

Throughout the Church...

Potluck - TODAY

PACC Youth Chorus Concert - Today, 3pm

Cluster Meeting - Tuesday # 6:30pm

Bible Study - Wednesday @ 10:30am

Trunk or Treat - Friday @ 4:30pm

Elder's Meeting - Next Sunday @ 12pm

NEXT SUNDAY IS ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

Bible Study

Pastor Adam begins leading the Wednesday Bible study this week, and they are jumping into the book of Romans. All are welcome to join!

Trunk or Treat

This Friday is our annual Trunk or Treat! We are still looking for people to host trick-or-treating tables and people to help serve food. This is our largest community service event of the year, and it is so much fun - you won't want to miss out!

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!

Investing in Transformation

I commend to you our sister Phoebe, a deacon of the church at Cenchreae... Greet Prisca and Aquila, my co-workers in Christ Jesus... Greet Andronicus and Junia... Greet one another with a holy kiss.
Romans 16:1-16 (selected)

The early church didn't run on programs or polished systems. It ran on people: on Phoebe who carried Paul's letter, on Junia who preached when few believed she should, on Prisca and Aquila who opened their home when others closed their doors. The gospel spread not because it was efficient, but because it was embodied.

These names, often skimmed over, are the heartbeat of the movement. They remind us that the Church has always depended on the faithfulness of ordinary people who risked, gave, and showed up; people whose generosity turned belief into action and whose courage made space for others to belong.

We stand in their lineage. Every act of generosity, every risk for love, every gift that fuels ministry adds a new name to the story. This is what it means to be stewards of justice and transformation - not just to maintain a church, but to keep a movement alive.

We don't give to preserve the past; we give to empower what comes next. The legacy we build isn't made of bricks or budgets, but of lives changed and hope carried forward.

This Week's Practice: Keep It Moving

- Thank someone who has passed their faith or wisdom to you.
- Find one way to invest your time or resources in something that outlives you.
- Pray each morning: *God, make my life part of the story you're still writing.*

Before You Go...

The story of the Church is still unfolding, and your name belongs in it. Show up. Risk love. Fuel the movement.



October 26, 2025
10:30am

First Christian Church



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Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

† indicates standing, if able

Today's Meditation

We are a movement for wholeness in a fragmented world. As part of the one Body of Christ, we welcome all to the Lord's Table as God has welcomed us.
-Disciples of Christ identity statement

†Fellowship of the Church

(Please sign in online or on the red pad in your pew)

Music for Meditation

By Peaceful Streams - von Weber/Ritter
Please use the music and the moment of silence to prepare your hearts and minds for worship.

A Moment of Silence

†Call to Worship

One: From the very beginning, the church has been built by people who showed up.
Many: Ordinary people, with extraordinary faith.
One: They carried the message, opened their homes, risked their lives, and gave their gifts.
Many: We stand in their legacy today.
One: Come, people of God! Let us worship not to preserve the past,
Many: But to fuel the movement of God's love into the future.

†Opening Hymn

#494
They'll Know We Are Christians

†Opening Prayer

Leader: Let us pray together...
All: God of generations, we give thanks for those who came before us; for their risks, their courage, their generosity, their love. They built a church not with stone alone, but with faith that moved and gifts that multiplied. Now, O God, place that same spirit within us. Make us bold to invest in transformation, generous to plant seeds of justice, and faithful to carry Your movement forward. With gratitude and hope, we sing the prayer Jesus taught us...
The Lord's Prayer may be found in the hymnal #307

Scripture Reading

Romans 16:1-16
This is the word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Children's Message

Rev. Emily Williams

Special Music

Jubilate Ringers
All Night, All Day arr. Susan E. Geschke

Sermon

Rev. Adam Bradley
Legacy in Motion

†Hymn of Commitment

#458
Ours the Journey

A Time of Prayer

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Communion Hymn

#321
Break Thou the Bread of Life

The Lord's Supper

All: Here we celebrate that all people are welcome at this table of God's grace.
Take My Life - Havergal/Price

Offering Statement

Tithes & Offerings

If you are able, please come forward at this time to place your offering in the plate in front of the communion table.
A Moment of Meditation - Broughton

†Doxology

#46

†Dedication of Offering

†Benediction

†Congregational Response

#558
Savior, Like a Shepherd vs 1

Postlude

Laud - Broughton

Ministering Today

Elders

Carmen Nicoll
Sandy Surface

Deacons

Chancel Head

Laura Cohen
Jake Cohen
Connie Julien
Laura Buckley
Dan Cox

Lay Reader

Acolyte

Greeters

Counters

Adult SS
Youth SS
Preschool

Laura Cohen
Natalie Woods
Peter & Lindsey Hinshaw
John & Lisa Best
Dave Sinn
Kathleen Wheeler
Linda Rex

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

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