

Ministering Today

Presiding Elder	Mason Fitch
Elders	Chere Peters
	Jenny Tripses
Deacons	
Chancel Head	Lisa Cheatham
	Beth Reynolds
	Cody Cheatham
	Kelsey Reynolds
Lay Reader	Liz White
Greeters	Debbie Presnell
	Geraldine Runkle
Counters	Owen & Alice
	Jury
Adult SS	Hank Anderson
Pre-K SS	Jenny Tripses
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 - Hanging of the Greens

9:00 am	Studies/Adult SS
10:30 am	Worship Service
12:00 pm	Holiday Potluck
12:30 pm	Jubilate Ringers
1:00 pm	Sanctuary Choir
7:00 pm	Private Group

Monday

6:00 pm	Peoria Players
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Tuesday

11:00 am	Growth Meeting
6:00 pm	PACC
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	Peoria Players
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Friday

5:30 pm	Tamil School
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Saturday

7:00 am	Private Group
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Next Sunday - 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



December 1, 2024
10:30am

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First Sunday of Advent

† indicates standing, if able

Today’s Meditation

The word advent means "expectation." What advent can do for us is create a sense of hope.

-Louie Giglio

†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

Music for Meditation -

Now Thank We All Our God - Cruger/Sewell

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

A Moment of Silence

†Call to Worship

Leader: The day of the Lord brings grace and blessing.

People: We come today to praise.

Leader: The day of the Lord brings judgment and pardon.

People: We come today to pray.

Leader: The day of the Lord brings wisdom and light.

People: We come today to listen.

Leader: In our praising, praying, listening, and responding,

People: We come today to worship.

†Opening Prayer

Leader: Let us pray together...

All: Lord Jesus Christ, we await your coming. We wait, filled with hope, knowing your light will shine in the darkness. We wait, anticipating your peace, believing that one day it will fill our world. We wait, embracing your love, even while seeking to share it with our neighbors. We wait with joy in the expectation of your birth. Lord, we wait; come soon and fill us with your life. Amen.

†Opening Carol

Christians All, Your Lord Is Coming #136

About This Service

Advent Wreath

Scripture

Reading & Litany

Carol Response

Dressing the Windows

Scripture Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

Reading

Carol Adeste Fideles Tuba Ensemble

Decking the Chancel

Scripture Isaiah 53:1-6

Reading

†Carol Angels, from the Realms of Glory #149

Decorating the Walls

Scripture Isaiah 41:17-20

Reading

Carol O Come, O Come Emmanuel Tuba Ensemble

Children’s Message Hannah Fitch

Placing the Nativity

Scripture John 1:1-5, 9-14

Reading

Carol O Little Town of Bethlehem #144

A Time of Prayer

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Lighting the Crismon Tree

Scripture Titus 3:4-7

Reading

Carol Angels We Have Heard On High Tuba Ensemble

Reflection Hank Anderson

Come Let Us Adore Him:
The Days Are Surely Coming

Prayer of Blessing

Be & Sands Gibson

Jeremiah 33:14-16

on screen

Light Shines Forth

Communion Hymn

Infant Holy, Infant Lowly #163

The Lord’s Supper

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

Advent Noel - arr. Ryan

Special Music Tuba Ensemble

Lo, How a Rose E’er Blooming

God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen

The First Noel

Offering Statement

Tithes & Offerings

Emmanuel - arr. Summer

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

The House Is Bright, Our Praise We Sing on screen

Postlude Tuba Ensemble

Deck the Halls

We Wish You a Merry Christmas

