

MINISTERING IN WORSHIP . . .

Presiding Elder ~ Roger Baker
Elders ~ Roger & Vickie Baker
Layreader ~ Kate Spielman
Greeters ~ Geraldine Runkle/Deborah Springhart-West
Acolyte ~ Natalie Woods
Deacons
 Chancel – Geraldine Runkle
 *Alice Jury, Joe Rex
* = 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:
The Rev. Karen Merrick, Pastor
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. – Rev. Karen Merrick preaching
- 11:45 a.m. – Elders Meeting (110)
- 7:00-9:00 p.m. – Private Group (Landes)

MONDAY

- 5:00 p.m. – Tae Kwon Do Class (classroom)
- 5:30 p.m. – Worship Meeting (110)
- 6:30 p.m. – Personnel Meeting (ECR)

WEDNESDAY

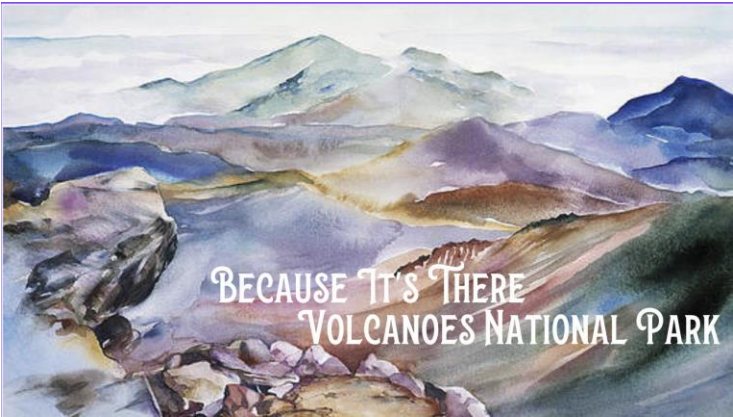
- 7:00 p.m. – GLGC Book Club (Zoom)

SATURDAY

- 7:00-9:00 a.m. – Private Group (Landes) (110)
- 10:00 a.m. – 5K Global Missions Dash (Rock Island Trail – Keller Station)
- 1:00 p.m. – MLT Meeting

NEXT SUNDAY

- 9:00 a.m. – Studies/Adult SS
- 10:30 a.m. – Rev. Karen Merrick preaching
- 7:00-9:00 p.m. – Private Group (Landes)



August 7, 2022

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Founded in 1845



Today's Meditation

If you don't sacrifice for what you want, what you want becomes the sacrifice. —anonymous

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.

Presentation of the Clarice May Memorial Scholarship Awards

Recipients: Jacob Buckley
Logan Hinrichs
Tyler Skibinski
Darren Woods

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 – *God of Grace and God of Glory* #464

*Call to Worship

Leader: In the morning, as the clouds gather and break...

People: We open our eyes and stretch our arms to a new day.

Leader: As we gather, and the papers rustle and the pews creak, and old friends whisper together...

People: We become the beloved community again.

Leader: In our words and songs and silence and prayers...

People: We open ourselves to wonder, and gratitude, and praise.

Leader: Welcome to worship!

*Opening Prayer

Leader: Let us pray together...

Loving God, some of us have had mountaintop experiences this week when we have felt joy and well-being. Some of us have had valley experiences where we have felt the pain of disappointment. Yet here we are;

(continued)

ready to share our burdens with you and gain strength from being in your presence with others who are seeking you. We pray that your Spirit will make itself known this morning, and will give us insight and peace to see the next steps in our journey with you. We thank you for meeting us here in worship and for the prayer that Jesus taught us to pray, saying, Our Father...

(Words to The Lord's Prayer may be found in the hymnal – #307)

*Glory Be to the Father (Gloria Patri) #36

Scripture Reading – Genesis 22:1-14

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, Laura Cohen, at the front of the sanctuary to go to Sunday School.)

Special Music – *Jesus, Lover of My Soul (It's All About You)*

Praise Team

Message – *Because It's There: Volcanoes National Park*

Karen Merrick

*Hymn of Commitment #606

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

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 ~ There are still a few dates available. If you would like to share your talent with us the remainder of the summer, please see the sign-up on the choir room door.
- Elders Meeting ~ There is an Elders meeting today at 11:45 a.m. All Elders are encouraged to attend.
- Illinois Valley Cluster "Fun in the Sun" Sunday Old Fashion Potluck ~ August 21, 3:00-5:30 p.m. at Lake Wildwood (Beach 1) in Varna, IL. Fried chicken, drinks and dinnerware are provided. Please bring a side dish to share. Swim at the pool or beach, fishing also available. **This is an RSVP ONLY event.** Please sign up at the information desk by **August 18.**
- Pet Blessing? ~ We are considering having a pet blessing this fall on October 1st. Please sign up at the information desk if you are interested.
- Tasting Peoria ~ Join us on Thursday, August 18, at 6:00 p.m. at The Blue Duck BBQ. Please sign up at the information desk.
- Movie Night ~ Join us on Friday, August 26, at 7:00 p.m. for the movie, "The Art of Racing in the Rain." Please sign up at the information desk.