

Ministering Today

Presiding Elder	Kevin Wolfe
Elders	Connie Sinn
	Dave Sinn
Deacons	
Chancel Head	Lisa Cheatham
	Beth Reynolds
	Cody Cheatham
	Kelsey Reynolds
Lay Reader	Becky Sisk
Greeters	Debbie Presnell
	Geraldine Runkle
Counters	Mike & Laura Buckley
Adult SS	Hank Anderson
Pre-K SS	Chere Peters
Elementary SS	Katie Fitch

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

Staff

Hank Anderson	Interim Minister
Heather Woods	Music Ministry Coordinator
Brian Woods	Organist
Mason Fitch	Digital Ministry Coordinator
Brandy Cox	Child Care
Diane Pfoff	Office Manager
Lynn Hutton	Bookkeeper
Terrie Wronkiewicz	Custodian

Calendar

Today - Peace	Sunday
9:00 am	Studies/Adult SS
10:30 am	Worship Service
11:45 am	Congregational Meeting
12:30 pm	Jubilate Ringers
1:00 pm	Sanctuary Choir
7:00 pm	Private Group
Monday	
6:00 pm	Personnel Meeting
6:00 pm	PACC
6:00 pm	Peoria Players
Tuesday	
12:00 pm	Disciple Women
6:00 pm	Peoria Players
Wednesday	
10:30 am	Bible Study
5:00 pm	Dungeons & Dragons
6:00 pm	Peoria Players
Thursday	
6:00 pm	Tasting Peoria
6:00 pm	Peoria Players
Friday	
5:30 pm	Tamil School
7:00 pm	PIC Rehearsal
Saturday	
7:00 am	Private Group
7:00 pm	Peoria International Choir
Next Sunday - Love Feast	
9:00 am	Studies/Adult SS
10:30 am	Worship Service
12:30 pm	Jubilate Ringers
1:00 pm	Sanctuary Choir
7:00 pm	Private Group



December 8, 2024
10:30am

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Second Sunday of Advent

† indicates standing, if able

Today's Meditation

Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.
Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill
shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made
straight, and the rough ways made smooth.
(Luke 3:4b-5 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

Minute for Mission

Larry Weber

Music for Meditation -

An Advent Prayer - Louise E. Stairs

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

A Moment of Silence

†Opening Hymn

Angels We Have Heard on High

#155

†Call to Worship

Leader: A voice cries out:

People: Prepare the way of the Lord!

Leader: Make the road straight and smooth, a
highway fit for our God.

People: Fill in the valleys, and level off the hills.

Leader: Smooth out the ruts, and clear out the
rocks.

People: For our God is coming!

Leader: Let's worship together.

†Opening Prayer

Leader: Let us pray together...

**All: Holy God, we long for your peace and trust in your
promise. During this season of Advent, we hear your
call for us to open our lives to you. Meet us here and fill
our minds with your wisdom and our hearts with your
peace, that our worship together may help us to
envision your dream of wholeness for all. We pray this
in the name of the One who is coming, the One who
taught us to pray . . .**

The Lord's Prayer may be found in the hymnal #307

†Response

Blessed Be the God of Israel

vs 1

#135

Scripture Reading

Luke 3:1-6

This is the word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Advent Wreath

Jake & Laura Cohen

Reading & Litany

on screen

Carol Response

Light Shines Forth vs 2

Children's Message

Hannah Fitch

Special Music

Jubilate Ringers

God Rest You Merry, Christians All

Douglas E. Wagner

Sermon

Hank Anderson

Come Let Us Adore Him:

Prepare the Way of the Lord

†Hymn of Commitment

Come, O Long-expected Jesus

#125

A Time of Prayer

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Communion Hymn

Away in a Manger

#147

The Lord's Supper

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

Joseph Dearest, Joseph Mine - Gilbert M. Martin

Offering Statement

Tithes & Offerings

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel - Helmore/Lau

If you are able, please come forward at this time to place
your offering in the plate in front of the communion table.

†Doxology

on screen

†Dedication of Offering

†Benediction

†Congregational Response

like a child

vs 1

#133

Postlude

Joy! - Garrett Parker

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 and you can also fill out the form on the church app. The paper forms can be put in the offering plate, or hand it 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. We are studying the Book of Daniel.
- Sunday Morning Study ~ December: Hank Anderson is leading a study called "Four Words of Advent".
- Disciple Women ~ December 10th at 12 p.m. They will be having a Christmas Tea; lunch provided. Sign up at the info desk or in the app.
- Tasting Peoria ~ December 12th at 6 p.m. We will be going to Sugar, 826 SW Adams St, Peoria, IL 61602. Sign up at the info desk or in the app.
- Book Club ~ January 27th at 6 p.m. The book is "Project Hail Mary" by Andy Weir. We will meet at the home of Marilyn Wood; please reach out to Marilyn or the office for the address. Sign up at the info desk or in the app.
- Movie Night ~ December 19th at 6 p.m. The movie is "The Holiday". Sign up at the info desk or in the app.
- January Potluck ~ January 26th 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.
- Christmas Eve - December 24th at 6 pm. Join us as we celebrate the arrival of the Christ Child. Invite your family and friends too! Afterwards, enjoy a cookie and punch reception in the lounge.