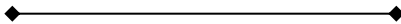


MINISTERING IN WORSHIP . . .

Presiding Elder ~ Mike Buckley  
Elders ~ Pat Grate/Becky Sisk  
Layreader ~ Terrie Wronkiewicz  
Greeters ~ Kathy Fenton/Ilene Tegg  
Acolyte ~ Natalie Woods  
Deacons  
    Chancel – Geraldine Runkle  
    \*Alice Jury, Debbie Presnell, Kyle Cheatham  
\* = Head Deacon **(Please count attendance)**  
Counters ~ Mike & 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:  
The Rev. Karen Merrick, Pastor  
Heather Woods, Coordinator of Music Ministries  
Brian Woods, Organist  
Mason Fitch, Social Media Coordinator

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Calendar

TODAY

- 9:00 a.m. – Studies/Adult SS
- 10:30 a.m. – The Rev. Karen Merrick preaching
- 12:00 p.m. – End-of-the-Month Potluck (FH). Please join us for good food and fellowship!
- VBS Set-Up following the potluck
- 7:00-9:00 p.m. – Private Group (Landes)

MONDAY

- 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon – Vacation Bible School
- 5:00 p.m. – Tae Kwon Do Class (classroom)

TUESDAY

- 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon – Vacation Bible School
- 6:30 p.m. – Cluster Meeting (Sunnyland)

WEDNESDAY

- 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon – Vacation Bible School

THURSDAY

- 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon – Vacation Bible School

SATURDAY

- 7:00-9:00 a.m. – Private Group (Landes) (110)

NEXT SUNDAY

- 9:00 a.m. – Studies/Adult SS
- 10:30 a.m. – Worship in Sanctuary and on Facebook
- 7:00-9:00 p.m. – Private Group (Landes)



June 26, 2022

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Founded in 1845



Today's Meditation

*Art is not what you see, but what you make others see.*

—Edgar Degas

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 – *I've Found a Friend, O Such a Friend*

—Stebbins/Mansfield

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

A Moment of Silence

*\*Gathering Praise – My Hope Is Built* #537

*\*Call to Worship*

*Leader: Awake! Rise up!*

**People: There is much to be done in the Lord's Name today.**

*Leader: Get ready to worship and to serve God.*

**People: We are ready to hear God's word for us and to respond in action and love.**

*Leader: Open your hearts to God's will this day.*

**People: Praise be to God who walks with us and guides us.**

*\*Opening Prayer*

*Leader: Let us pray together...*

**With joy we come this day to the house of the Lord. God provides for us abundantly even when we doubt and fear, even when we turn away. God is faithful. Open our hearts today, O Lord, to hear your word for us that we may become faithful disciples of our Lord all our days. This we ask as we sing together the prayer Jesus taught us to pray, singing, Our Father...**

*The Lord's Prayer – #307*

Scripture Reading – Acts 9:36-42

*This is the Word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

Moment for the Children Hannah Fitch

*(Following the children's message, children ages 5 and up are welcome to meet their teacher, Jenny Tripses, at the front of the sanctuary to go to Sunday School.)*

Special Music – *Jesus Paid It All* Larry Weber  
Euphonium Solo

Message – *The Work of Her Hands* Karen Merrick

*\*Hymn of Commitment – Here I Am, Lord* #452

A Time of Prayer

Communion Hymn #576

*My Faith Looks Up to Thee* (vss. 1-2)

The Lord's Supper – *O Lord Most Holy*—Franck/Leatherman

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

Offering Statement

Tithes and Offerings – *I Have Decided to Follow Jesus*

—arr. Wagner

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

*\*Doxology* #46

*\*Dedication of Offering*

*\*Benediction*

*\*Congregational Response – Trust and Obey* (vs. 3) #556

*\*Postlude – Majestic Postlude*—Williams

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.
- Summer Music Schedule ~ If you would like to share your talent with us this summer, please see the sign-up on the choir room door. There are still several dates available.
- Vacation Bible School ~ We are getting so close! VBS starts Monday, June 27<sup>th</sup>. We will be preparing our building for the week of VBS following the potluck today. Please stay and lend a hand if you are able.
- Looking Ahead to July's Sunday Study ~ We think we know the Old Testament book of Ruth. But there are some surprises! Be Gibson will be teaching this class the five Sundays in July at 9:00 a.m. Join us as we look at the short book of Ruth with new eyes. Please sign up at the information desk.
- Outreach Opportunity: Shoes for Afghan Refugees ~ Illinois Valley Cluster invites our cluster congregations to participate in a special offering for Shoes for Afghan Refugees on Sunday, June 26. A shoebox will be ready to receive whatever donation you might like to make towards this project.