

Don't Forget...



Tasting Peoria
Thursday @ 6pm
7301 N Radnor Rd, Peoria



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Please always check with the church office if you are
wanting to use the church building. Thank you!

Making Room...

...for What's New

*Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs
forth — do you not perceive it?
Isaiah 43:19*

New beginnings almost never arrive quietly. They stir things up. They knock gently, or not so gently, at the doors of our comfort zones. Even when the change is good, it's still change. And that means letting go of something familiar.

Faith doesn't demand blind enthusiasm for what's next. It simply asks that we stay open; that we make room in our hearts, our habits, and our assumptions for what God might be unfolding. Making room for what's new means honoring what has been, without clinging to it so tightly that we miss the beauty of what's becoming.

It's not about forgetting the past. It's about creating space for the Spirit to shape the future.

This kind of openness takes courage. It takes trust. And sometimes, it just takes a deep breath and a willingness to step forward, even before we're sure what the next step is. The sacred often shows up just past the edges of what we thought we could handle.

This Week's Practice: Make Space on Purpose

- Clear something out - a drawer, a calendar block, a thought pattern. Make literal space for something new.
- Speak a blessing over what's ahead, even if it feels uncertain.
- Ask God: *What might you be making room for in me? In us?*

Before You Go...

You don't have to have it all figured out. You just have to be open. Change is coming, and God is already there. Make room. You might be surprised by what takes root.



July 6, 2025
10:30am

First Christian Church



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Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

† indicates standing, if able

Today's Meditation

Some of the greatest sermons are preached by the singing of hymns. Hymns move us to repentance and good works, build testimony and faith, comfort the weary, console the mourning, and inspire us to endure to the end.

-Preface, Hymnal of the LDS Church

†Fellowship of the Church

(Please sign in online or on the red pad in your pew)

Music for Meditation

My Faith Looks Up to Thee - Mason/Wood

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

A Moment of Silence

†Opening Hymn

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

#91

†Call to Worship

Leader: Come, let us gather in joy and in peace. Let us raise our hearts in song.

People: We come to sing the hymns of faith, words that shaped us, tunes that hold us.

Leader: Each melody a prayer, each verse a witness.

People: We join the great choir of saints before us, singing truth, singing hope.

Leader: Let the music draw us closer; to God and to one another.

People: We are here to worship, and we will worship in song.

†Opening Prayer

Leader: Let us pray together...

All: Loving God, we thank you for bringing us together this morning. As we worship you today, help us to be present. Quiet the noise inside us, so we can hear your voice. Help us not only to sing the words, but to live them. Remind us that your Spirit is still moving, still calling, still leading us forward. Make us ready for what you are doing among us. All this we ask as we pray the way Jesus taught us...Our Father...

†Vision Response

We Call Ourselves Disciples vs 4

#357

Scripture Reading

Psalm 100

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

Children's Message

Emily Williams

Special Music

Brian & Heather Woods

Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

arr. Marianne Kim

Sermon

Mason Fitch

Hymnprovised Theology

†Hymn of Commitment

All Creatures of Our God and King

#22

A Time of Prayer

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Communion Hymn

Amazing Grace!

#546

The Lord's Supper

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

Amazing Grace! How Sweet the Sound - arr. Wood

Offering Statement

Tithes & Offerings

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

In Joy I Come to Greet My Lord - Chopin/Kendall

†Doxology

#46

†Dedication of Offering

†Benediction

†Congregational Response

Blessed Assurance vs 1

#543

Postlude

Joyful! - arr. Schram

Ministering Today

Presiding Elder

Steve West

Elders

Kevin Wolfe

Beth Cox

Deacons

Lisa Cheatham

Chancel Head

Alice Jury

Kyle Cheatham

Adam Woods

Lay Reader

Becky Sisk

Greeters

Owen & Alice

Jury

Counters

Owen & Alice

Jury

Adult SS

Frank Wheeler

Youth SS

Kathleen Wheeler

Preschool

Deann Anderson

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

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