

MINISTERING IN WORSHIP . . .

Presiding Elder ~ Beth Cox
Elders ~ Chere Peters/Kevin Cheatham
Layreader ~ Larry Weber
Greeters ~ Kathy Fenton/Ilene Tegg
Acolyte ~ Elliot Truelove
Deacons
 Chancel – Geraldine Runkle
 *Alice Jury, Debbie Presnell, Kyle Cheatham
* = Head Deacon (**Please count attendance**)
Counters ~ Owen & Alice Jury



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:
The Rev. Karen Merrick, Pastor
Heather Woods, Coordinator of Music Ministries
Brian Woods, Organist
Mason Fitch, Social Media Coordinator

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Calendar

TODAY

- 9:00 a.m. – Studies/Adult SS
- 10:30 a.m. – The Rev. Karen Merrick preaching
- 7:00-9:00 p.m. – Private Group (Landes) (110)

MONDAY

- 5:00 p.m. – Tae Kwon Do Class (classroom)
- 7:00 p.m. – Administrative Board (110)

TUESDAY

- 1:00 p.m. – Faith in Justice Task Force

SATURDAY

- 7:00-9:00 a.m. – Private Group (Landes) (110)

NEXT SUNDAY

- 9:00 a.m. – Studies/Adult SS
- 10:30 a.m. – Worship in Sanctuary and on Facebook
- 12:00 p.m. – End-of-the-Month Potluck (FH)
- VBS Set-Up following the potluck. Please stay and lend a hand if you are able to prepare our building for the week of Vacation Bible School!
- 7:00-9:00 p.m. – Private Group (Landes)



June 19, 2022

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Founded in 1845



Today's Meditation
It is never too late to give up our prejudices.
—Henry David Thoreau

Fellowship of the Church
(Please register on pads at end of each pew.)
We want to extend a special welcome to our first-time visitors. You are invited to stop at the Visitor's Table before you leave to receive more information about our church and a little something extra.

Graduate Recognition ~ Darren Woods

Music for Meditation – I Am Thine, O Lord—Doane/Prentiss
(Please use the music and the moment of silence to prepare your hearts and minds for worship.)

A Moment of Silence

*Gathering Praise – This Is My Father's World #59

*Call to Worship
Leader: We come to praise and thank God in our worship.
People: Nourish us with your word.
Leader: Calm our fears and strengthen our faith,
People: ...that we may not doubt God's presence among us.
Leader: Strengthen us by your Grace, that in communion with you,
People: ...we may forgive one another and live in love as Christ loved us.

*Opening Prayer
Leader: Let us pray together...
O God, we bring to you today our trouble and anxieties, our resentments and hostilities, our struggles and feelings. We acknowledge that sometimes our busy lives leave no room for you, O God. Take away our distractions. Help us focus on your grace and live embraced by your love. Help us find our spiritual home in this place; a place filled with love, grace and forgiveness. This we ask in Jesus' name as we pray the prayer he taught us, saying... Our Father...
(Words to The Lord's Prayer may be found in the hymnal – #307)

*Glory Be to the Father (Gloria Patri) #36
Scripture Reading – Acts 16:11-15
This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Moment for the Children Hannah Fitch
(Following the children's message, children ages 5 and up are welcome to meet their teacher, Connie Sinn, at the front of the sanctuary to go to Sunday School.)

Special Music – My God Is There—Joseph M. Martin
Natalie Woods

Message – Open Mind Open Heart Karen Merrick

*Hymn of Commitment – Open My Eyes, That I May See #586

A Time of Prayer

Communion Hymn – The Voice of Jesus Calls His People #426

The Lord's Supper – Pastoral Melody—Grichetchkine
All: "Here we celebrate that all people are welcome at this table of God's grace."

Offering Statement

Tithes and Offerings – Fantasia on "O How I Love Jesus"
—arr. Krug
(If you are able, please come forward at this time to place your gift in the plate on the communion table.)

*Doxology #46

*Dedication of Offering

*Benediction

*Congregational Response – Faith of Our Fathers (vs. 1) #635

*Postlude – Trumpet Voluntary on "Rejoice, the Lord is King"
—Darwall/Barr

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 with the bread sealed in clear plastic on top of the foil lid for the juice. 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 your bulletin. They can be put in the offering plate, hung on the prayer wall in the east end of 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.
- Summer Music Schedule ~ If you would like to share your talent with us this summer, please see the sign-up on the choir room door.
- Looking Ahead to July's Sunday Study ~ We think we know the Old Testament book of Ruth. But there are some surprises! Be Gibson will be teaching this class the five Sundays in July at 9:00 a.m. Join us as we look at the short book of Ruth with new eyes. Please sign up at the information desk.
- Outreach Opportunity: Shoes for Afghan Refugees ~ Illinois Valley Cluster invites our cluster congregations to participate in a special offering for Shoes for Afghan Refugees on Sunday, June 26. A shoebox will be ready to receive whatever donation you might like to make towards this project.
- End-of-the-Month Potluck ~ Help is needed for our potluck next Sunday, June 26. Please sign up at the information desk if you can help.
- Global Ministries 5K Mission Dash, August 13, 10:00 a.m. ~ The Illinois Valley Cluster will be coordinating our local efforts to join with others across the nation for a 5K Global Ministries Mission Dash. Save the date for now...sign up later.