

Ministering Today

Presiding Elder	Steve West
Elders	Frank Wheeler
	Kathleen Wheeler
Deacons	
Chancel Head	Monica Hinrichs
	Steve Hinrichs
	Laura Buckley
	Adam Woods
Lay Reader	Larry Weber
Greeters	Jake & Laura Cohen
Counters	Mike & Laura Buckley
Adult SS	Hank Anderson
Pre-K SS	Deann Anderson
Elementary SS	Connie Julien

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

Staff

Hank Anderson	Interim Minister
Heather Woods	Music Ministry Coordinator
Brian Woods	Organist
Mason Fitch	Digital Ministry Coordinator
Brandy Cox	Child Care
Diane Pfoff	Office Manager
Lynn Hutton	Bookkeeper
Terrie Wronkiewicz	Custodian

Calendar

Today	
9:00 am	Studies/Adult SS
10:30 am	Worship Service
11:45 am	Outreach Meeting
12:30 pm	Jubilate Ringers
1:00 pm	Sanctuary Choir
1:30 pm	Peoria Players
7:00 pm	Private Group
Monday	
2:00 pm	Faith In Justice
6:15 pm	Stewardship Meeting
7:00 pm	Administrative Board
Tuesday	
6:00 pm	PACC
6:30 pm	Peoria Players
6:30 pm	Cluster Meeting
Wednesday	
10:30 am	Bible Study
6:30 pm	Peoria Players
Thursday	
6:00 pm	Movie Night
6:30 pm	Peoria Players
Friday	
5:30 pm	Tamil School
Saturday	
7:00 am	Private Group
1:00 pm	PAMTA
Next Sunday	
9:00 am	Studies/Adult SS
10:30 am	Worship Service
12:00 pm	Potluck
12:30 pm	Jubilate Ringers
1:00 pm	Sanctuary Choir
7:00 pm	Private Group



October 20, 2024
10:30am

First Christian Church



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Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost

† indicates standing, if able

Today’s Meditation

There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus.
-Galatians 3:28 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 -
The Solid Rock - Bradbury/Kirkland
Please use the music and the moment of silence to prepare your hearts and minds for worship.

A Moment of Silence
†Opening Hymn
How Firm a Foundation #618

†Call to Worship
Leader: Gift-giver, you call us together,
People: With our different gifts, our different ideas, our different tastes.
Leader: You call us together,
People: To share what makes us special, to build each other up, to serve each other in love.
Leader: You call us together,
People: Knowing that we need all parts of the body if we are to be whole.
Leader: You call us together,
People: To sing, to pray, to listen, to speak, to be refreshed, so that we can go out and serve.

†Opening Prayer
Leader: Let us pray together...
All: Almighty God, by your Holy Spirit you have made us one with your saints in heaven and on earth: Help us to see your presence burning in the hearts of others; grant that we may be united in a fellowship of love and prayer; give us the courage to respond to the needs of the world, give us the stamina to follow you, to be your hands and heart in the world; enable us to witness to your grace and mercy. We pray all this through the love of Jesus, who taught us to pray...
The Lord’s Prayer may be found in the hymnal #307

†Vision Response
We Call Ourselves Disciples vs. 4 #357

Bible Celebration Video

Scripture Reading Galatians 3:27-28
This is the word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Children’s Message Hannah Fitch

Special Music Sanctuary Choir
Melodies of Love arr. Joseph M. Martin

Sermon Hank Anderson
Unboxing the Bible: What About Women?

†Hymn of Commitment
Rise Up, O Saints of God vss. 1,3,4 #611

A Time of Prayer
Lord, in your mercy, hear our 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.
Abide with Me, O God of Bethel - arr. McConnell

Offering Statement

Tithes & Offerings
Just as I Am - Bradbury/Johnson
If you are able, please come forward at this time to place your offering in the plate in front of the communion table.

†Doxology #46

†Dedication of Offering

†Benediction

†Congregational Response
Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us vs. 1 #558

Postlude -
Forward Through the Ages - Sullivan/Leatherman

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 and you can also fill out the form on the church app. The paper forms can be put in the offering plate, or hand it 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’s at 10:30 a.m. with Hank. We are studying the Book of Daniel.
- Sunday Morning Study ~ October: Pastor Hank is leading a study that goes along with his sermon series “Unboxing the Bible”.
- Disciple Women ~ November 12th at 12 p.m. They will be hearing about South Side Mission. Bring a lunch and join us. Sign up at the info desk or in the app.
- Tasting Peoria ~ November 14th at 6 p.m. We will be going to the Burger Barge, 123 Meadow Ave, East Peoria, IL 61611. Sign up at the info desk or in the app.
- Book Club ~ October 28th at 6 p.m. The book is “The Testament” by John Grisham. We will meet at the home of Elizabeth Carrico, 1141 County Rd 1300 N, Metamora, IL 61548. Sign up at the info desk or in the app.
- Movie Night ~ October 24th at 6 p.m. The movie is “Little Women”. Sign up at the info desk or in the app.
- Potluck ~ October 27th after the Worship Service. Sign up at the information desk or online if you can help with prep and/or cleanup. Bring your own tableware to reduce waste.
- Trunk or Treat ~ This annual event is always fun and such a great service to our community by providing a good meal and a safe place to trick or treat. If you are able to help in any way, please sign up on the app.