

MINISTERING IN WORSHIP . . .

Presiding Elder ~ Kevin Wolfe
Elders ~ Mason Fitch & Jenny Tripses
Lay Reader ~ Diana McConnell
Greeters ~ Debbie Presnell & Geraldine Runkle
Acolyte ~ Natalie Woods
Deacons
 Chancel – Lisa Cheatham
 *John Best
 Kyle Cheatham
* = Head Deacon **(Please count attendance)**
Counters ~ Steve West & Ralph Tegg
Friends of Jesus ~ No Class
Sunday School/Grades 1-8 ~ No Class



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:
Hank Anderson, Interim Minister
Heather Woods, Coordinator of Music Ministries
Brian Woods, Organist
Mason Fitch, Social Media Coordinator
Brandy Cox, Child-Care

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Calendar

TODAY – Easter Sunday
8:30 a.m. - Easter Brunch (FH)
10:30 a.m. - Worship Service (S)
7:00 p.m. - Private Group (Landes) (110)

MONDAY

TUESDAY
6:00 p.m. - PACC (S/L/N)

WEDNESDAY
10:30 a.m. - Bible Study (110)
6:30 p.m. - Transition Team (105)

THURSDAY

FRIDAY – OFFICE CLOSED
8:00 a.m. - Church Women United (FH)
6:00 p.m. - Tamil School (FH)

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

NEXT SUNDAY
9:00 a.m. - Studies/Adult SS
10:30 a.m. - Worship Service (S)
12:00 p.m. - Elders Meeting
12:30 p.m. - Jubilate Ringers (S)
1:00 p.m. - Sanctuary Choir (S)
7:00 p.m. - Private Group (Landes) (110)



March 31, 2024

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Founded in 1845



Easter Sunday

10:30 a.m.

March 31, 2024

** indicates standing, if able*

Today's Meditation

Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord", and she told them that he had said these things to her.
John 20:18 NRSV

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 – *Easter Joy* - Butler

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

A Moment of Silence

**Opening Hymn – Christ the Lord is Risen Today* #216

**Call to Worship*

Leader: On this Easter morning, O God

People: We lift our hearts with praise,

Leader: We open our worship with joy!

People: We thank you for our Savior, the Light of the world

Leader: Who has brought death to death, and life to life.

People: We come into your presence with singing,

Leader: Our hearts echoing the chorus of the ages,

People: Hosanna! Alleluia forever and ever!

All: Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord!

**Opening Prayer*

Leader: Let us pray together...

ALL: Life-giving God, again we repeat our Easter shouts of joy, because the news of your victory over the powers of death and evil is so amazing and so different from the news that bombards us day after day. You startle us with resurrection life, bringing grace and hope and joy to us all. Through your risen power, you once again bring us to life, and so we praise you. We lift this prayer to you in the name of the one who taught us to pray... Our Father...

(The Lord's prayer may be found in the hymnal #307)

Scripture Reading – John 20:1-10

This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Children's Message

Hannah Fitch

Sanctuary Choir - *How Marvelous! How Wonderful!*

– Mary McDonald & Rose M. Aspinall

Sermon – *Giving Up Death*

Hank Anderson

**Hymn of Invitation – He Lives!*

vss. 1,3 #226

A Time of Prayer

Communion Hymn – *In the Garden*

#227

The Lord's Supper – *I Know That My Redeemer Liveth*

- Filmore/Keeney

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

Offering Statement

Tithes and Offerings – *Jesus Paid It All* – Hayes/Gaspard

(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 – Christ Arose!*

vss. 1,3 #224

**Postlude – Hallelujah Chorus* – Handel/Smith

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. 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 the pews. They can be put in the offering plate, hung on the prayer wall in 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.
- Bible Study ~ Wednesday Morning Bible Study at 10:30 a.m. with Hank. The study is on the Book of Mark.
- Sunday Morning Study ~ Frank Wheeler will lead the class the first two Sundays in April on *Paul's Ministry in Corinth*.
- Disciple Women ~ April 9th at 12 p.m. We will be going to Avanti's for lunch. Sign up at the information desk or online.
- Regional Disciple Women Event ~ April 13th at 9 a.m. The Ties that Bind with guest speaker Rev. Petie Mclean. We will be quilting. Registration forms are available at the information desk. Some help is needed for this event please check the information desk.
- Tasting Peoria ~ April 18th at 6 p.m. We will be going to Jalapenos in the Metro Center. Sign up at the information desk or online.
- Movie Night ~ April 26th at 7 p.m. The movie is *Moonstruck*. Sign up at the information desk or online.