

MINISTERING IN WORSHIP . . .

- Presiding Elder ~ Roger Baker
- Elders ~ Mike Buckley & Becky Sisk
- Lay Reader ~ Larry Weber
- Greeters ~ Beth Cox & Kate Spielman
- Acolyte ~ Natalie Woods
- Deacons
 - Chancel – Geraldine Runkle
 - *Alice Jury
 - Barb Turner & Adam Woods

* = Head Deacon (Please count attendance)

- Counters ~ Steve & Monica Hinrichs
- Friends of Jesus/Preschool Sunday School ~ Chere Peters
- Sunday School/Grades 1-8 ~ Laura Buckley



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)
- 12:30 p.m. - Jubilate Ringers (S)
- 1:00 p.m. - Sanctuary Choir (S)
- 1:30 p.m. - Peoria Players (FH)
- 7:00 p.m. - Private Group (Landes) (110)

MONDAY

- 6:30 p.m. - Peoria Players (FH)
- 5:30 p.m. - Personnel Meeting (105)
- 6:30 p.m. - MLT Meeting

TUESDAY

- 10:30 a.m. - Faith and Justice Task Force
- 12:00 p.m. - Disciple Women (110)
- 6:00 p.m. - Craft Night/Blessing Bracelet (105)
- 6:00 p.m. - PACC Rehearsal (S/N/FH)
- 6:30 p.m. - Peoria Players (FH)

WEDNESDAY

- 10:30 a.m. - Bible Study (110)
- 6:00 p.m. - PACC Young Artist Competition (S)
- 6:30 p.m. - Peoria Players (FH)

THURSDAY

- 6:30 p.m. - Peoria Players (FH)

FRIDAY

- 6:00 p.m. - Tamil School (Classrooms)

SATURDAY

- 7:00 a.m. - Private Group (Landes) (110)
- 8:30 a.m. - PACC Young Artist Competition (S)
- 1:00 p.m. - PACC Young Artist Competition (S)

NEXT SUNDAY

- 9:00 a.m. - Studies/Adult SS
- 10:30 a.m. - Worship Service (S)
- 12:30 p.m. - Jubilate Ringers (S)
- 1:00 p.m. - Sanctuary Choir (S)
- 7:00 p.m. - Private Group (Landes) (110)



October 8, 2023

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Founded in 1845



Today’s Meditation
Now all glory to God, who is able, through his mighty power at work within us, to accomplish infinitely more than we ask or think.
– Ephesians 3:20

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 – *The Lord Is My Shepherd* - Peterson
(Please use the music and the moment of silence to prepare your hearts and minds for worship.)

A Moment of Silence

*Gathering Praise – *O Worship the King*

#17

*Call to Worship
Leader: *Behold, God is doing a new thing.*
People: **Here. Now. In the midst of our routines.**
Leader: *The Holy One who created heaven and earth forms us afresh today.*
People: **Let our spirits rise to greet our Maker.**
All: **Amen!**

Opening Prayer
Leader: *Let us pray together...*
ALL: **O Lord, we lift our hearts in praise to you this day for you do marvelous things! Just when we think we’ve got you pegged, you surprise us. You exceed our small-mindedness and continually call us to newness of life. Open our souls to receive and radiate your goodness and grace. This we pray in the name of Jesus, who taught us to pray saying...Our Father...**

(The Lord’s prayer may be found in the hymnal - #307)

*Glory Be to the Father (Gloria Patri)

#36

Scripture Readings – Isaiah 43:16-21
This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Moment for the Children

Hannah Fitch

Anthem –

Jubilate Ringers

Let There Be Peace on Earth – arr. Arnold B. Sherman

Mission Highlight

Message – *Dream Big: A New Thing*

Deann Anderson

*Hymn of Invitation – *This is a Day of New Beginnings*

#518

A Time of Prayer

Communion Hymn – *Seek Ye First*

#354

The Lord’s Supper – *One Shepherd, One Fold* - Southbridge
All: **“Here we celebrate that all people are welcome at this table of God’s grace.”**

Offering Statement

Tithes and Offerings – *Seek the Lord* - Eliot
(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 –
Precious Lord, Take My Hand

vs.1 #628

*Postlude – *Joyful Jig* - Harris

- 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 the pews. They can be put in the offering plate, hung on the prayer wall in 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.
 - Bible Study ~ Hank is leading the Bible Study on Wednesday’s through November 15th. For the next two weeks the class will meet at 10:30 a.m. only. The study is on the “The Gospel According to Mark”.
 - Sunday Morning Study ~ October 8th through the 29th at 9 a.m. Frank Wheeler & Becky Sisk will lead the class on, The Apostle Paul, Part 2. Sign up at the information desk.
 - Disciple Women ~ October 10th at 12 p.m. We will be bagging candy for Halloween to donate to some of our local missions.
 - Blessing Bracelet ~ October 10th at 6 p.m. Dana Powers will host the making of the blessing bracelet. The cost is \$8 per person. Sign up at the information desk if you would like to attend.
 - Tasting Peoria ~ October 19th at 6 p.m. at Kelleher's Irish Pub and Eatery. 619 Southwest Water St. Peoria. Sign up at the information desk if you would like to attend.
 - Movie Night ~ October 27th at 7 p.m. The Movie is Indiana Jones and the Dial of Destiny. Please sign up at the information desk if you would like to attend.
 - Potluck Sunday ~ October 29th 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.
 - Book Club ~ October 30th at 7 p.m. at Margaret Goulden’s home: 133 Eastwood Dr, East Peoria. The book is, “The Extraordinary Life of Sam Hell” by Robert Dugoni. Refreshments and snacks provided. Sign up at the information desk if you would like to attend.