

MINISTERING IN WORSHIP . . .

Presiding Elder ~ Steve West  
Elders ~ Linda Rex & Beth Smittkamp  
Lay Reader ~ Becky Sisk  
Greeters ~ Kathy Fenton & Connie Sinn  
Acolyte ~ Natalie Woods  
Deacons  
    Chancel – Geraldine Runkle  
            \*Alice Jury  
            Victoria Truelove & Oliver Truelove  
    \* = Head Deacon **(Please count attendance)**  
Counters ~ Jim & Beth Smittkamp  
Sunday School/Grades 1-8 ~ Cheryl Davis

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, Digital Ministry 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)  
    12:00 p.m. - Elders Meeting (110)  
    7:00 p.m. - Private Group (Landes) (110)

**MONDAY**

**TUESDAY**

**WEDNESDAY**  
    10:30 a.m. - Bible Study (110)

**THURSDAY**

**FRIDAY**

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

**NEXT SUNDAY**  
    9:00 a.m. - Studies/Adult SS  
    10:30 a.m. - Worship Service (S)  
    11:45 a.m. - Outreach Meeting (105)  
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    7:00 p.m. - Private Group (Landes) (110)

We have been told that Carle Hospital will begin releasing church parishioners' information again in about a month. You will have to let them know your church when admitted or they will not have the information on file when we call.



August 04, 2024

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

*Founded in 1845*



Today's Meditation

Prayer is sitting in the silence until it silences us, choosing gratitude until we are grateful, and praising God until we ourselves are an act of praise.

- Richard Rohr

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.

Transition Team Update

Mike Buckley

Music for Meditation – *Fairest Lord Jesus* – arr. Gawthrop

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

A Moment of Silence

\*Opening Hymn – *When Morning Gilds the Skies*

#100

\*Call to Worship

Leader: Come and praise, you servants of God!

People: Praise the name of Yahweh!

Leader: May God's name be blessed

People: Both now and forever.

Leader: High above all nations,

People: God's glory transcends the heavens!

\*Opening Prayer

Leader: Let us pray together...

All: O God, our rock and our redeemer. We worship you with awe, knowing that there is no One like you. You have revealed your love and your mercy through Jesus the Christ. Through your love, you raise up the powerless, strengthen the weak, heal the sick, replace despair with hope, and bring life where there was death. May this time of worship, O God, be a worthy response to these gifts. This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen...Our Father...

(The Lord's prayer may be found in the hymnal #307)

\*Glory Be to the Father (Gloria Patri)

#36

Scripture Reading – Psalm 113:1-9

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

Children's Message

Hannah Fitch

Special Music

Saxophone Quartet

*Amazing Grace* – arr. Brendan Elliget

Message – Everyday Prayer Book - *Praise*

Hank Anderson

\*Hymn of Commitment – *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!*

#91

A Time of Prayer

Communion Hymn – *Take Our Bread*

#413

The Lord's Supper – *Let Us Break Bread Together*

– arr. Birchwood

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

Offering Statement

Tithes and Offerings – *Shall We Gather at the River*

– Lowry/Mansfield

(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 –

vs.1 #434

*God Be with You Till We Meet Again*

\*Postlude – *The Rejoicing* – Handel/Smith

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 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's at 10:30 a.m. with Hank. The study is on the Book of Mark.
- Sunday Morning Study August ~ *How We Got the New Testament* is the title of the study for the first three weeks of August. We will take a quick look at some of the history behind the formation of the New Testament. The class is being led by Hank Anderson.
- Tasting Peoria ~ August 18<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m. We will be going to Smokin Notes BBQ, 400 Riverside Dr. East Peoria. Sign up at the information desk or online
- Movie Night ~ August 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6 p.m. The movie is *On Golden Pond*. Sign up at the information desk or online.
- Potluck ~ August 25<sup>th</sup> 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.
- Book Club ~ August 26<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m. The book is *My Antonia* by Willa Cather. We will meet at the home of Margaret Goulden, 133 Eastwood Dr. East Peoria. Sign up at the information desk or online.
- Special Occasion Cards ~ Please check the board outside of the sanctuary on your way out of the Worship Service for Special Occasion Cards that need to be signed. Let Tim Dougherty know if someone needs to receive a card. Thank you!