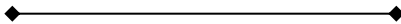


MINISTERING IN WORSHIP . . .

Presiding Elder ~ Mason Fitch
Elders ~ Becky Sisk/Steve West
Lay reader ~ Terry Wronkiewicz
Greeters ~ Debra Kreps/Shirley Fuchs
Acolyte ~ Natalie Woods
Deacons
 Chancel – Kelsey Reynolds
 *Kelsey Reynolds, John Best, Terrie Wronkiewicz,
 Tom Davis, Cheryl Davis
* = 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:
Speaker: Frank Wheeler
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)
12:00 p.m. – EOM Potluck (FH)
7:00 p.m. – Private Group (Landes) (110)

MONDAY - CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED MEMORIAL DAY

5:00 p.m. – Tae Kwon Do Class (classroom)
6:00 p.m. – Peoria Players (FH)

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)
11:45 p.m. – Elders Meeting
7:00 p.m. – Private Group (Landes) (110)



May 28, 2023

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Founded in 1845



Today’s Meditation

No Person was ever honored for what they received. Honor has been the reward for what they gave.

– Calvin Coolidge

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.

Foster Village Cheriz Kunkel

Music for Meditation – Melodie - Grunfeld
(Please use the music and the moment of silence to prepare your hearts and minds for worship.)

A Moment of Silence

*Gathering Praise – On Pentecost The Gathered #237

*Call to Worship
Leader: Praise be to God
People: who rescues us from the power of darkness; who redeems us, and sets us free!
Leader: Praise be to Jesus Christ, the first born of all creations,
People: through whom all things were made, in heaven and on the earth
Leader: Praise be to the Spirit of God,
People: whose presence sustains us, and whose breath renews all creation.

Opening Prayer
Leader: Let us pray together...
All. Holy God, we thank and praise you for the life you have so richly given us. Thank you for the incredible blessing of being your children and for the intricate and beautiful creations you have made us to be. We give you all that we are and ask that we might engage with your Spirit today. We lift our hearts that you might fill them with new love.

We lift our minds that you would pour fresh hope into our thinking. We lift our souls that they may bathe in your grace. We lift our voices to sing your praises, as we come to worship and adore you our Lord, our great Creator. Today we offer you our whole selves in worship to you. All this in the name of your son Jesus Christ as we joyfully sing the prayer he taught us...Our Father...
(Words to The Lord’s Prayer may be found in the hymnal – #307)

Scripture Readings – John 6:66-69; John 13:36-38
This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Moment for the Children Hannah Fitch

Special Music – Refiner’s Fire – Brian Doerksen
Praise Team

Message – Balancing Act Frank Wheeler

*Hymn of Invitation – Called as Partners in Christ’s Service #453

A Time of Prayer

Communion Hymn – Surely the Presence of the Lord #263

The Lord’s Supper – Melody Lyrique - Lester
All: “Here we celebrate that all people are welcome at this table of God’s grace.”

Offering Statement

Tithes and Offerings – Ariosto - Bach
(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 –
How Blest Are They Who Trust in Christ vs. 1 #646

*Postlude – Venite Adoremus - Nordman

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.
- Pentecost Offering ~ May 28th; Half of your gift will support local new church movement through your region’s ministry, the other half supports New Church Ministry efforts across the United States and Canada.
- Foster Village ~ First Christian Church will be a Donation Drive Partner for the month of June. For a list of the Village Closet needs check the information desk.
- June’s Sunday Morning Study ~ “Archaeology and the Bible” starts on June 4. Frank Wheeler will lead the class and focus on issues such as “How Archaeology Works” and “How Archaeology Helps Us Have a Better Understanding of the Bible.”
- Please join us today after the service for our monthly Potluck dinner with good friends and fellowship.