

MINISTERING IN WORSHIP . . .

Presiding Elder ~ Roger Baker
Elders ~ Dave & Connie Sinn
Lay Reader ~ Sandy Surface
Greeters ~ Carney Lewis
Acolyte ~ Natalie Woods
Deacons
 Chancel – Joe Rex
 *Tim Dougherty
Dana Powers, Lorie Mansfield & Laura Buckley
 * = Head Deacon **(Please count attendance)**
Counters ~ John & Lisa Best
Friends of Jesus ~ Deann Anderson
Sunday School/Grades 1-8 ~ Laura Cohen



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**
- TUESDAY**
4:00 p.m. - Web Security Meeting
6:00 p.m. - PACC (S/L/N)
6:30 p.m. - Cluster Meeting (Sunnyland)
- WEDNESDAY**
10:30 a.m. - Bible Study (110)
- THURSDAY**
- FRIDAY**
6:00 p.m. - Tamil School (Classrooms/FH)
7:00 p.m. - Movie Night (S)
- 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. - EOM Potluck (FH)
12:30 p.m. - Jubilate Ringers (S)
1:00 p.m. - Sanctuary Choir (S)
7:00 p.m. - Private Group (Landes) (110)

TAMING THE TONGUE

April 21, 2024



Today's Meditation

One word can change someone's entire day (or life).

- Unknown

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.

For the Good of the Church

Mike Buckley

Music for Meditation – O Savior, Hear Me - Gluck

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

A Moment of Silence

*Opening Hymn – God of Grace and God of Glory

#464

*Call to Worship

Leader: The Lord our God overflows with loving kindness, and is close to all who call on the Holy One's name!

People: We will praise and bless God's holy name forever.

Leader: The Lord our God is glorious beyond our imagination, yet God hears our cries for help!

People: We will praise and bless God's holy name forever.

Leader: The Lord our God is worthy to be honored by every generation, and by people of every age!

People: We come in worship and praise of God's holy name.

*Opening Prayer

Leader: Let us pray together...

ALL: Holy One of mystery and power, there is no One like you in heaven above or on the earth below. Your steadfast love is always with us, no matter where life takes us. Fill our lives with your glory. Give us the strength and the power to withstand the forces of the evil at work in our lives and in the world. We pray in the name of the One 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 Reading – James 3:7-12

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

Children's Message

Hannah Fitch

Sanctuary Choir – Joy Down in My Heart – Mary McDonald

Sermon – James: Living Faith – Taming the Tongue

Hank Anderson

*Hymn of Invitation – Wonderful Words of Life

vss.1,3 #323

A Time of Prayer

Communion Hymn – Holy Ground

#112

The Lord's Supper – Andante Con Moto - Heller

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

Offering Statement

Tithes and Offerings – Andantino - Berge

(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 –

We, Your People, God, Confessing

vs.4 #356

*Postlude – Postlude in D - Rinck

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 ~ The last two Sundays of April the class will be combined with the Wired Word.
- Movie Night ~ April 26th at 7 p.m. The movie is Moonstruck. Sign up at the information desk or online.
- Potluck ~ April 28th after the Worship Service. Sign up at the information desk or online if you can help with Prep and Cleanup. Bring your own tableware to help reduce waste.
- Book Club – April 30th at 6 p.m. We will meet at the home of Sandy Surface, 643 Mickel Parkway, Washington. The book is Prodigal Summer by Barbara Kingsolver. Snacks and refreshments provided. Sign up at the information desk or online.
- Disciple Women – May 14th at noon. Susie Ryan will once again join us to complete our ceramic mugs. Sign up at the information desk or online.