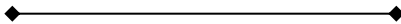


MINISTERING IN WORSHIP . . .

Presiding Elder ~ Becky Sisk
Elders ~ Kevin Cheatham/Steve West
Layreader ~ Terrie Wronkiewicz
Greeters ~ Sandy Surface/Debbie Presnell
Acolyte ~ Natalie Woods
Deacons
 Chancel – Monica Hinrichs
 *John Best, Laura Buckley, Steve Hinrichs
* = Head Deacon **(Please count attendance)**
Counters ~ Jim & Beth Smittkamp



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
Brandy Cox, Child-Care

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Calendar

TODAY

- 9:00 a.m. – Studies/Adult SS
- 10:30 a.m. – Rev. Karen Merrick will be 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)
- 5:30 p.m. – Worship Meeting (110)
- 6:30 p.m. – Personnel Meeting (ECR)

TUESDAY

- 12:00 p.m. – Disciples Women (110/FH)
- 6:00-7:45 p.m. – PACC Rehearsal (110)
- 6:00-9:30 p.m. – PACC Rehearsal (S)

WEDNESDAY

- 6:00-8:00 p.m. – PACC Young Artist Competition (S)

FRIDAY

- 6:00-8:30 p.m. – Tamil School (Classrooms)

SATURDAY

- 7:00-9:00 a.m. – Private Group (Landes) (110)
- 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon – PACC Young Artist Competition (S)
- 10:30 a.m. – MLT Meeting

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October 9, 2022

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Founded in 1845



Today's Meditation
The main requirement for spiritual growth: a yearning to know who you really are. —anonymous

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.

A Minute for Mission – Stewardship

Music for Meditation – *Preludio Diverimento*—Dixon
(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

**Call to Worship*
Leader: What brings us joy?
People: What slows us down?
Leader: What gives us hope?
People: What makes us think?
Leader: What invites us to wonder?
People: What makes us change?
Leader: Might it have something to do with the Holy?
People: Let us worship God.

**Opening Prayer*
Leader: Let us pray together...
We are disciples, God. We are here to sit at the feet of your son listening and absorbing his words that offer us an alternative to the bone-tiring ways of this world. We pray that the words we hear from scripture and those that are whispered to us by your Spirit will settle into our souls like a cool, refreshing breeze. Open our hearts and our minds to learn what we need today to give us life this week. This we ask as we pray the prayer your son 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 – 1 Corinthians 3:2-6
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 Jubilate Ringers
Here at Your Table, Lord—arr. Dan R. Edwards

Message Karen Merrick
Getting Warmer: Living Up to Our Name

**Hymn of Commitment – Day by Day (x2)* #599

A Time of Prayer

Communion Hymn – *Seek Ye First* #354

The Lord's Supper – *Meditation on "Power in the Blood"*
—Jones/Williams
All: "Here we celebrate that all people are welcome at this table of God's grace."

Offering Statement

Tithes and Offerings – *I Love Thee, My Lord*—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* #628
Precious Lord, Take My Hand (vs. 1)

**Postlude – Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*—Kirkland

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.
- October Sunday Study ~ Join us on Sunday mornings October 2nd - 23rd at 9:00 a.m. Roger & Vickie Baker will lead us in a study of 1 John.
- Advent Devotional Sign-Up ~ Our theme this year is *O Holy Night*. If you would like to write a devotion, please sign up at the information desk and pick up an information sheet with instructions. Please submit devotions by October 30th.
- Trunk or Treat – October 31 ~ Please consider joining us in the fun at First Christian on Halloween, October 31, from 4:30-6:30 p.m. We will have tables ready in the lounge. You could put out a few Halloween decorations and have some candy ready to pass out. Please sign up this Sunday at the information desk if you can help.
- Legacy Lunch and Conversation with Matt Rosine ~ We will be celebrating All Saints Day on November 13th this year. Matt Rosine, our area representative from the Christian Church Foundation (Disciples of Christ), will be joining us that day and will be our guest at a lunch that all are invited to when he will share information about leaving a gift to the church in your will. This is an informational lunch (Matt will share information no more than 30 minutes, leaving time if there are any questions). Please sign up at the information desk if you can join Matt for lunch that day.