

Throughout the Church...

Missions & Service Meeting - TODAY
Cluster Meeting - Tuesday @ 6:30pm
Cox/Ganschow Wedding - Friday @ 6pm
Next Sunday - Outdoor Worship & Potluck



Movie Night
Wednesday @ 6pm



Check out our full
calendar of events here



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

The Center of It All

*No one can serve two masters... You cannot serve
God and wealth.*
Luke 16:13

Everyone builds life around something. It might be money, career, approval, security, or family. Whatever it is, it quietly drives decisions, sets priorities, and defines what feels like “enough.”

Jesus doesn’t mince words: you can’t live with divided allegiance. Sooner or later, one center will win out. And if it isn’t God, something lesser will end up asking more of you than it can ever give back.

This isn’t about guilt or shame; it’s about clarity. The masters we serve shape us. They take our time, our attention, our love. And if wealth or status is at the center, then everything else ends up orbiting around it.

But when God is at the center? There’s freedom. Freedom from endless comparison. Freedom from chasing approval. Freedom to see money as a tool instead of a master.

The question isn’t if something sits at your center. It’s what does.

This Week’s Practice: Re-Center

- Pay attention to what occupies most of your worry or energy. Is it drawing you closer to God or away?
- Try a small act of generosity - give, share, or let go of something - and notice how it feels.
- Begin each morning this week with a simple prayer: God, be my center today.

Before You Go...

You can’t serve two masters.
So choose carefully.
Only God can anchor you with love
that will never run out.

2025 Reconciliation Ministry - Special Offering



Beyond Brokenness - Building Beloved Community

Sunday, September 28th - Sunday, October 5th

September 21, 2025
10:30am

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Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost † indicates standing, if able		Scripture Reading Luke 16:13 <i>This is the word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.</i>		Ministering Today	
Today’s Meditation <i>To be yourself in a world that is constantly trying to make you something else is the greatest accomplishment</i> - Ralph Waldo Emerson		Children’s Message Rev. Emily Williams		Presiding Elder Kathleen Wheeler Elders Kevin Cheatham Steve West	
†Fellowship of the Church <i>(Please sign in online or on the red pad in your pew)</i>		Special Music <i>Cry of My Heart</i> Praise Team Terry Butler		Deacons Chancel Head Geraldine Runkle Alice Jury Cheryl Davis Tom Davis Chris Carrico	
Minute for Mission Larry Weber, Connie Julien, Natalie Woods		Sermon <i>Two Masters</i> Rev. Adam Bradley		Lay Reader Acolyte Greeters Larry Weber Natalie Woods Jerry & Val Hornbacker	
Music for Meditation <i>Nearer, My God, to Thee</i> - Mason/Young Please use the music and the moment of silence to prepare your hearts and minds for worship.		†Hymn of Commitment <i>Sweet, Sweet Spirit</i> #261		Counters Jim & Beth Smittkamp	
A Moment of Silence		A Time of Prayer <i>Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.</i>		Adult SS Youth SS Preschool Kevin Wolfe Be Gibson Jenny Tripses	
†Call to Worship <i>One: The God of new beginnings...</i> All: ...has called us to this place. <i>One: We come celebrating the new life...</i> All: ...that is ours as God's faithful people. <i>One: Let our joy ring thought the universe...</i> All: ...and let our compassion reach the depths of every soul. <i>One: of joy and seekers of God's grace...We will be shouters</i> All: ...wherever we go, praising God for this day!		Communion Hymn <i>Become to Us the Living Bread</i> #423		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	
†Opening Hymn <i>The Church's One Foundation</i> vss 1, 2, 4, 5 #272		The Lord’s Supper All: Here we celebrate that all people are welcome at this table of God’s grace. <i>I Need Thee Every Hour</i> - Lowry/Young			
†Opening Prayer <i>Leader: Let us pray together...</i> All: Good and gracious God, we gather here to put you at our center, to strive towards the life you have hoped for us. Stir your Spirit within us, O God. Align our ways to yours. Give us the ears to hear, eyes to see, a heart of love, and the passion of Christ. For these and all your gifts, we join our voices in the prayer Jesus taught us to pray...Our Father...		Offering Statement			
†Vision Response <i>We Call Ourselves Disciples</i> vs 4 #357		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. <i>I Love to Tell the Story</i> - Fischer/Wood			
		†Doxology #46			
		†Dedication of Offering			
		†Benediction			
		†Congregational Response <i>This Is the Day</i> #286		Rev. Adam Bradley Rev. Mason Fitch Heather Woods Brian Woods Brandy Cox Diane Pfoff Lynn Hutton Sung Kim	
		Postlude <i>Festive Voluntary</i> - Purcell/Smith		Lead Pastor Pastor Music Ministry Coordinator Organist Child Care Office Manager Bookkeeper Custodian	