

Ministering Today

Presiding Elder	Kevin Wolfe
Elders	Frank Wheeler
	Kathleen Wheeler
Deacons	
Chancel Head	Beth Reynolds
	Laura Buckley
	Jan Cusac
	Dana Powers
Lay Reader	Kate Spielman
Greeters	Debbie Presnell
	Geraldine Runkle
Counters	Steve West
	Ralph Tegg
Adult SS	Randy Williams

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 - Epiphany Sunday	
9:00 am	Adult Studies
10:30 am	Worship Service
11:45 am	Elders Meeting
12:30 pm	Jubilate Ringers
1:00 pm	Sanctuary Choir
7:00 pm	Private Group
Monday	
6:30 pm	Peoria Players
Tuesday	
11:00 am	Growth Meeting
6:00 pm	PACC
6:30 pm	Peoria Players
Wednesday	
10:30 am	Bible Study
5:00 pm	Dungeons & Dragons
6:30 pm	Peoria Players
Thursday	
6:00 pm	Tasting Peoria
6:30 pm	Peoria Players
Friday	
5:30 pm	Tamil
Saturday	
7:00 am	Private Group
Next Sunday	
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January 5, 2025
10:30am

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Epiphany Sunday

† indicates standing, if able

Today’s Meditation

There is always light. If only we're brave enough to see it. If only we're brave enough to be it.

Amanda Gorman

†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

Prelude on “Aurelia” - Wesley/Dixon

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

A Moment of Silence

†Opening Hymn

As with Gladness

#173

†Call to Worship

Leader: Jesus is present in every moment.

People: We will seek and find Him each day.

Leader: He is with us in joy and in struggle.

People: We will open our eyes to His presence.

Leader: He is revealed in those we serve and love.

People: We will see Him and give thanks.

Leader: Jesus walks with us as our constant companion.

People: We will follow His light in all we do.

†Opening Prayer

Leader: Let us pray together...

All: God of light and revelation, as we gather in Your presence, we are reminded that You are always with us, guiding us and drawing us closer to You. Open our hearts and minds today to see You more clearly in the world around us, in the people we meet, and in the moments we often overlook. May this time of worship inspire us to live with eyes wide open to Your presence and to follow Your light with faith and trust. This we ask in the name of the Christ Child, who taught us to pray...

The Lord’s Prayer may be found in the hymnal #307

†Response

God's Love Made Visible vs 1

#171

Scripture Reading

Luke 2:25-40

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

Children’s Message

Hannah Fitch

Special Music

Sanctuary Choir

New Star

James C. Ward/arr. Sean Paul

Sermon

Mason Fitch

Come Let Us Adore Him:

Whispers of Light

Advent Wreath

Reading & Litany

Carol Response

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Light Shines Forth vs 6

†Hymn of Commitment

Brightest and Best

#174

A Time of Prayer

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Communion Hymn

We Three Kings

#172

The Lord’s Supper

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

Oracion - Hamilton

Offering Statement

Tithes & Offerings

Christ, the Cornerstone - Wilson

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

Sing of God Made Manifest vs. 1

#176

Postlude

To God All Praise and Glory - arr. Wilson

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.
- Sunday Morning Study ~ January: Randy Williams is leading the class on the book of Ephesians.
- Bible Study ~ Wednesday’s at 10:30 a.m. with Hank. We are finishing our study of the Book of Daniel.
- Disciple Women ~ January 14th at 12 p.m. The group will hear about belly dancing. Sign up at the info desk or in the app.
- Tasting Peoria ~ January 9th at 6 p.m. We will be going to The Fieldhouse, 1200 W Main St, Peoria, IL 61606. Sign up at the info desk or in the app.
- Book Club ~ January 27th at 6 p.m. The book is “Project Hail Mary” by Andy Weir. We will meet at the home of Marilyn Wood; please reach out to Marilyn or the office for the address. Sign up at the info desk or in the app.
- Movie Night ~ January 23rd at 6 p.m. The movie is “Wonder Woman”. Sign up at the info desk or in the app.
- January Potluck ~ January 26th 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.