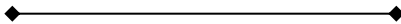


MINISTERING IN WORSHIP . . .

Presiding Elder ~ Mike Buckley
Elders ~ Sandy Surface/Becky Sisk
Layreader ~ Larry Weber
Greeters ~ Sandy Surface/Debbie Presnell
Acolyte ~ Natalie Woods
Deacons
 Chancel – Monica Hinrichs
 *John Best, Laura Buckley, Steve Hinrichs
* = 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
- 9:00 a.m. – Intro to Disciples Class
- 10:00 a.m. – Pastor Appreciation Sunday Reception in the Lounge
- 10:30 a.m. – Rev. Karen Merrick will be preaching
- 12:00 p.m. – End-of-the-Month Potluck (FH). Please bring a dish to share and join us for good food and fellowship.
- 12:30 p.m. – Jubilate Ringers (S)
- 1:00 p.m. – Sanctuary Choir (S)
- 7:00-9:00 p.m. – Private Group (Landes) (110)

MONDAY

- 4:30-6:30 p.m. – Trunk or Treat and Chili Supper (L/FH)

TUESDAY

- 6:00-7:45 p.m. – PACC Rehearsal (110)
- 6:00-9:30 p.m. – PACC Rehearsal (S)

FRIDAY

- 6:00-8:30 p.m. – Tamil School (Classrooms)

SATURDAY

- 7:00-9:00 a.m. – Private Group (Landes) (110)

NEXT SUNDAY Veterans Sunday

- 9:00 a.m. – Studies/Adult SS
- 10:30 a.m. – Kevin Wolfe will be our guest preacher
- 12:30 p.m. – Jubilate Ringers (S)
- 1:00 p.m. – Sanctuary Choir (S)
- 7:00-9:00 p.m. – Private Group (Landes) (110)
- *Daylight Saving Time* Ends ~ Don't forget to set your clocks back (Fall back) one hour before going to bed Saturday night.



October 30, 2022

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Founded in 1845



Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost
 10:30 a.m. October 30, 2022
 † indicates standing, if able

Today's Meditation
No man understands the Scriptures, unless he be acquainted with the cross. —Martin Luther

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.

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 – *They'll Know We Are Christians* #494

[†]Call to Worship
Leader: As we worship,

People: surround us with your Holy Spirit, whispering words of life within our hearts and minds.

Leader: As we read the words of Scripture,

People: point us to the living Word who walked among us.

Leader: As we sing and pray and give,

**People: inspire us, that we may move beyond hearing
your words into lifechanging acts of grace, love,
hope, and peace!**

[†]Opening Prayer
Leader: Let us pray together...

God of the ages, you gift us with your Word, written in the Bible and lived out in Jesus Christ. Yet we question this gift. We pretend that it doesn't make sense in our world. We read it without trusting you to open it to our understanding in our time and place. Forgive us, O God. Help us to hear your eternal Word anew in our hearts and our lives, and show us how to live it out in our world, now and always. Speak again into our confusion, our brokenness,

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our darkness, and lead us in your way of grace and truth. This we ask in Jesus' name as we pray the prayer he taught us, singing... Our Father...
The Lord's Prayer – #307

Scripture Reading – Mark 2:23-28
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, Jenny Tripses,
 at the front of the sanctuary to go to Sunday School.)*

Anthem Sanctuary Choir
Old Time Religion Medley—arr. Mark Hayes

Message Karen Merrick
God Said It, I Believe It, That Settles It

[†]Hymn of Commitment words on screen
Lord, We Hear Your Word with Gladness—Clarkson

A Time of Prayer

Communion Hymn – *Break Thou the Bread of Life* #321

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 offering and commitment card in the plate on the communion table.)

†Doxology #46

†Dedication of Offering and 2023 Commitment Cards

[†]Benediction

†Congregational Response #558
Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us (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.
- November Sunday Study ~ Join us on Sunday mornings October 30 – November 20 at 9:00 a.m. Kevin Wolfe will lead us in a study of the “old stories” from the Books on the Law, the Historical Books, and the Major and Minor prophets.
- Trunk or Treat and Chili Supper – October 31 ~ We still need volunteers to bring more food items for the chili supper. If you can help, please sign at the information desk.
- Legacy Lunch and Conversation with Matt Rosine on November 13, All Saints Sunday. Please sign up at the information desk if you can join Matt for lunch following the worship service.
- Stuff-a-Bus ~ We are participating in the Stuff-a-Bus campaign to benefit the food pantry at Friendship House of Christian Service. Please pick up your grocery bag today, fill it with non-perishable items, and return it before November 20.
- Disciples Women will meet on Tuesday, November 8, at 12:00 noon. We will welcome Rev. Danira Parra, pastor at Dayspring Native American United Methodist Church in East Peoria. Please bring your own lunch. Drinks and dessert will be provided. Sign up at the information desk.