

Throughout the Church...

- Easter Brunch - Today @ 8:30am
- Monday - OFFCIE CLOSED
- Bible Study - Wednesday @ 10:30am
- Tasting Peoria - Thursday @ 6pm
- CPR Class - Saturday @ 9am
- Elder's Meeting - Next Sunday @ 12pm



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



If you're new to First Christian or the Disciples of Christ, this class is for you! Whether you've been visiting for a few weeks or just starting to explore, this is a space to connect, ask questions, and discover what makes our church who we are. You'll meet the pastors, learn our story and mission, and explore the beliefs that shape our life together. Come as you are - curious, hopeful, or even unsure - and leave with a clearer sense of where you belong and what your next step might be.

April's Theme:

Who Is Our Neighbor?



LOVING OUR NEIGHBORS



April 5, 2026
10:30am

First Christian Church



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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.

Easter Worship

†Please Stand If You Are Able

Processional

Fantasia for Easter Morning - Whitworth

Easter Proclamation

†Opening Hymn #216
Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

Welcome

†Call to Worship

One: The sun shines on a new day, and our mourning turns to rejoicing.

Many: Hallelujah, the heavens open in glory!

One: The women bring word of a miracle, and their encounter with the Lord.

Many: Hallelujah, the tomb is empty!

One: All the darkness of the cross is overcome in the light of new life.

Many: Hallelujah, the Son of God lives!

One: The light of resurrection shines in the darkness, and the darkness cannot overcome it.

ALL: We are saved from death, and in Christ, promised life everlasting. Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

†Opening Prayer

Leader: Let us pray together...

All: God of life, rest within us this holy Easter morning. Renew in us your Holy Spirit, that we might emanate the light of resurrection. Let your reflection in us be outward facing, so that we might always bear witness to your love. In the name of the resurrected Christ, we stay reverent in our compassion and radical with our love. Keep close to us, O God, that we might be emboldened by your good company. We pray these things, remembering the prayer Jesus taught us to pray, saying: Our Father/Creator...

†Vision Response #357
We Call Ourselves Disciples - words on screen

Baptism
Wash, O God, Your Sons and Daughters #365

Children's Message Rev. Mason Fitch

Special Music Sanctuary Choir
Because He Lives (Amen) - arr. Russell Mauldin

Tithes & Offerings
God So Loved the World - Stainer/Whitworth

†Doxology #46

Scripture Reading Matthew 28:1-10
The Word of God, for the people of God, thanks be to God.

Sermon Rev. Adam Bradley
New Creation, New Earth

†Hymn of Invitation #233
Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

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 #227
In the Garden

Elder Meditation & Blessing
Words of Institution

†Congregational Response #226
He Lives! vs 1 & 3

Introduction of the Baptized

†Benediction

Postlude
Hallelujah Chorus - Handel/Smith



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Serving in Worship Today

Elders Chere Peters
Jenny Tripses

Deacons
Chancel Head Laura Cohen
Jake Cohen
Peter Hinshaw
Lindsey Hinshaw
Levi Holloway

Lay Reader Larry Weber
Acolyte Natalie Woods
Tech Cindy Bridges
Debra Kreps

Greeters Jake & Laura
Cohen

Counters Mike & Laura
Buckley

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Rev. Adam Bradley Lead Pastor
Rev. Mason Fitch Pastor
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