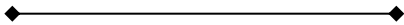


MINISTERING IN WORSHIP . . .

Presiding Elder ~ Steve West
Elders ~ Carmen Nicoll/Sandy Surface
Layreader ~ Sandy Surface
Greeters ~ Kathy Fenton/Ilene Tegg
Acolyte ~ Clara Truelove

Deacons
Chancel – Geraldine Runkle
*Alice Jury, Debbie Presnell, Kyle Cheatham
* = Head Deacon (**Please count attendance**)

Counters ~ Steve West/Ralph Tegg



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. – Solar Panel Informational Meeting (FH)
- 7:00-9:00 p.m. – Private Group (Landes) (110)

MONDAY

- 5:00 p.m. – Tae Kwon Do Class (classroom)
- 5:30 p.m. – Worship Ministry Team (110)
- 6:30 p.m. – Personnel (ECR)

THURSDAY

- 10:00-11:30 a.m. – Study ~ *The Lord’s Prayer* (110)
- 6:30 p.m. – Growth Committee

FRIDAY

- 7:00 p.m. – Movie Night ~ “CODA” (S)

SATURDAY

- 7:00-9:00 a.m. – Private Group (Landes) (110)
- 10:30 a.m. – MLT Meeting

NEXT SUNDAY *Father’s Day*

- 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) (110)



June 12, 2022

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Founded in 1845



Today's Meditation

God sees hearts as we see faces. —George Herbert

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 – *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

[†]Gathering Praise – *How Firm a Foundation* #618

[†]Call to Worship
Leader: We come to celebrate God's blessings to us.

People: Surely God is in this place!

Leader: We come to open ourselves to God's guidance and love.

People: Surely God is in this place!

Leader: We come to see more clearly God's presence in our lives.

People: Surely God is in this place!

Leader: We come to see God in this community of seekers.

People: Surely God is in this place!

Leader: We come knowing God sees us and knows us by name.

People: Surely God is in this place! Let us worship!

[†]Opening Prayer
Leader: Let us pray together...
Holy One, you see us and know us. Help us to know you better. Fill our worship with your Spirit so that we may learn to recognize your presence in all places. This we pray in the name of the one who taught us to pray, saying, Our Father...
(Words to *The Lord's Prayer* may be found in the hymnal – #307)

[†]Glory Be to the Father (Gloria Patri) #36

Scripture Reading – Genesis 16:1-11, 13
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, Connie Sinn, at the front of the sanctuary to go to Sunday School.)

Special Music – *Amazing Grace*—arr. John Coates, Jr.
Ange Bertucci, Cindy Bridges, Laura Buckley, Heather Woods

Message – *You See Me* Karen Merrick

[†]Hymn of Commitment #82
His Eye Is on the Sparrow (vss. 1 & 3)

A Time of Prayer

Communion Hymn – *Break Thou the Bread of Life* #321

The Lord's Supper – *Meditation on "Salem"*—arr. Butler
All: "Here we celebrate that all people are welcome at this table of God's grace."

Offering Statement

Tithes and Offerings – *Just a Closer Walk with Thee*
—arr. Denton
(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 #558
Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us (vs. 1)

[†]Postlude – *Allegro Vivace*—Handel/Smith

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 ~ It's time to put together our 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.
- Informational Meeting on FCC Solar Panel Project ~ Today, immediately following the worship service, there will be a Solar Panel Informational Meeting in the Fellowship Hall.
- Movie Night ~ Join us on Friday, June 17, at 7:00 p.m. We will watch the movie "CODA." This film won three Oscars, including Best Picture. Please sign up at the information desk.
- 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.