

MINISTERING IN WORSHIP . . .

Presiding Elder ~ Mike Buckley  
Elders ~ Roger Baker & Kevin Cheatham  
Lay reader ~ Becky Sisk  
Greeters ~ Jake & Laura Cohen  
Acolyte ~ Natalie Woods  
Deacons  
    Chancel – Geraldine Runkle  
    \*Lisa Cheatham, Barb Turner & Debbie Presnell  
\* = Head Deacon **(Please count attendance)**  
Counters ~ Mike & Laura Buckley

OUR WELCOMING STATEMENT

*First Christian Church Peoria, as an open and affirming church, believes that all people are sacred creations of a loving God. We affirm the diversity that exists among us. We strive to answer the call of Christ by extending his love, compassion, and acceptance to all. In that spirit, we open our family of faith to people of every religious background, sexual orientation, family structure, physical and mental ability, race, socio-economic status, age, and gender identity. We welcome all people to participate fully in the life and ministry of First Christian Church.*

Ministry Programming Staff:  
Hank Anderson, Interim Minister  
Heather Woods, Coordinator of Music Ministries  
Brian Woods, Organist  
Mason Fitch, Social Media Coordinator  
Brandy Cox, Child-Care

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Calendar

- TODAY**  
9:00 a.m. – Studies/Adult SS  
10:30 a.m. – Worship Service (S)  
7:00 p.m. – Private Group (Landes) (110)
- MONDAY**  
5:30 p.m. – Worship Meeting (110)  
6:00 p.m. – Peoria Players (FH)  
6:30 p.m. – Personnel Meeting (ECR))
- TUESDAY**  
6:00 p.m. – Peoria Players (FH)
- WEDNESDAY**  
6:00 p.m. – Peoria Players (FH)
- THURSDAY**  
6:00 p.m. – Peoria Players (FH)
- FRIDAY**  
6:00 p.m. – Peoria Players (FH)
- SATURDAY**  
7:00 a.m. – Private Group (Landes) (110)
- NEXT SUNDAY**  
9:00 a.m. – Studies/Adult SS  
10:30 a.m. – Worship Service (S)  
7:00 p.m. – Private Group (Landes) (110)



July 09, 2023

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Founded in 1845



10:30 a.m.

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

July 09, 2023

\*indicates standing, if able

Today's Meditation

*Sometimes it's the detours which turn out to be the fruitful ideas*

-Roger Penrose

Fellowship of the Church

*(Please register on pads at end of each pew.)*

*We want to extend a special welcome to our first-time visitors. You are invited to stop at the Visitor's Table before you leave to receive more information about our church and a little something extra.*

Music for Meditation – *I Love to Tell the Story* – Fisher/Wood

*(Please use the music and the moment of silence to prepare your hearts and minds for worship.)*

A Moment of Silence

\*Gathering Praise – *Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above* #6

\*Call to Worship

*Leader: You are our security, O Lord, we find refuge in You.*

**People: Everything that is good comes from You Lord!**

*Leader: You give us guidance and make our hearts glad,*

**People: You lead us on the path of life.**

*Leader: In Your presence there is fullness of joy,*

**People: In you there is life forever! Amen!**

Opening Prayer

*Leader: Let us pray together...*

**ALL: O Lord, be gracious to us. Look upon your people with mercy. Speak your word to us - a word of peace to those who follow faithfully. Let your unfailing love and truth come together among us; let your righteousness and peace surround us. Pour out your goodness upon us, that we may worship and serve you all our days. We pray this in the name of the one who taught us to pray...Our Father...**

(Word to *The Lord's Prayer* may be found in the hymnal-#307)

Scripture Readings – Acts 16: 6-10 NRSV

*This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.*

Moment for the Children

Hannah Fitch

Special Music – *Spiritual Contrasts* – Harold L Walters

Saxophone Quartet:

Ange Bertucci, Cindy Bridges, Brian Woods & Heather Woods

Message – *Sometimes There Are Detours Along The Way*

Hank Anderson

\*Hymn of Invitation – *Lead On, O Cloud of Presence* #633

A Time of Prayer

Communion Hymn – *Loving God, as Now We Gather* #427

The Lord's Supper – *In Sacred Memory - Moore*

**All: “Here we celebrate that all people are welcome at this table of God's grace.”**

Offering Statement

Tithes and Offerings – *Since Jesus Came into My Heart*

- Gabriel/Curry

*(If you are able, please come forward at this time to place your offering in the plate on the communion table.)*

\*Doxology #46

\*Dedication of Offering

\*Benediction

\*Congregational Response – *Lead Me, Guide Me* #583

\*Postlude – *Trompette Brillante* – Vivaldi/Williams

TODAY'S ANNOUNCEMENTS (Weekly Calendar on back)

- Communion Elements ~ For those who feel they need an extra level of protection, there are sealed bread and juice containers with the bread sealed in clear plastic on top of the foil lid for the juice. We ask that everyone else use the double-cupped wafer and juice that will be passed through the pews.
- We are a church of prayer. There are prayer request forms in your bulletin. They can be put in the offering plate, hung on the prayer wall in the east end of the lounge, or if you want to maintain confidentiality, hand directly to the pastor. If you want your prayer concern shared via the prayer chain, please indicate that on your form.
- Our sound system is equipped with a hearing assistance technology system. Pick up a receiver at the sound booth prior to worship. After the service, please return the receiver to the sound booth.
- Get Acquainted with Hank ~ Another session is scheduled for July 12<sup>th</sup> at 7p.m. If you would like to attend please sign up at the information desk.
- Tasting Peoria ~ Will be at Bernardi's in Washington, July 20<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m. Please sign up at the information desk.
- Book Club ~ July 25<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. at Margaret Goulden's home: 133 Eastwood Dr. East Peoria, IL. The book is “The Girl with Seven Names”.
- Peoria Chiefs ~ Faith and Family Night is on July 26<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30 p.m. If you would like to attend please sign up at the information desk before July 23<sup>rd</sup>.
- Potluck Sunday ~ July 30<sup>th</sup> Please bring a dish and your own tableware to reduce waste. If you can help with prep and cleanup sign up at the information desk.
- Fun in the Sun – Illinois Valley Cluster Picnic is August 19<sup>th</sup> from 12-5p.m. at Lake Wildwood, Varna IL. Deadline to RSVP is August 17th. Sign up at the information desk.