

MINISTERING IN WORSHIP . . .

Presiding Elder ~ Mike Buckley
Elders ~ Dave & Connie Sinn
Lay Reader ~ Terrie Wronkiewicz
Greeters ~ Debra Kreps & Tim Dougherty
Acolyte ~ Natalie Woods
Deacons
 Chancel – Beth Reynolds
 *Tim Dougherty
 Dana Powers, Jan Cusac & Debbie Presnell
* = Head Deacon **(Please count attendance)**
Counters ~ Steve West & Ralph Tegg
Friends of Jesus ~ Deann Anderson
Sunday School/Grades 1-8 ~ Becky Sisk

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:
Hank Anderson, Interim Minister
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. - Worship Service (S)
12:30 p.m. - Jubilate Ringers (S)
1:00 p.m. - Sanctuary Choir (S)
7:00 p.m. - Private Group (Landes) (110)

MONDAY

6:00 p.m. - Peoria Players (FH)
7:00 p.m. - Administrative Board

TUESDAY

6:00 p.m. - PACC Rehearsal (S/L/N)
6:00 p.m. - Book Club (Off Site)
6:30 p.m. - Cluster Meeting (Sunnyland)

WEDNESDAY

10:30 a.m. - Bible Study (110)
6:00 p.m. - Peoria Players (FH)

THURSDAY

6:00 p.m. - Peoria Players (FH)

FRIDAY

6:00 p.m. - Tamil School (Classrooms/FH)
7:00 p.m. - Movie Night (S)

SATURDAY

7:00 a.m. - Private Group (Landes) (110)
5:30 p.m. - Tamil School Night (Classrooms/FH)

NEXT SUNDAY

9:00 a.m. - Studies/Adult SS
10:30 a.m. - Worship Service (S)
12:00 p.m. - EOM Potluck (FH)
12:30 p.m. - Jubilate Ringers (S)
1:00 p.m. - Sanctuary Choir (S)
7:00 p.m. - Private Group (Landes) (110)



January 21, 2024

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Founded in 1845



Today’s Meditation
(O God,) *You never depart from us, but yet, only with difficulties do we return to You.*
- Saint Augustine, Confessions

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 Greeter’s Table before you leave to receive more information about our church and a little something extra.

Music for Meditation – *Only Trust Him* – Stockton/Martin
(Please use the music and the moment of silence to prepare your hearts and minds for worship.)

A Moment of Silence

*Gathering Praise – *Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty* #4

*Call to Worship
Leader: To you, O GOD, we lift ourselves.
People: O God, we place our trust in you.
Leader: Teach us. Show us. Guide us in your paths.
People: Grow us to know your ways more clearly.
Leader: For you are the God of our salvation.
People: And now, we come together to worship you.

*Opening Prayer
Leader: Let us pray together...
ALL: Ever-calling God, we give thanks that you have gathered us into your church and graced us with your faithful presence. We pray that we will be open to hear whatever you may have to say to us this day. May this be a holy time of worship as we reflect on your love and grace and our response to it. We pray this in the name of the one who taught us to pray... Our Father...
(The Lord’s prayer may be found in the hymnal #307)

*Glory Be to the Father (Gloria Patri) #36

Scripture Reading – Luke 15:11-12
This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Moment for the Children Hannah Fitch

Anthem Jubilate Ringers
Alleluia -arr. James Boersma

Message – A Story in Three Parts: The Older Son
Hank Anderson

*Hymn of Invitation – *O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee*
vss. 1,4 #602

A Time of Prayer

Communion Hymn – *Sweet Hour of Prayer* vss.1,3 #570

The Lord’s Supper – *Woodland Peace* – Grieg/Paxton
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 offering in the plate on the communion table.)

*Doxology #46

*Dedication of Offering

*Benediction

*Congregational Response – *Blest Be the Tie That Binds*
#433

*Postlude – *Faith the Cornerstone* - Broughton

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. 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 the pews. They can be put in the offering plate, hung on the prayer wall in 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.
- Bible Study ~ Wednesday Morning Bible Study at 10:30 a.m. with Hank will resume January 24th.
- Sunday Morning Study ~ Be Gibson is leading the class in January on Baffling, Bewildering and Puzzling Bible Stories. Come join the class and enjoy the interesting stories.
- Book Club ~ January 23rd at 6 p.m. The Book is “*At Home in Mitford*” by Jan Karon. We will meet at the home of Margaret Goulden: 133 Eastwood Dr. East Peoria. Snacks and refreshments provided. Sign up to at the information desk if you would like to attend.
- Movie Night ~ January 26th at 7 p.m. The movie is *Cinderella*. Sign up at the information desk.
- Potluck Sunday ~ January 28th right after the Worship Service. Please join us and bring a dish to share. Think green and bring your own table service. Sign up at the information desk to help with setup and/or cleanup.
- Sunday Morning Study ~ Deann Anderson will lead the class in February and March on “*Inspired: Slaying Giants, Walking on Water, and Loving the Bible Again*” by Rachel Held Evans. Sign up at the information desk if you would like to attend.