MINISTERING IN WORSHIP . . .

Presiding Elder ~ Becky Sisk

Elders ~ Mason Fitch/Kevin Wolfe

Lay Reader ~ Kate Spielman

Greeters ~ Beth Cox & Kate Spielman

Acolyte ~ Natalie Woods

Deacons

Chancel – Geraldine Runkle
*Alice Jury

Barb Turner & Adam Woods

* = Head Deacon (Please count attendance)

Counters ~ Owen & Alice Jury

Friends of Jesus ~ Deann Anderson

Sunday School/Grades 1-8 ~ Laura Buckley



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

9:00 a.m. - Studies/Adult SS

10:30 a.m. - Worship Service (S)

12:30 p.m. - Jubilate Ringers (S)

1:00 p.m. - Sanctuary Choir (S)

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

MONDAY

7:00 p.m. - Administrative Board (110)

TUESDAY

6:00 p.m. - PACC Rehearsal (S/N/FH)

WEDNESDAY

10:30 a.m. - Bible Study (110)

6:30 p.m. - Transition Team Meeting (105)

6:30 p.m. - Peoria Players (FH)

THURSDAY

6:00 p.m. - Tasting Peoria (Off Site)

6:30 p.m. - Peoria Players (FH)

FRIDAY

6:00 p.m. - Tamil School (Classrooms)

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)

12:30 p.m. - Jubilate Ringers (S)

1:00 p.m. - Sanctuary Choir (S)

2:00 p.m. - Peoria Players (FH)

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



October 15, 2023

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Founded in 1845



Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

10:30 a.m.

October 15, 2023 **indicates standing, if able*

Today's Meditation

Declare God's glory among the nations, God's marvelous works among all the peoples. – Psalm 96:3 NRSV

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.

Music for Meditation – *Just as I Am* – Bradbury/Johnson (*Please use the music and the moment of silence to prepare your hearts and minds for worship.*)

A Moment of Silence

[†]Gathering Praise – How Firm a Foundation

#618

[†]Call to Worship

Leader: Let us open our minds to God's teaching;

People: And tune our ear to God's word.

Leader: Let us be inspired by the faith of our ancestors;

People: And be an inspiration to our children.

Leader: We put our trust in God;

People: And worship the one who gives us life.

Opening Prayer

Leader: Let us pray together...

ALL: Generous God, in abundance you give us all things both spiritual and physical. Help us to hold lightly the fading things of this earth and grasp tightly the lasting things of your kingdom, so that what we are and do and say may be our gifts to you through Jesus Christ, who beckons all to seek the things above. We pray in the name of Jesus, who taught us to pray...Our Father...

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

[†]Glory Be to the Father (Gloria Patri)

#36

Scripture Readings – Acts 1:6-8

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

Moment for the Children

Hannah Fitch

Anthem –

Sanctuary Choir

Battle of Jericho – arr. Mark Hayes

Mission Highlight

Message – Dream Big: To the Ends of the Earth

Hank Anderson

[†]Hymn of Invitation – Come, Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove #248

A Time of Prayer

Communion Hymn – Break Thou the Bread of Life #321

The Lord's Supper – Thy Will Be Done - Southbridge

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

Offering Statement

Tithes and Offerings – Penitent Prayer - Uppercue (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 – 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 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 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 ~ Hank is leading the Bible Study on Wednesday's through November 15th. This week the class will meet at 10:30 a.m. only. The study is on the "The Gospel According to Mark".
- Sunday Morning Study ~ October 8th through the 29th at 9 a.m. Frank Wheeler & Becky Sisk will lead the class on, The Apostle Paul, Part 2. Sign up at the information desk.
- Tasting Peoria ~ October 19th at 6 p.m. at Kelleher's Irish Pub and Eatery. 619 Southwest Water St. Peoria. Sign up at the information desk if you would like to attend.
- Movie Night ~ October 27th at 7 p.m. The Movie is Indiana Jones and the Dial of Destiny. Please sign up at the information desk if you would like to attend.
- Potluck Sunday ~ October 29th Please bring a dish and your own tableware to reduce waste. If you can help with prep and cleanup sign up at the information desk.
- Book Club ~ October 30th at 7 p.m. at Margaret Goulden's home: 133 Eastwood Dr, East Peoria. The book is, "The Extraordinary Life of Sam Hell" by Robert Dugoni. Refreshments and snacks provided. Sign up at the information desk if you would like to attend.
- Halloween Trunk or Treat ~ October 31st from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. So many fun things to do or help with. Please check the information desk and sign up for something you would like to help out with.