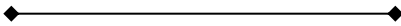


MINISTERING IN WORSHIP . . .

Presiding Elder ~Kevin Cheatham
Elders ~ Beth Cox/Mike Buckley
Layreader ~ Terrie Wronkiewicz
Greeters ~ Aldine Allen/Shirley Fuchs
Acolyte ~ Elliot Truelove
Deacons
 Chancel – Joe Rex
 *John Best, Oliver Truelove, Victoria Truelove, Adam Woods
* = Head Deacon **(Please count attendance)**
Counters ~ Steve & Monica Hinrichs



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:
The Rev. Karen Merrick, Pastor
Heather Woods, Coordinator of Music Ministries
Brian Woods, Organist
Mason Fitch, Social Media Coordinator

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Calendar

TODAY

- 9:00 a.m. – Studies/Adult SS
- 10:30 a.m. – Worship in Sanctuary and on Facebook
- 12:00 p.m. – End-of-the-Month Potluck (FH)
- 7:00-9:00 p.m. – Private Group (Landes) (110)

MONDAY Memorial Day

- The church office will be closed
- **Alarm System Reminder:** Please be reminded that on holidays when church staff is not present, the alarm will be armed. Please have your code with you if you need to enter the building; you must enter through the front doors. The office is closed **Monday, May 30.**

WEDNESDAY

- 6:00-9:00 p.m. – The Jungle Book Rehearsals (FH)

THURSDAY

- 10:00-11:30 a.m. – Study ~ *The Lord’s Prayer* (110)
- 6:00-9:00 p.m. – The Jungle Book Rehearsals (FH)

FRIDAY

- 6:00-9:00 p.m. – The Jungle Book Rehearsals (FH)

SATURDAY

- 7:00-9:00 a.m. – Private Group (Landes) (110)
- 6:00-9:00 p.m. – The Jungle Book Rehearsals (FH)

NEXT SUNDAY

- 9:00 a.m. – Studies/Adult SS
- 10:30 a.m. – Worship in Sanctuary and on Facebook
- 11:45 a.m. – Elders Meeting
- 6:00-9:00 p.m. – The Jungle Book Rehearsals (FH)
- 7:00-9:00 p.m. – Private Group (Landes) (110)



Nancy Hunt Jacobus *Field of Poppies*

May 29, 2022

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Founded in 1845



Seventh Sunday of Easter

Memorial Sunday

10:30 a.m.

May 29, 2022

+indicates standing, if able

Today's Meditation

Our Lord has written the promise of resurrection, not in books alone, but in every leaf in springtime. –Martin Luther

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.

A Minute for Mission ~ Pentecost Offering (video)

Music for Meditation

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

A Moment of Silence

+Gathering Praise – Give Thanks for Life #649

+Call to Worship

Leader: With gratitude born of love we give thanks to you O God.

People: We are thankful for the beauty and bounty of nature, for the warmth of beautiful spring days and the varied joys which every season brings.

Leader: We are grateful for the joys and comforts of life, for homes and family, for our friends and for the love and goodwill of persons near and far.

People: We are thankful for all true knowledge of you and the world in which we live.

Leader: May our worship today be a prayer of thanksgiving.

People: And may our lives be generous in response.

+Opening Prayer

Leader: Let us pray together...

Loving God, in the midst of distracted lives we seek your peace. We have rushed through our days neglecting the tender embrace of your presence. We have looked in all the wrong places for fulfillment while your gentle Spirit beckons us toward service and peace. In this hour of worship, let your wisdom seep deeply into our souls

giving us fresh energy for love and for life. We ask these things in the name of Christ, who taught us to pray, singing ...

The Lord's Prayer – #307

Scripture Reading – John 17:20-26

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Moment for the Children

Hannah Fitch

(Following the children's message, children ages 5 and up are welcome to meet their teacher, Jenny Tripses, at the front of the sanctuary to go to Sunday School.)

Special Music

Message

Ron Crawford

+Hymn of Commitment – As Grain on Scattered Hillsides #491

A Time of Prayer

Communion Hymn – *In This Very Room*

#295

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 gift in the plate on the communion table.)

+Doxology

#46

+Dedication of Offering

+Benediction

+Congregational Response

#646

How Blest Are They Who Trust in Christ (vs. 1)

+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 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.
- Summer Music Schedule ~ It's time to put together our Summer Music Schedule. If you would like to share your talent with us this summer, please see the sign-up on the choir room door.
- Our End-of-the-Month Potluck is today immediately following the worship service. Please join us for good food and fellowship!
- Next Month Sunday Morning Study ~ Paul's letter to the Colossians. Dave Sinn will be leading a study on this fascinating letter for the four Sundays in June (9:00 a.m.). Please sign up at the information desk. All you need is your Bible.
- VBS – Monumental! ~ Please check the information desk to see what help we still need and what supplies you could donate. This is a running list of supplies and items will be added as teachers/leaders assess their needs. Please check the list and sign up as you can.