

Ministering Today

Presiding Elder	Frank Wheeler
Elders	Carmen Nicoll
	Sandy Surface
Deacons	
Chancel Head	Kelsey Reynolds
	John Best
	Victoria Truelove
	Oliver Truelove
Lay Reader	Kate Spielman
Greeters	Ralph & Ilene
	Tegg
Counters	Ralph Tegg
	Steve West
Adult SS	Linda Williams
Pre-K SS	Dean Anderson
Elementary SS	Connie Julien

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
Terrie Wronkiewicz	Custodian

Calendar

Today	
9:00 am	Studies/Adult SS
10:30 am	Worship Service
11:45 am	Outreach Meeting
12:30 pm	Jubilate Ringers
1:00 pm	Sanctuary Choir
7:00 pm	Private Group
Monday	
2:00 pm	Faith In Justice Meeting
7:00 pm	Administrative Board
Tuesday	
6:00 pm	Book Club
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	Movie Night
6:00 pm	Peoria Players
Friday	
5:30 pm	Tamil School
Saturday	
7:00 am	Private Group
9:00 am	Blood Drive
Next Sunday	
9:00 am	Studies/Adult SS
10:30 am	Worship Service
11:45 am	Church Decorating
12:30 pm	Jubilate Ringers
1:00 pm	Sanctuary Choir
7:00 pm	Private Group



November 17, 2024
10:30am

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Twenty-Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

† indicates standing, if able

Today's Meditation

The more one judges, the less one loves.
-Honore de Balzac

†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

Music for Meditation -

Allegretto - Beethoven/Smith
*Please use the music and the moment of silence to prepare
your hearts and minds for worship.*

A Moment of Silence

†Opening Hymn

Now Thank We All Our God#715

†Call to Worship

*Leader: We will give thanks to you, O Lord, among
the peoples;*
**People: We will sing praises to you among the
nations.**
*Leader: For your steadfast love is great to the
heavens, your faithfulness to the clouds.*
**People: Be exalted, O God, above the heavens!
Let your glory be over all the earth!**

†Opening Prayer

Leader: Let us pray together...
**All: Eternal God, our refuge and help, we praise you for
all you have given us, for all you have done for us, for
all that you are to us. In our weakness, you are
strength, in our darkness, you are light, in our sorrow,
you are comfort and peace. We ask your blessing upon
this worship service, so that through it we may draw
close to you. And now, we lift to you the prayer that
Jesus taught us . . .**
The Lord's Prayer may be found in the hymnal #307

†Vision Response

*We Call Ourselves Disciples*vs. 4#357

Scripture Reading

Matthew 13:24–30
This is the word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Children's Message

Hannah Fitch

Special Music

*Now Thank We All Our God*Jubilate Ringers
arr. Dan R. Edwards

Sermon

Hank Anderson
*The Kingdom of Heaven is Like:
A Field of Faith*

†Hymn of Commitment

In Christ There Is No East or West vss 1,3,4#687

A Time of Prayer

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Communion Hymn

A Hymn of Joy We Sing#404

The Lord's Supper

**All: Here we celebrate that all people are
welcome at this table of God's grace.**
Communion Meditations - arr. Smith

Offering Statement

Tithes & Offerings

Reflection - Uppercue
*If you are able, please come forward at this time to place
your offering in the plate in front of the communion table.*

†Doxology

#46

†Dedication of Offering

†Benediction

†Congregational Response

'Tis the Gift to Be Simple#568

Postlude

March in D - Handel/Parks

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. 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's at 10:30 a.m. with Hank. We are studying the Book of Daniel.
- Sunday Morning Study ~ November: Linda Williams is leading a study called "A Life of Giving Thanks".
- Disciple Women ~ November 12th at 12 p.m. They will be hearing about South Side Mission. Bring a lunch and join us. Sign up at the info desk or in the app.
- Tasting Peoria ~ December 12th at 6 p.m. We will be going to Sugar, 826 SW Adams St, Peoria, IL 61602. Sign up at the info desk or in the app.
- Book Club ~ November 19th at 3 p.m. The book is "Lessons in Chemistry" by Bonnie Garmus. We will meet at the home of Connie Sinn; please reach out to Connie or the office for the address. Sign up at the info desk or in the app.
- Movie Night ~ November 21st at 6 p.m. The movie is "Mrs Palfrey at the Claremont". Sign up at the info desk or in the app.
- Holiday Potluck ~ December 1st after the Worship Service. The Peoria Area Civic Chorale will be singing for us. Sign up at the information desk or online if you can help with prep and/or cleanup. Bring your own tableware to reduce waste.
- Christmas Decorating ~ Join us immediately following the worship service on Sunday, November 24th, to decorate our beautiful building for the holiday season! Sign up in the church app or at the Information Desk. The more the merrier!