

Ministering Today

Presiding Elder	Kevin Wolfe
Elders	Roger Baker
	Vickie Baker
Deacons	
Chancel Head	Lisa Cheatham
	Tim Dougherty
	Larry Weber
	Debbie Presnell
	Terrie Wronkiewicz
Lay Reader	Larry Weber
Greeters	Frank Wheeler
	Kathleen Wheeler
Counters	Roger & Vickie Baker
Adult SS	Hank Anderson
Youth SS	Cheryl Davis
Preschool	Chere Peters

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
Sung Kim	Custodian

Calendar

Today	
9:00 am	Adult Studies
10:30 am	Worship Service
12:00 pm	Worship Meeting
12:30 pm	Jubilate Ringers
1:00 pm	Sanctuary Choir
4:00 pm	Cluster Lenten Service FCC Creve Coeur
7:00 pm	Private Group
Monday	
2:00 pm	Faith In Justice
6:00 pm	Personnel Meeting
6:00 pm	Peoria Players
Tuesday	
12:00 pm	Disciple Women
1:15 pm	Christian Ed Meeting
6:00 pm	PACC
6:00 pm	Peoria Players
Wednesday	
10:30 am	Bible Study
5:00 pm	Dungeons & Dragons
6:00 pm	Peoria Players
Thursday	
6:00 pm	Tasting Peoria
6:00 pm	Peoria Players
Friday	
5:30 pm	Tamil
Saturday	
7:00 am	Private Group
10:30 am	MLT Meeting
1:00 pm	Kehl Memorial Service
Next Sunday	
9:00 am	Adult Studies
10:30 am	Worship Service
12:30 pm	Jubilate Ringers
1:00 pm	Sanctuary Choir
4:30 pm	Cluster Lenten Service Eureka CC
7:00 pm	Private Group



March 9, 2025  
10:30am

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First Sunday in Lent  
† indicates standing, if able

**Today’s Meditation**  
*Amazing love! How can it be that thou, my God,  
shouldst die for me?*  
- from the hymn *And Can It Be that I Should Gain*  
by Charles Wesley.

†Fellowship of the Church  
*(Please sign in online or on the red pad in your pew)*

Music for Meditation  
*Abide With Me* - Monk/Rasley  
Please use the music and the moment of silence to prepare  
your hearts and minds for worship.

A Moment of Silence

†Opening Hymn #15  
*Rejoice, You Pure in Heart*

†Call to Worship  
*Leader: As darkness gives way to light and winter  
sleep to fresh beginnings,*  
**People: We come today to be reminded of God's  
love for us.**  
*Leader: As we anticipate the signs of renewed life,  
stirring beneath the soil,*  
**People: We welcome an awakening of God's word in  
our lives.**  
*Leader: In this time of reflection and repentance,*  
**People: We affirm our identity and claim our security,  
as children of God.**

†Opening Prayer  
*Leader: Let us pray together...*  
**All: Almighty God, thank you for being with us as we  
contend with our lives and all our challenges. Thank you  
for listening as we bring before you the troubles that  
threaten to undermine us. Inspire us with renewed hope.  
Deepen our faith to hear your word and follow your way.  
Encourage us to bring all our hopes and desires to you  
in prayer, that in lifting up our souls to you, we may be  
shaped by your love. We pray this in the name of the  
One who taught us to pray. . .**  
The Lord’s Prayer may be found in the hymnal #307

†Lenten Response #461  
*Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service v3*

Scripture Reading 1 Peter 2:21–24  
*This is the word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.*

Children’s Message Mason Fitch

Special Music Jubilate Ringers  
*In Remembrance* Sandra Eithun

Sermon Hank Anderson  
*Savior: The Power of the Cross*  
An Act of Love

†Hymn of Commitment #72  
*To God Be the Glory*

A Time of Prayer  
*Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.*

Communion Hymn #587  
*Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross*

The Lord’s Supper  
**All: Here we celebrate that all people are  
welcome at this table of God’s grace.**  
*Have You any Room for Jesus?* - Williams/Wilson

Offering Statement

Tithes & Offerings  
*If you are able, please come forward at this time to place  
your offering in the plate in front of the communion table.*  
*Dedication* - Martens

†Doxology #46

†Dedication of Offering

†Benediction

†Congregational Response #583  
*Lead Me, Guide Me*

Postlude  
*Praise to God the Father* - Ritter

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.
- Our sound system is equipped with a hearing assistance technology system. Please see someone in the tech booth for more information or to use.
- Sunday Morning Study ~ During the season of Lent, Hank is leading a study looking at some of the different ways that Christians have understood the Cross. There is a book to go along with this study, and the cost is \$10. If the cost is an issue, however, talk to Hank. Please sign up at the information desk or in the app
- Bible Study ~ Wednesday’s at 10:30 a.m. with Hank. We are studying Paul’s Letter to the Romans. Please join us anytime!
- Disciple Women ~ March 11th at 12 p.m. The group will be doing chair yoga with Melissa Weyeneth. Sign up at the information desk or in the app!
- Tasting Peoria ~ March 13th at 6 p.m. We will be going to Kelleher’s Irish Pub, 619 Southwest Water Street, Peoria, IL 61602. Sign up at the info desk or in the app.
- Movie Night ~ March 27th at 6 p.m. The movie is “The Shawshank Redemption”. Sign up at the info desk or in the app.
- Book Club ~ March 27th at 6 p.m. The book is “We Solve Murders” by Richard Osman. We will meet at the home of Elizabeth Carrico; please reach out to Elizabeth or the office for the address. Sign up at the info desk or in the app.
- March Potluck ~ March 30th 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.