

MINISTERING IN WORSHIP . . .

Presiding Elder ~Liz White
Elders ~ Roger & Vickie Baker
Layreader ~ Terrie Wronkiewicz
Greeters ~ Aldine Allen/Shirley Fuchs
Acolyte ~ Clara Truelove
Deacons
 Chancel – Joe Rex
 *John Best, Oliver Truelove, Victoria Truelove, Adam Woods
* = Head Deacon **(Please count attendance)**
Counters ~ John & Lisa Best



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

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Calendar

Reminder: Karen is off-site for the week.

TODAY

- 9:00 a.m. – Studies/Adult SS
- 10:30 a.m. – The Rev. Karen Merrick preaching
- 1:00-4:00 p.m. – Recital (2:00) (Duffer) (S/L)
- 7:00-9:00 p.m. – Private Group (Landes) (110)

MONDAY

- 5:00 p.m. – Tae Kwon Do Class (classroom)
- 7:00 p.m. – Administrative Board (110)

TUESDAY

- 6:30 p.m. – Cluster Meeting (Sunnyland)

FRIDAY

- Montessori Academy Graduation and Picnic (Outside Grounds)

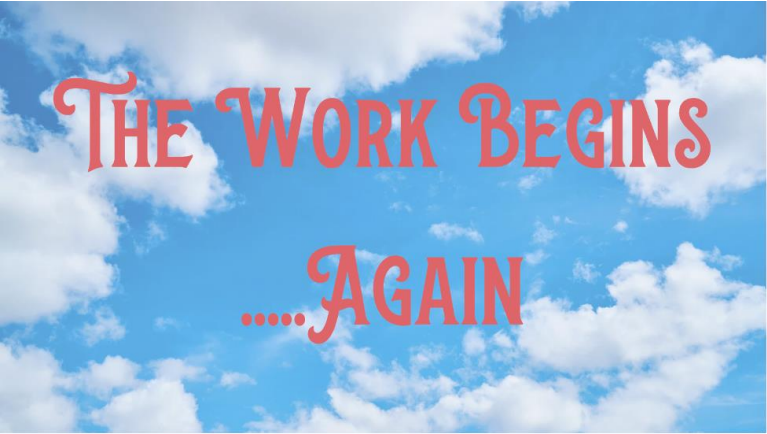
SATURDAY

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

NEXT SUNDAY

- 9:00 a.m. – Studies/Adult SS
- 10:30 a.m. – Worship in Sanctuary and on Facebook
- 12:00 p.m. – End-of-the-Month Potluck. Please bring a dish to share and your own table service. Please join us for good food and fellowship!
- 7:00-9:00 p.m. – Private Group (Landes) (110)

Office closed Memorial Day Monday, May 30th.



May 22, 2022

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Founded in 1845



10:30 a.m.

Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 22, 2022

Today's Meditation

Heaven is under our feet as well as over our heads.
—Henry David Thoreau, 19th century

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.

A Minute for Mission ~ Pentecost Offering Laura Cohen
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 – *Thine Is the Glory* #218

+Call to Worship
Leader: Today is Ascension Sunday when we celebrate Christ's return to God.

People: We look up in wonder as he is lifted from us into heaven!

Leader: But this is not a time to gaze upward. There is work to be done.

People: Jesus has entrusted the ministry of God's love to us.

Leader: Let's get to work!

People: Let's make our hearts ready for the task ahead with prayer and praise!

Leader: Amen

People: AMEN!

+Opening Prayer
Leader: Let us pray together...
God of incredible surprise, as we gaze into the clouds, remind us that we are standing on holy ground. Place our feet on the pathways of peace and hope. Draw our attention from the vision of the Lord rising to the heavens to be with you and help us to focus on the ministries that

to serve you all our days. This we ask in the name of your son, who taught us to pray, saying...Our father...

+Glory Be to the Father (Gloria Patri) #36

Scripture Reading Acts 1:1-11

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.)

Special Music Jubilate Ringers
How Great Is Our God with How Great Thou Art—arr. Bettcher

Message –Ready, Get Set, Wait! – Ascension! Karen Merrick

+Hymn of Commitment *O Christ When You Ascended*--Gillette

A Time of Prayer

Communion Hymn – *Amazing Grace!* #546

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 gift in the plate on the communion table.)

+Doxology #46

+Dedication of Offering

+Benediction

+Congregational Response #487
Help Us Accept Each Other (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. Communion cups can be recycled! Please drop them in the buckets as you leave.
- 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.
- Summer Music Schedule ~ It's time to put together our Summer Music Schedule. If you would like to share your talent with us this summer, please see the sign-up on the choir room door.
- Administrative Board Meeting ~The Administrative Board meeting this month will be Monday, May 23, at 7:00 p.m.
- June Sunday Morning Study ~ Paul's letter to the Colossians. Dave Sinn will be leading a study on this fascinating letter for the four Sundays in June (9:00 a.m.). Please sign up at the information desk. All you need is your Bible.
- VBS – Monumental! ~ Please check the information desk to see what help we still need and what supplies you could donate. This is a running list of supplies and items will be added as teachers/leaders assess their needs. Please check the list and sign up as you can.