

**MINISTERING IN WORSHIP . . .**  
Presiding Elder ~ Frank Wheeler  
Elders ~ Linda Rex & Beth Smittkamp  
Lay Reader ~ Terrie Wronkiewicz  
Greeters ~ Connie Julien & Judy Leeper  
Acolyte ~ Natalie Woods  
Deacons  
    Chancel – Geraldine Runkle  
            \*Alice Jury  
    Tim Dougherty, Joe Rex & Debbie Presnell  
    \* = Head Deacon **(Please count attendance)**  
Counters ~ Steve & Monica Hinrichs  
Sunday School/Grades 1-8 ~ Laura Buckley

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**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)  
11:45 a.m. - Outreach Meeting (110)  
7:00 p.m. - Private Group (Landes) (110)
- MONDAY**  
5:30 p.m. - Worship Meeting (110)  
6:00 p.m. - Peoria Players (FH)  
6:00 p.m. - Personnel Meeting (105)
- TUESDAY**  
10:30 a.m. - Faith and Justice Task Force (105)  
6:00 p.m. - Peoria Players (FH)  
6:30 p.m. - Transition Team (110)
- WEDNESDAY**  
10:30 p.m. - Bible Study (110)  
1:30 p.m. - Christian Ed (105)  
6:00 p.m. - Peoria Players (FH)
- THURSDAY**  
6:00 p.m. - Peoria Players (FH)
- FRIDAY**
- SATURDAY**  
7:00 a.m. - Private Group (Landes) (110)  
10:30 a.m. – MLT Meeting (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)



**June 09, 2024**

**FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH**

*Founded in 1845*



Today's Meditation

So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

- 2 Corinthians 5:17 NRSV

Fellowship of the Church

(Please sign in online or on the red pad in your pew)

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

Music for Meditation – Meditation on *Crusader Hymn*

– Gordon Young

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

A Moment of Silence

\*Opening Hymn – *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

#2

\*Call to Worship

Leader: *O let us give thanks to the Lord,*

**People: For the love of God will never end.**

Leader: *Let we who love God be unashamed to declare it,*

**People: Because God has answered our cries for help.**

Leader: *The Lord our God has met our every need,*

**All: We will therefore proclaim our love of the Lord!**

\*Opening Prayer

Leader: *Let us pray together...*

**All: Miraculous God, come to us now, even as your Son came to those first disciples on the shores of Galilee. Speak your peace to our hearts. Touch us with your Holy Spirit. Reveal your word, that we may hear your message this day, and live as your disciples in the days and years to come. We pray this in the name of Jesus, who taught us to pray... Our Father...**

(The Lord's prayer may be found in the hymnal #307)

\*Glory Be to the Father (Gloria Patri)

#36

Scripture Reading – Ezekiel 36:24-27

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

Children's Message

Hannah Fitch

Special Music

Natalie Woods

*Grace, God's Grace* – Edwin M. Wilmington/Grace Chung

Message – Prophetic: *A Clean Heart*

Hank Anderson

\*Hymn of Invitation – *Rejoice, You Pure in Heart*

vss. 1,4 #15

A Time of Prayer

Communion Hymn –

vss. 1,2 #461

*Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service*

The Lord's Supper – *Whispering Hope* – Hawthorne/Smith

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

Offering Statement

Tithes and Offerings – *Arabesque* – Eugene Butler

(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 – *Help Us Accept Each Other*

vs. 1 #487

\*Postlude – *Joyful Praise* – Eugene Butler

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. 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 the pews. They can be put in the offering plate, hung on the prayer wall in 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.
- Bible Study ~ Wednesday's at 10:30 a.m. with Hank. The study is on the Book of Mark.
- Sunday Morning Study ~ June & July. We will be studying Paul's Ministry in Macedonia and Ephesus. The class will be led by Frank Wheeler.
- Tasting Peoria ~ June 20<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m. We will be going to Agatucci's on University. Please sign up at the information desk or online.
- Book Club ~ June 24<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m. The book is *Still Life* by Louise Penny. We will meet at the home of Elizabeth Carrico, 114 CR 1300 N. Metamora. Sign up at the information desk or online.
- Movie Night ~ June 28<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. The movie is *The African Queen*. Sign up at the information desk or online.
- Book Fair ~ June 30<sup>th</sup> following the Worship Service. Bring in your used books to donate. There will also be a freewill donation taken during the Book Fair. Funds raised will go to *Look It's My Book*.
- Potluck ~ June 30<sup>th</sup> after the Worship Service. Sign up at the information desk or online if you can help with prep and/or cleanup. Bring your own tableware to reduce waste.
- Summer Music ~ If you would like to participate in the Summer Music there is a signup on Heather's door or online.