

Throughout the Church...

Cake Reception - TODAY After Worship
Bible Study - Wednesday @ 10:30am
Tasting Peoria - Thursday @ 6pm
Virtual General Assembly - Saturday



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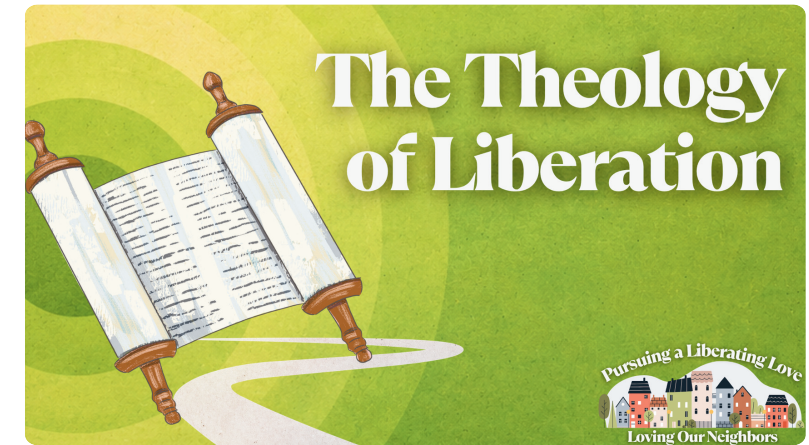
Please always check with the church office if you are wanting to use the church building. Thank you!

We are an open and affirming congregation that celebrates all people as sacred creations of a loving God. We embrace the fullness of human diversity - across orientations, identities, experiences, and backgrounds - and seek to follow Christ by offering love, compassion, and acceptance to all. In that spirit, we welcome everyone to participate fully in the life, leadership, and ministry of our church.



It's Vacation Bible School Time!!

Vacation Bible School is fast approaching! Children from preschool through 5th grade can sign up to participate and adults can sign up to help at the information desk. We will gather at Glen Oak Christian Church July 6-9, 6-8pm. Please join us for a fun-filled week in the rainforest!



July 5, 2026
10:30am

July's Theme:



First Christian Church



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†Please Stand If You Are Able

Fellowship of the Church

Music for Meditation

Prelude on "Boylston" - Young

†Call to Worship

One: I will praise the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God all my life long.

Many: Praise the Lord, O my soul!

One: Do not put your trust in princes, in mortals, in whom there is no help. When their breath departs, they return to the earth; on that very day their plans perish.

Many: Praise the Lord, O my soul!

One: Happy are those whose hope is in the Lord their God, who made heaven and earth, who executes justice for the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry.

Many: Praise the Lord, O my soul!

One: The Lord sets the prisoners free; the Lord opens the eyes of the blind. The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down; the Lord loves the righteous. The Lord watches over the strangers and upholds the orphan and the widow, but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

All: Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul! I will praise the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God all my life long.

†Opening Hymn #85
Eternal Father, Strong to Save

†Opening Prayer
Leader: Let us pray together:

All: God of true peace, we confess that we have preferred the peace the world gives over that which you offer. We have often sought the peace of worldly security and social conformity over the challenge and fulfillment of discipleship to Jesus Christ. Forgive us and deepen our trust in you, that we may give ourselves to the adventure of living in faith. Make us responsive and responsible to your Holy Spirit, through the grace of Jesus Christ, who taught us to pray saying: Our Father/Creator...

†Vision Response #357
We Call Ourselves Disciples - words on screen

Children's Message

Rev. Emily Williams

Special Music

Saxophone Quartet

Swing Low, Sweet Chariot - arr. Kenneth Abeling

Ange Bertucci, Cindy Bridges,
Brian Woods, Heather Woods

Tithes & Offerings

My Faith Looks Up to Thee - Mason/Young

†Doxology #46

Scripture Reading

Luke 4:16-19

The Word of God, for the people of God, thanks be to God.

Sermon

Rev. Adam Bradley

The Theology of Liberation

†Hymn of Invitation #344
I Have Decided to Follow Jesus

A Time of Prayer

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

The Lord's Supper

Invitation to Christ's Table

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

Communion Hymn #427
Loving Lord, as Now We Gather

Elder Meditation & Blessing

Words of Institution

†Congregational Response #99
O, How I Love Jesus vs 1

†Benediction

Postlude

March in C - Purcell/Paxton



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Serving in Worship Today

Elders Beth Smittkamp
Linda Rex

Deacons
Chancel Head Chris Carrico
Alice Jury
Dana Powers
Larry Weber

Lay Reader Sandy Surface
Acolyte Natalie Woods
Tech Cindy Bridges

Greeters Debra Kreps
Monica Hinrichs
Judy Leeper

Counters Ralph Tegg
Steve West

Sunday School

Adult Classes
The Open Table Mason Fitch
Responders Class Becky Sisk

Youth Classes
Friends with Jesus (Pre-k) Jenny Tripses
Growing Disciples (5th-8th) Frank Wheeler

Staff

Rev. Adam Bradley Lead Pastor
Rev. Mason Fitch Associate Pastor
Heather Woods Music Ministry Coordinator
Brian Woods Organist
Brandy Ganschow Child Care
Lynn Hutton Bookkeeper
Donnie Smith Custodian