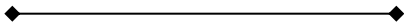


MINISTERING IN WORSHIP . . .

Presiding Elder ~ Becky Sisk
Elders ~ Chere Peters & Jenny Tripses
Lay reader ~ Becky Sisk
Greeters ~ Jake & Laura Cohen
Acolyte ~ Natalie Woods

Deacons
Chancel – Laura Cohen
*Jake Cohen, Joe Rex, Kyle Cheatham & Darren Woods
* = Head Deacon **(Please count attendance)**
Counters ~ John & Lisa Best



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:
Speaker: Rev. Carolyn Roper-Fowlkes
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)
11:45 p.m. – Elders Meeting
7:00 p.m. – Private Group (Landes) (110)
- MONDAY**
5:00 p.m. – Tae Kwon Do Class (classroom)
6:00 p.m. – Peoria Players (FH)
- TUESDAY**
6:00 p.m. – Peoria Players (FH)
- WEDNESDAY**
6:00 p.m. – Peoria Players (FH)
- THURSDAY**
6:00 p.m. – Peoria Players (FH)
- FRIDAY**
6:00 p.m. – Peoria Players (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)
7:00 p.m. – Private Group (Landes) (110)



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FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH
Founded in 1845



Today's Meditation
What I am trying to cultivate is not blind optimism...But radical hope.
- Junot Diaz

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 – *Whispering Hope* - Hawthorne
(Please use the music and the moment of silence to prepare your hearts and minds for worship.)

A Moment of Silence

*Gathering Praise – *Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus* #613

*Call to Worship

Leader: Day by day, God leads us:
People: to the deep, deep pools of peace, to the green, lush lawns of grace.

Leader: Day by day, Jesus calls us:
People: to pour out ourselves in service, to anoint the stranger with hope.

Leader: Day by day, the Holy Spirit shows us:
People: the community we could be, the family we are called to become.

Opening Prayer
Leader: Let us pray together...
All: Holy God, pour out your Spirit upon us as we gather; God of our salvation: so your grace might strengthen us for service; so your peace might calm our troubled souls; so your hope might mend our broken hearts. You poured out your life that we might be filled with the gift of salvation. You humbled yourself that we might be raised to eternal life. You are in our midst, Spirit of wholeness.

You enabled us to cling to faith, when hope runs through our fingers like sand. You open the gateways of our heart's morning and evening, that we might sing our praises with all creation. God in Community, Holy in One, we pour out our hearts to you, as we pray as Jesus taught us...Our Father...
(Words to *The Lord's Prayer* may be found in the hymnal – #307)

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

Scripture Readings – 1 Peter 3:13-22
This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Moment for the Children Hannah Fitch

Special Music – *Immortal Invisible* -- arr. John F Wilson
Ange Bertucci & Larry Weber – Euphonium Duet

Message – *The Hope That is in You*
Rev. Carolyn Roper-Fowlkes

*Hymn of Invitation – *O God, Our Help in Ages Past* #67

A Time of Prayer

Communion Hymn – *Softly and Tenderly* vss. 1,3 #340

The Lord's Supper – *Over the Stars* - Abt
All: "Here we celebrate that all people are welcome at this table of God's grace."

Offering Statement

Tithes and Offerings – *Offertory in E Flat* - Tosti
(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 – *My Tribute* #39

*Postlude – *Thou Almighty King* - Giardini

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.
- Foster Village ~ First Christian Church will be a Donation Drive Partner for the month of June. For a list of the Village Closet needs check the information desk.
- Welcome Hank ~ Hank's welcome reception will be June 18 between Sunday School and Church in the lounge. Sign up to bring cookies at the information desk.
- Book Club ~ June's book is "The Silver Ladies of Penny Lane" by Dee MacDonald. Join us June 27 at 7 p.m. at Margaret Goulden's home. Sign up at the information desk.
- Love Offering ~ We would like to shower Sung Kim, our custodian of over a decade, with love as he moves into retirement. He gets the pleasure of moving out east to spend time with his grandchild. Please give generously to help celebrate his time with us.