# MINISTERING IN WORSHIP . . .

Presiding Elder ~ Roger Baker

Elders ~ Chere Peters/Jenny Tripses

Layreader ~ Kate Spielman

Greeters ~ Sandy Surface/Debbie Presnell

Acolyte ~ Natalie Woods

#### Deacons

Chancel – Monica Hinrichs

\*John Best, Laura Buckley, Steve Hinrichs

\* = Head Deacon (Please count attendance)

Counters ~ Owen & Alice Jury



## **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. Rev. Karen Merrick will be preaching
- 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 (classroom)

### **TUESDAY**

- 6:00-7:45 p.m. PACC Rehearsal (110)
- 6:00-9:30 p.m. PACC Rehearsal (S)
- 6:30 p.m. Cluster Meeting (Sunnyland)
- 7:00 p.m. FCC Book Club (Home of Margaret Goulden)

### WEDNESDAY

• 6:00 p.m. – Tasting Peoria (Sugar Wood-Fired Bistro)

## **THURSDAY**

• 6:00-8:00 p.m. – Volunteer Project at Midwest Food Bank

### **FRIDAY**

• 6:00-8:30 p.m. – Tamil School (Classrooms)

#### SATURDAY

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

# **NEXT SUNDAY**

- 9:00 a.m. Studies/Adult SS
- 10:30 a.m. Rev. Karen Merrick will be preaching
- 12:00 noon 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!
- 12:30 p.m. Jubilate Ringers (S)
- 1:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir (S)
- 7:00-9:00 p.m. Private Group (Landes) (110)



October 23, 2022

# FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Founded in 1845



Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

10:30 a.m.

October 23, 2022 †indicates standing, if able

# Today's Meditation

Never measure your generosity by what you give, but rather by what you have left —Bishop Fulton Sheen (1895-1979)

Roman Catholic Bishop

(ordained a priest in the Diocese of Peoria, 1919)

# 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 – Stewardship

Roger Baker

Music for Meditation – Lacrymosa—Wagner

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

A Moment of Silence

<sup>†</sup>Gathering Praise – *Standing on the Promises* 

#552

# <sup>†</sup>Call to Worship

Leader: We want you to know, brothers and sisters, about the grace of God that has been granted to the churches of Macedonia; for during a severe ordeal of affliction, their abundant joy and their extreme poverty have overflowed in a wealth of generosity on their part. For, as I can testify, they voluntarily gave according to their means, and even beyond their means, begging us earnestly for the privilege of sharing in this ministry to the saints. (from 2 Corinthians 8:1-4)

People: Generosity ~ the quality of being kind, plentiful, abundant, lavish, not selfish, willing to share, generous in spirit.

Leader: Come now to worship the God who is the very definition of generosity.

<sup>†</sup>Opening Prayer

Leader: Let us pray together...

God of all good things, we are grateful that you are here to receive our worship, and to watch as we live out your example of abundant love and grace. Open our hearts to

(continued)

fresh ways of serving you and your world. Open our minds to new ways of sharing all that you have given to us. Open our souls so that we may be filled with your overflowing love. This we ask in Jesus' name as we pray the prayer he taught us, saying...Our Father...

(Words to *The Lord's Prayer* may be found in the hymnal – #307)

<sup>†</sup>Glory Be to the Father (Gloria Patri)

#36

Scripture Reading – 2 Corinthians 9:6-15

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

Come, Thou Almighty King-arr. Michael Ryan

Message Karen Merrick

Getting Warmer:

Why Do Good Things Happen to Good People?

<sup>†</sup>Hymn of Commitment #606 God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

A Time of Prayer

Communion Hymn – Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ #422

The Lord's Supper – Meditation on "Crimond"—McDonald

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

Offering Statement

Tithes and Offerings – For Me to Live is Jesus—arr. Harris

(If you are able, please come forward at this time to place your gift in the plate on the communion table.)

<sup>†</sup>Doxology #46

†Dedication of Offering

†Benediction

<sup>†</sup>Congregational Response #550 *There's Within My Heart a Melody* (vs. 1)

<sup>†</sup>Postlude – *Postlude on "Pange Lingua"*—Gay

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 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.
- November Sunday Study ~ Join us on Sunday mornings October 30 – November 20 at 9:00 a.m. Kevin Wolfe will lead us in a study of the "old stories" from the Books on the Law, the Historical Books, and the Major and Minor prophets. Please sign up at the information desk.
- Advent Devotional Sign-Up ~ Our theme this year is *O Holy Night*. If you would like to write a devotion, please sign up at the information desk and pick up an information sheet with instructions. Please submit devotions by October 30<sup>th</sup>.
- Trunk or Treat and Chili Supper October 31 ~ Please consider joining us in the fun at First Christian on Halloween, October 31, from 4:30-6:30 p.m. Sign up for a Trunk or Treat table and we will have one ready for you. Help is needed for the Chili Supper. There is a list of food items needed on the information desk. Please sign up for what you can offer.
- Tasting Peoria ~ Join us for great pizza on Wednesday, October 26, at 6:00 p.m. at Sugar Wood-Fired Bistro. Please sign up at the information desk.
- Midwest Food Bank Volunteer Project ~ Thursday, October 27, 6:00-8:00 p.m. Sign up at the information desk.
- Legacy Lunch and Conversation with Matt Rosine on November 13, All Saints Sunday. Please sign up at the information desk if you can join Matt for lunch.