

MINISTERING IN WORSHIP . . .

Presiding Elder ~ Mike Buckley
Elders ~ Becky Sisk/Pat Grate
Layreader ~
Greeters ~ Pete Clausen/Jan Cusac
Acolyte ~ Natalie Woods
Deacons
 Chancel – Monica Hinrichs
 *Steve Hinrichs, Cheryl Davis, Tom Davis
* = Head Deacon (**Please count attendance**)
Counters ~ John & Lisa Best



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
Madison Dillerud, Child-Care

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Calendar

TODAY

- 9:00 a.m. – Responders Class
- 10:30 a.m. – The Rev. Karen Merrick preaching
- 12:30 p.m. – Jubilate Ringers (S)
- 1:00 p.m. – Sanctuary Choir (S)
- 7:00-9:00 p.m. – Private Group (Landes) (110)

MONDAY

- 5:00 p.m. – Tae Kwon Do Class (classroom)

TUESDAY

- 12:00 p.m. – Disciples Women (110)
- 5:45-7:30 p.m. – PACC Rehearsal (Nursery)
- 6:00 p.m. – PACC New Member Night (L)
- 6:45-7:30 p.m. – PACC Rehearsal (110)

THURSDAY

- 10:00 a.m. – Bible Study ~ *A Visual Walk Through Genesis* (110)
- 6:00 p.m. – Tasting Peoria (Kenny’s Westside)

FRIDAY

- 6:00-8:30 p.m. – Tamil School

SATURDAY

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

NEXT SUNDAY

- 9:00 a.m. – Responders Class
- 10:30 a.m. – Worship in Sanctuary and on Facebook
- 12:30 p.m. – Jubilate Ringers (S)
- 1:00 p.m. – Sanctuary Choir (S)
- 7:00-9:00 p.m. – Private Group (Landes) (110)



February 6, 2022

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Founded in 1845



Fifth Sunday after Epiphany
Scout Sunday

10:30 a.m. February 6, 2022
† indicates standing, if able

Today's Meditation
Serenity isn't the peace away from the storm, it's the peace at the eye of the storm. –Ed Martin Cruz

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.

Scout Sunday Recognition
Presentation of the Colors
Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag
Pledge to the Christian Flag
Pledge to the Bible

Boy Scout Oath
Girl Scout Promise

Music for Meditation – *Be Still and Know*—Williamson
(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
(Sing with masks on)

†Call to Worship:
Leader: The wind blew this week.
People: It knocked me off balance, disrupted my days, and commandeered my nights.
Leader: The wind blew this week.
People: It stole my finances, battled my peace and infected my health.
Leader: Did you hear how it howled?
People: Did you see the waste it left behind?
All: Speak to the wind, Rebuke the storm, LORD Calm our souls.

†Opening Prayer
Leader: Let us pray together...
Mighty God, who speaks a word of peace to calm our troubled sea; Caring God, who nudges us away from fear and toward faith; Ever-present God, who fills us with awe but also raises many questions without easy answers; Open our eyes to see you in our boat—today, Strengthen our hearts for the challenges that lie ahead, And open our ears this hour to hear the word you speak. 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)

Scripture – Matthew 8:23-27
This is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

Moment for the Children Hannah Fitch
Anthem – *Holy Ground*—arr. Lloyd Larson Sanctuary Choir
Message Karen Merrick
The Word Becoming Flesh: Calming Storms

†Hymn of Commitment – *The Storm Is Strong* words on screen
(tune: The Gift of Love)

A Time of Prayer
Communion Hymn – *Here at Thy Table, Lord* #384
The Lord's Supper – *O Lord Most Holy*—Franck/Leatherman
(Panic Angelicus)
All: "Here we celebrate that all people are welcome at this table of God's grace."

Offering Statement
Tithes and Offerings –*Children of the Heavenly Father*—arr. Lau
(If you are able, please come forward at this time to place your gift in the plate on the communion table.)

†Doxology Thomas Ken, 1674
Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

†Dedication of Offering
†Benediction
†Congregational Response #628
Precious Lord, Take My Hand (vs. 1)

†Postlude – *Rejoice, My Soul, Rejoice*—Paxton

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.
- Disciples Women ~ We will meet on Tuesday, February 8, at 12:00 noon. Susie Ryan will bring clay and guidance to help us design and make our very own bowl. This is one of our most popular programs. Join us to see how much fun we have. Bring your own lunch and we will provide dessert and drink. This is a two-month project. We will finish at the April 12 meeting. Please sign up at the information desk.
- Tasting Peoria ~ Join us on Thursday, February 10, at 6:00 p.m. at Kenny's Westside (downtown). Please sign up at the information desk.
- Greeters Needed ~ Receiving a warm welcome is essential to every person who enters the house of our Lord, whether they are newcomers, guests of members, or regular attendees at worship. First Christian tries to have two greeters each Sunday morning from 10:00-10:30. If you would like to volunteer to be a Greeter, please sign up at the information desk, or contact Kathy Fenton at 309-397-8898 or katheef2003@yahoo.com.