

## MINISTERING IN WORSHIP . . .

Presiding Elder ~ Mike Buckley

Elders ~ Sandy Surface & Steve West

Lay Reader ~ Kate Spielman

Greeters ~ Carney Lewis

Acolyte ~ Natalie Woods

Deacons

Chancel – Joe Rex

\*Tim Dougherty

Dana Powers, Lori Mansfield & Laura Buckley

\* = Head Deacon (**Please count attendance**)

Counters ~ Mike & Laura Buckley

Friends of Jesus ~ Chere Peters

Sunday School/Grades 1-8 ~ Laura Cohen



### 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)  
12:30 p.m. - Jubilate Ringers (S)  
1:00 p.m. - Sanctuary Choir (S)  
7:00 p.m. - Private Group (Landes) (110)

### MONDAY

7:00 p.m. - Administrative Board (110)

### TUESDAY

6:00 p.m. - PACC (S/L/N)

### WEDNESDAY

10:30 a.m. - Bible Study (110)  
6:30 p.m. - Transition Team (105)

### THURSDAY

6:00 p.m. - Tasting Peoria (Off Site)

### FRIDAY

6:00 p.m. – Tamil School (Classrooms/FH)

### SATURDAY

7:00 a.m. - Private Group (Landes) (110)

### NEXT SUNDAY

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JAMES: LIVING FAITH

LOVE...  
FAITH...  
WORKS

April 14, 2024

**FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH**

*Founded in 1845*



## Today's Meditation

*So, if we were made by God and created to do good works through Christ, would our deeds not be a result of our faith?... True faith is active faith, not perfect faith.* — Emma Danzey

## 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

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

## A Moment of Silence

†Opening Hymn – *Thine Is the Glory*

#218

## †Call to Worship

*Leader: Sing praises to God:*

**People: who heals us and makes us whole.**

*Leader: Sing praises to God:*

**People: Whose joy rises in our lives each and every day.**

*Leader: Sing praises to God, and give thanks to God's holy name:*

**People: God is near to us, and God's peace resides in our hearts.**

## †Opening Prayer

*Leader: Let us pray together...*

**ALL: You break in, O God, in moments we expect and in moments we don't expect. You break in, O God, and change everything. You change our lives and the world around us. Break in again, O God, and minister through us, to bring your love to a world in need. As we come together for worship this day, help us to know that you are here in our midst. We pray in the name of the one 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 – James 2:8,18-24

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

Children's Message

Hannah Fitch

Jubilate Ringers – *Hallelujah! What a Savior!*

- arr. Lloyd Larson

Sermon – *Love...Faith...Works*

Rev. Petie McLean

†Hymn of Invitation – *Open My Eyes, That I May See*

#586

A Time of Prayer

Communion Hymn – *Amazing Grace*

#546

The Lord's Supper

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

Offering Statement

Tithes and Offerings

*(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

## 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 Morning Bible Study at 10:30 a.m. with Hank. The study is on the Book of Mark.
- Sunday Morning Study ~ The last two Sundays of April the class will be combined with the *Wired Word*.
- Illinois Valley Cluster ~ Brown-Bag-It Lunch & Games April 18<sup>th</sup> at noon. This will be at First Christian Church in Pekin. Bring a lunch and come join the fun!
- Tasting Peoria ~ April 18<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m. We will be going to Jalapenos in the Metro Center. Sign up at the information desk or online.
- Movie Night ~ April 26<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. The movie is *Moonstruck*. Sign up at the information desk or online.
- Potluck ~ April 28<sup>th</sup> after the Worship Service. Sign up at the information desk or online if you can help with Prep and Cleanup. Bring your own tableware to help reduce waste.
- Book Club – April 30<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m. We will meet at the home of Sandy Surface, 643 Mickel Parkway, Washington. The book is *Prodigal Summer* by Barbara Kingsolver. Snacks and refreshments provided. Sign up at the information desk or online.
- Disciple Women – May 14<sup>th</sup> at noon. Susie Ryan will once again join us to complete our ceramic mugs. Sign up at the information desk or online.