

MINISTERING IN WORSHIP . . .

Presiding Elder ~ Becky Sisk
Elders ~ David & Connie Sinn
Layreader ~ Terrie Wronkiewicz
Greeters ~ Aldine Allen/Shirley Fuchs
Acolyte ~ Natalie Woods
Deacons
 Chancel – Joe Rex
 *John Best, Oliver Truelove, Victoria Truelove, Adam Woods
* = 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
- 7:00-9:00 p.m. – Private Group (Landes) (110)

MONDAY

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

TUESDAY

- 1:00 p.m. – Faith in Justice Task Force

THURSDAY

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

FRIDAY

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

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
- 1:00-4:00 p.m. – Recital (2:00) (Duffer) (S/L)
- 7:00-9:00 p.m. – Private Group (Landes) (110)



May 15, 2022

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Founded in 1845



Fifth Sunday of Easter
Music Appreciation Sunday

10:30 a.m. May 15, 2022
*indicates standing, if able

Today's Meditation
When you read the scriptures, you must constantly be saying to yourself, It is talking to me, and about me.
—Soren Kierkegaard

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

A Moment of Silence
*Gathering Praise – *Come, Christians, Join to Sing* #90

*Call to Worship
Leader: What happens when we love God with all our hearts?
People: Our hearts beat with God's compassion.
Leader: What happens when we love God with all our minds?
People: Our minds are open to God's point of view.
Leader: What happens when we love God with all our strength?
People: Our strength is renewed by God's power.
Leader: What happens when we love God today in all we do?
People: Our praise will be genuine, our worship sincere.

*Opening Prayer
Leader: Let us pray together...
Loving God, as we worship today, let the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts be acceptable to you, our Lord and our redeemer. We ask in Jesus' name as we pray the prayer he taught us, 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 Readings – Matthew 28:16-20
John 20:19-22
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.)

Anthem – *He Hideth My Soul*—arr. Cliff Brown
Sanctuary Choir

Message – *Wait, Get Set, Go: Coded!* Karen Merrick

*Hymn of Commitment – *I Love to Tell the Story* #480

A Time of Prayer
Communion Hymn – *Sweet, Sweet Spirit* #261

The Lord's Supper – *My Jesus, As Thou Wilt*—Weber
All: "Here we celebrate that all people are welcome at this table of God's grace."

Offering Statement
Tithes and Offerings – *Melodie*—Grungeld
(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 – *This Is the Day* #286

*Postlude – *Blest Be His Name*—Lester

TODAY'S ANNOUNCEMENTS (Weekly Calendar on back)

- Today is Music Appreciation Sunday! We will enjoy the opportunity to hear from our choir one last time before their summer break. Be sure to thank our music staff and our choir members for the time they take to share their gift of music!
- 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.
- 2022 Clarice May Scholarship Applications are now available. Please pick one up at the information desk. Application deadline is today, May 15, 2022.
- Movie Night ~ Friday, May 20, at 7:00 p.m. Come see this original Broadway production of the award-winning musical, *Hamilton*. Join us for the movie and popcorn! Please sign up at the information desk.
- Administrative Board Meeting ~The Administrative Board meeting this month will be Monday, May 23, at 7:00 p.m.
- Next Month Sunday Morning Study ~ Paul's letter to the Colossians. Dave Sinn will be leading a study on this fascinating letter for the four Sundays in June (9:00 a.m.). Please sign up at the information desk. All you need is your Bible.
- VBS – Monumental! ~ Please check the information desk to see what help we still need and what supplies you could donate. This is a running list of supplies and items will be added as teachers/leaders assess their needs. Please check the list and sign up as you can.