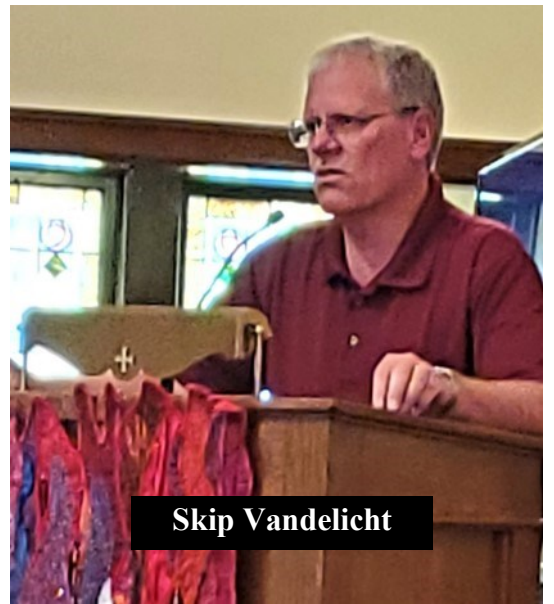




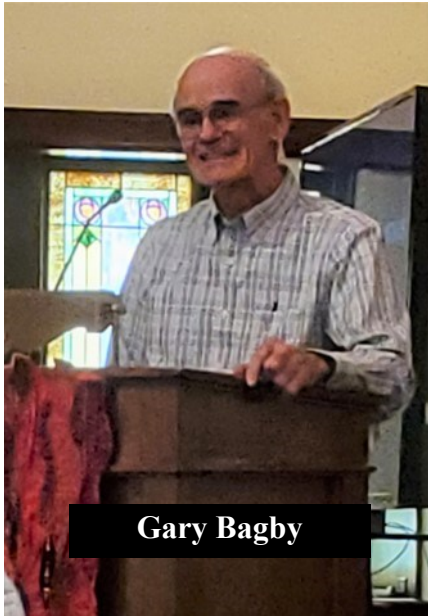
**Rev. Dr. Paul Koch**  
Regional Minister



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**Skip Vandelicht**



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**Fred Eaton**



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**Rev. Stephen Johnson**

**Clay Gladden**

**Katie Pettit**

**Blakely Pettit**

**Alice Dudenhoffer**