

## Throughout the Church...

**Elder's Meeting - TODAY**

**Personnel Meeting - Tuesday @ 10am**

**Disciple Women - Tuesday @ 12pm**

**Justice Through Faith - Tuesday @ 2:30pm**

**Bible Study - Wednesday @ 10:30am**

**JCOR Meeting - Thursday @ 5:30pm**

**Tasting Peoria - Thursday @ 6pm**

**Worship Meeting - Next Sunday**



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calendar of events here

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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.

### September's Theme:



Throughout September, we turn our attention to Stewarding God's Love, considering what it means to faithfully care for all that God has entrusted to us. Stewardship is about more than preserving what we have or simply meeting the needs of the church; it is about recognizing that our time, resources, gifts, and generosity can become part of what God is doing in the world. From a few loaves and fishes becoming enough for thousands, to the challenge of investing rather than burying what we have been given, we will explore a faith that trusts God enough to put our resources to work. On Commitment Sunday, Rev. Dr. Nadine Burton will help us consider The Cost of Compassion and the ways generosity can extend beyond the present moment into generations yet to come. Together, we will ask not simply what we have been given, but what God might make possible when we offer it faithfully.



**September 6, 2026**  
**10:30am**

## First Christian Church



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**Today's Meditation**  
*Miracles are a retelling in small letters of the very same story which is written across the whole world in letters too large for some of us to see.*  
-C. S. Lewis

†Please Stand If You Are Able

Fellowship of the Church

Minute for Mission

Sheila Carrell

**Operation Inasmuch**

Music for Meditation

*In Quiet Praise* - Callender

†Call to Worship

*One: We are hungry, Lord. And there doesn't seem to be enough.*

**Many: Find out what we have.**

*One: Lord, there is much grumbling amongst the masses, they are getting restless.*

**Many: Gather the people, sit them down.**

*One: Teacher, there is only one boy willing to share his two fish and 5 loaves.*

**Many: That will be enough. Bring them to me.**

*One: How will this meager meal serve thousands, O Lord?*

**All: Nothing is impossible for God.**

†Opening Hymn

CH #56

*For the Beauty of the Earth*

†Opening Prayer

*Leader: Let us pray together:*

**All: O God, our Giver of Life, we confess that we have a hard time putting you first. We are bombarded with advertising which tries to convince us we don't already have enough. We like to be generous God, but only when our bellies are full and our wants fulfilled. Forgive us, we pray. Teach us to respond to your love with generosity to the church and the world. Help us to give to you first, instead of last. We ask this, remembering the prayer Jesus taught us to pray, saying: Our Father/Creator...**

†Vision Response

CH #357

*We Call Ourselves Disciples* - words on screen

Children's Message

Rev. Emily Williams

Special Music

Saxophone Quartet

*Jericho* - arr. Paul Yoder

Tithes & Offerings

*I Surrender All* - Weeden/Leatherman

†Doxology #46

Stewardship Story Debra Kreps

Scripture Reading Mark 6:30-44

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

Sermon Rev. Adam Bradley

***Aligning with God's Mission***

†Hymn of Invitation CH #88

*All My Hope on God Is Founded*

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 CH #385

*An Upper Room Did Our Lord Prepare*

Elder Meditation & Blessing

Words of Institution

†Congregational Response CH #431

*Go, My Children, with My Blessing* vs 3

†Benediction

Postlude

*Rondeau* - Charpentier/Ryan



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Serving in Worship Today

Elders

Beth Smittkamp  
Linda Rex

Deacons

Chancel Head

Monica Hinrichs  
Steve Hinrichs  
Joe Rex  
Ange Bertucci

Lay Reader  
Tech

Becky Sisk  
Cindy Bridges  
Debra Kreps

Greeters

Jerry & Val  
Hornbacker

Counters

John & Lisa  
Best

Sunday School

Adult Classes

The Open Table

Frank Wheeler

Responders Class

Becky Sisk

Youth Classes

Friends with Jesus (Pre-k)

Jenny Tripses

Growing Disciples (1st-5th)

Kathleen Wheeler  
Natalie Woods

Staff

Rev. Adam Bradley

Lead Pastor

Rev. Mason Fitch

Associate Pastor

Heather Woods

Music Ministry Coordinator

Brian Woods

Organist

Brandy Ganschow

Child Care

Dianna Julien

Office Administrator

Donnie Smith

Custodian