

MINISTERING IN WORSHIP . . .

Presiding Elder ~ Roger Baker
Elders ~ Carmen Nicoll & Sandy Surface
Lay reader ~ Larry Weber
Greeters ~ John & Margaret Goulden
Acolyte ~ Natalie Woods
Deacons
 Chancel – Geraldine Runkle
 *Lisa Cheatham, Barb Turner & Debbie Presnell
* = Head Deacon **(Please count attendance)**
Counters ~ John & Lisa Best

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:
Hank Anderson, Interim Minister
Heather Woods, Coordinator of Music Ministries
Brian Woods, Organist
Mason Fitch, Social Media Coordinator
Brandy Cox, Child-Care

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Calendar

- TODAY**
9:00 a.m. - Studies/Adult SS
10:30 a.m. - Worship Service (S)
7:00 p.m. - Private Group (Landes) (110)
- MONDAY**
6:00 p.m. - Peoria Players (FH)
- TUESDAY**
1:00 p.m. – Faith and Justice Task Force **(Cancelled)**
6:00 p.m. - Peoria Players (FH)
- WEDNESDAY**
6:00 p.m. - Peoria Players (FH)
- THURSDAY**
6:00 p.m.- Tasting Peoria Bernardi's (Off Site)
- FRIDAY**
7:00 p.m. - Movie Night (S)
- SATURDAY**
7:00 a.m. - Private Group (Landes) (110)
- NEXT SUNDAY**
9:00 a.m. - Studies/Adult SS
10:30 a.m. - Worship Service (S)
7:00 p.m. - Private Group (Landes) (110)



July 16, 2023

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Founded in 1845



Today's Meditation

Be grateful for the tiny details of your life and make room for unexpected and beautiful blessings.

- Henry Van Dyke

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.

Music for Meditation – Fairest Lord Jesus – arr. Gawthron

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

A Moment of Silence

*Gathering Praise – All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name! #91

*Call to Worship

Leader: Meet us, O Lord, on our journey of faith.

People: Guide us on the path toward our destination,

Leader: Renew our strength as we continue to walk with you.

People: Open our eyes, so we see the signs of your presence around us;

Leader: Open our hearts, so we may receive your peace and love;

People: And empower us to be faithful on our way.

Opening Prayer

Leader: Let us pray together...

ALL: Open our eyes, Lord. Without the gift of your revelation, our eyes are kept from recognizing you. Appear before us, suddenly, unexpectedly, in all your glory. So that we, too, may proclaim to a world in despair, the hope that we have found in you. We pray this in the name of the one who taught us to pray...Our Father...

(Words to The Lord's prayer may be found in the hymnal #307)

Glory Be to the Father (Gloria Patri) #36

Scripture Readings – Luke 24: 28-32

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

Moment for the Children Hannah Fitch

Special Music - Praise Team

Who Can Satisfy My Soul Like You? - Dennis Jernigan

Message –

You Never Know Who You Will Meet Along the Way

Hank Anderson

*Hymn of Invitation – All the Way My Savior Leads Me vss. 1-2 #559

A Time of Prayer

Communion Hymn – Here At Thy Table, Lord #384

The Lord's Supper – My Faith Looks Up to Thee

– Mason/Eithun

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

Offering Statement

Tithes and Offerings –

Amazing Grace! (How Sweet the Sound) – arr. Mc Connell

(If you are able, please come forward at this time to place your offering in the plate on the communion table.)

*Doxology #46

*Dedication of Offering

*Benediction

*Congregational Response – Take My Life vs. 1 #609

*Postlude – Go Joyfully - Williamson

- 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.
 - Tasting Peoria ~ Bernardi's in Washington July 20th at 6 p.m. Please sign up at the information desk.
 - Book Club ~ July 25th at 7 p.m. at Margaret Goulden's home: 133 Eastwood Dr. East Peoria, IL. The book is “The Girl with Seven Names”. Sign up at the information desk.
 - Peoria Chiefs ~ Faith and Family Night is on July 26rd at 6:30 p.m. If you would like to attend please sign up at the information desk before July 23rd.
 - Potluck Sunday ~ July 30th Please bring a dish and your own tableware to reduce waste. If you can help with prep and cleanup sign up at the information desk.
 - Fun in the Sun – Illinois Valley Cluster Picnic is August 19th from 12-5p.m. at Lake Wildwood, Varna IL. Deadline to RSVP is August 17th. Sign up at the information desk.