

MINISTERING IN WORSHIP . . .

Presiding Elder ~ Steve West
Elders ~ Carmen Nicoll/Sandy Surface
Layreader ~ Frank Wheeler
Greeters ~ Pete Clausen/Jan Cusac
Acolyte ~ Natalie Woods
Deacons
 Chancel – Monica Hinrichs
 *Steve Hinrichs, Oliver Truelove, Victoria Truelove
* = Head Deacon (**Please count attendance**)
Counters ~ John & Lisa Best

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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
 - 10:30 a.m. – Ron Crawford 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)
- MONDAY**
- 5:00 p.m. – Tae Kwon Do Class
 - 6:30-9:00 p.m. – Peoria Players (Hunt) (FH)
 - 7:00 p.m. – Administrative Board (110). All voting members are encouraged to attend.
- TUESDAY**
- 6:00-9:30 p.m. – PACC Rehearsal (S/110)
- WEDNESDAY** *Ash Wednesday*
- **6:00 p.m.** – Cluster Lenten Service at Glen Oak Christian Church. Guest Speaker – Rev. Robin Robinson, pastor, Sunnyland Christian Church.
 - 6:30-9:00 p.m. – Peoria Players (Hunt) (FH)
- THURSDAY**
- 6:30-9:00 p.m. – Peoria Players (Hunt) (FH)
- FRIDAY**
- 6:00-8:30 p.m. – Tamil School (Classrooms)
 - 7:00 p.m. – Movie Night ~ “Hidden Figures” (S)
- SATURDAY**
- 7:00-9:00 a.m. – Private Group (Landes) (110)
- NEXT SUNDAY** *First Sunday in Lent*
- 9:00 a.m. – Studies/Adult SS
 - 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 your own table service. Please join us for good food and fellowship!
 - **4:00 p.m.** – Cluster Lenten Service at First Christian Church, Peoria. Guest Speaker – Rev. Vy Nguyen, Week of Compassion Executive Director.
 - 7:00-9:00 p.m. – Private Group (Landes) (110)



February 19, 2023

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Founded in 1845



Today’s Meditation
All David had was his faith and a rock...and he defeated a giant. All you need is faith IN the Rock...to defeat yours.
—Hobbs

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 ~ Week of Compassion (video)

Music for Meditation – Meditation on *Gott sei Dank*—Smith
(Please use the music and the moment of silence to prepare your hearts and minds for worship.)

A Moment of Silence

*Gathering Praise – O *Worship the King* #17

*Call to Worship
Leader: Here we gather to worship the Source,
People: the essence of all things,
Leader: Here we gather to center ourselves in the way of Christ,
People: the Cornerstone of our faith.
Leader: Here we gather to welcome the Spirit into our days, showing us our path to living a life of love and service.

*Opening Prayer
Leader: Let us pray together...
O God of all creation, become for us once again the solid foundation upon which we build our daily lives. We gather before you, this first day of the week, to align our lives to the strong teaching and life of Jesus Christ. Receive our praise and thanksgiving as expressions of faith and love. This we ask as we pray together the prayer Jesus taught us saying, Our Father...
(Words to *The Lord’s Prayer* may be found in the hymnal – #307)

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

Scripture Reading – 1 Corinthians 3:1-9
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, Christina Truelove, at the front of the sanctuary to go to Sunday School.)

Anthem Sanctuary Choir
Blessed Be the Name—arr. Patti Drennan

Message – *The Church’s One Foundation* Ron Crawford

*Hymn of Invitation – *The Church’s One Foundation* #272

A Time of Prayer

Communion Hymn – *Here at Thy Table, Lord* #384

The Lord’s Supper – *Cantabile*—Conely
All: “Here we celebrate that all people are welcome at this table of God’s grace.”

Offering Statement

Tithes and Offerings – *Come, Holy Ghost, Our Souls Inspire*
—Leatherman
(If you are able, please come forward at this time to place your offering in the plate on the communion table.)

*Doxology #46

*Dedication of Offering

*Benediction

*Congregational Response #628
Precious Lord, Take My Hand (vs. 1)

*Postlude – *All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name*—arr. Page

TODAY’S ANNOUNCEMENTS (Weekly Calendar on back)

- This morning we welcome Ron Crawford to our pulpit.
- 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.
- 2023 Lenten Devotionals ~ “Water and Spirit: Devotions for Lent 2023” are available today. Please pick one up at the information desk. (Lent begins with Ash Wednesday, February 22.)
- March Sunday Morning Study ~ Becky Sisk will be teaching our 9:00 a.m. Sunday School class in March. Her topic is “Jesus and Women”. Who were the women Jesus encountered and loved? What can we learn from Jesus and his interactions with the women he knew? Join us in March to find out! A sign-up is on the information desk.
- Movie Night ~ Friday, February 24, at 7:00 p.m. Join us for popcorn and the movie, “Hidden Figures”. Please sign up at the information desk.
- Adam Hamilton DVD Study for Lent – *Luke: Jesus and the Outsiders, Outcasts, and Outlaws* ~ This study will be offered on Tuesdays at 10:00 a.m. on February 28, March 7, 14, 21, 28, April 4. Facilitated by Karen Merrick. Please sign up at the information desk.
- New Church Telephone Directory ~ The February 2023 telephone directory is now available. Please pick one up at the information desk.