

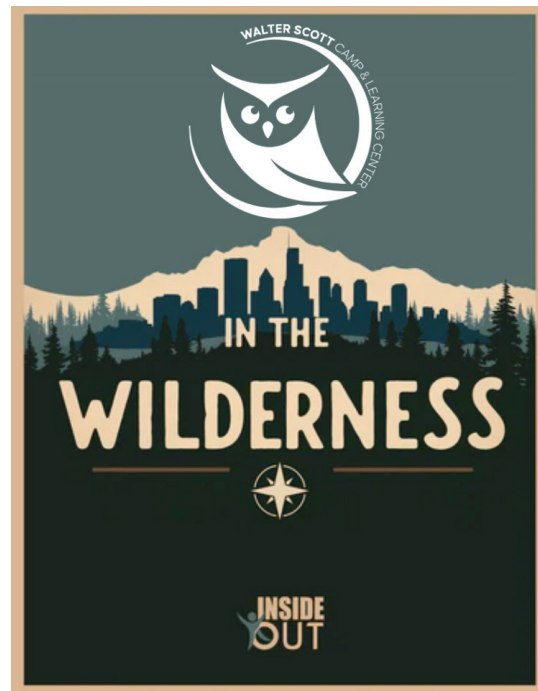
Throughout the Church...

Elder's Meeting - Today @ 11:45am
Bible Study - Wednesday @ 10:30am
Peoria International Choir Concert -
At FCC, Saturday, 7pm



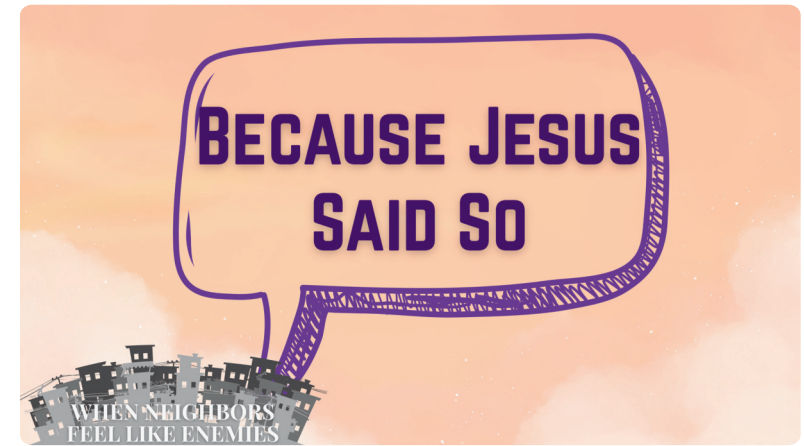
← Check out our full calendar of events here

Please always check with the church office if you are wanting to use the church building. Thank you!



It's time to register for summer camp!!!

Any youth that have finished kindergarden through 12th grade can go to church camp, and we want to encourage them to go! There are flyers with dates, we can help register them online, and scholarships are available for every youth! Please speak with Linda Williams or the pastoral team with any questions.



May 3, 2026
10:30am

May's Theme:



We are an open and affirming congregation that celebrates all people as sacred creations of a loving God. We embrace the fullness of human diversity - across orientations, identities, experiences, and backgrounds - and seek to follow Christ by offering love, compassion, and acceptance to all. In that spirit, we welcome everyone to participate fully in the life, leadership, and ministry of our church.

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Today's Meditation*Love is the only force capable of transforming an enemy into a friend.*

- Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

† Please Stand If You Are Able

Fellowship of the Church

Minute for Mission

Vacation Bible School

Music for Meditation

Little Prelude in B-flat - Curtis

† Call to Worship

*One: We gather in the wideness of God's love.***Many: A love that holds more than we are able.***One: Jesus calls us to love beyond what feels natural.***Many: And invites us to expand love's boundaries.***One: We don't come alone; God meets us here.***Many: With grace for the journey.***One: So we open ourselves to this moment, to the presence of God.***Many: Ready to receive and share the gift of heaven's love.**

† Opening Hymn

#22

All Creatures of Our God and King

† Opening Prayer

*Leader: Let us pray together:***All: God of unbounded love, we are a people who often fail. Forgive us when we hurt ourselves or others. Forgive us when we speak without care. Help us to learn to love more fully, without restrictions. Make us strong and wise, teaching us to love our enemies for our own sakes as well as theirs. Hear now our prayer for healing in all our relationships, as we join together in praying how Jesus taught us to pray, saying: Our Father/Creator...**

† Vision Response

#357

We Call Ourselves Disciples - words on screen

Children's Message

Rev. Emily Williams

Special Music

Sanctuary Choir

Can't Carry These Burdens Alone - Parker/Barrett

Tithes & Offerings

Flute Pastorale - Smith

† Doxology

#46

Scripture Reading

Matthew 5:43-45

*The Word of God, for the people of God, **thanks be to God.***

Sermon

Rev. Adam Bradley

Because Jesus Said So

† Hymn of Invitation

Chalice Praise #91

Create in Me a Clean Heart

A Time of Prayer

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

The Lord's Supper

Invitation to Christ's Table

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

Communion Hymn

#413

Take Our Bread

Elder Meditation & Blessing

Words of Institution

† Congregational Response

#434

God, Be with You Till We Meet Again vs 1

† Benediction

Postlude

Jesus Shall Reign - Hatton/Price**Scan Here to Give****Serving in Worship Today**

Elders

Beth Smittkamp

Linda Rex

Deacons

Chancel

Laura Cohen

Head

Jake Cohen

Lindsey Hinshaw

Peter Hinshaw

Levi Holloway

Lay Reader

Becky Sisk

Acolyte

Natalie Woods

Tech

Cindy Bridges

Debra Kreps

Greeters

Laura & Jake

Cohen

Counters

Jim & Beth

Smittkamp

Sunday School

Adult Classes

The Open Table

Frank Wheeler

Responders Class

Becky Sisk

Youth Classes

Friends with Jesus (Pre-k)

Jenny Tripses

Growing Disciples (5th-8th)

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