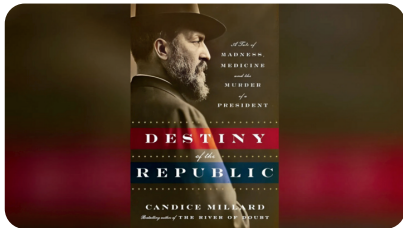


Throughout the Church...

Worship Meeting - TODAY after worship
Stewardship Meeting Monday @ 6:15pm
Administrative Board - Monday @ 7pm
Next Sunday - Missions & Service Meeting



Book Club
Thursday @ 5:30pm



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calendar of events here



Please always check with the church office if you are
wanting to use the church building. Thank you!

Welcome

A Place to Belong

You shall love your neighbor as yourself.
Mark 12:31

When Jesus was asked to name the most important commandment, he didn't hesitate. Love God with everything you are. Love your neighbor as yourself. The two belong together, like breath and life.

This kind of love isn't passive. It creates space where people can show up honestly, be received fully, and discover they are not alone. A true welcome is more than a friendly smile at the door. It's the kind of love that says, "You are safe here. You can learn here. You belong here."

In a world where so many are told they don't measure up, Christ's church is called to be a different kind of space; not perfect, but open, courageous, and healing. When we practice this welcome, we don't just extend hospitality. We participate in God's own work of love that transforms lives.

This Week's Practice: Make Space for Wonder

- Welcome someone new into your routine: at work, at school, or in your neighborhood.
- Create one safe space for honest conversation and listening.
- Encourage another person by naming the gifts you see in them.

Before You Go...

Carry this with you today: every act of love is a doorway. When you welcome another - at home, at work, in your neighborhood - you open that door to God's healing presence.



September 14, 2025
10:30am

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Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

† indicates standing, if able

Today’s Meditation

Jesus came to establish the kingdom of God as a radical alternative to all versions of the kingdom of the world, whether they declare themselves to be “under God” or not.
- Gregory A. Boyd

†Fellowship of the Church

(Please sign in online or on the red pad in your pew)

Music for Meditation

Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee - Dykes/Becket
Please use the music and the moment of silence to prepare your hearts and minds for worship.

A Moment of Silence

†Opening Hymn

#613

Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus

†Call to Worship

Leader: *Rejoice, people of God! Love is the greatest commandment.*

People: We come to love God with heart, soul, mind, and strength.

Leader: *Rejoice, beloved community! Welcome is the gift of Christ.*

People: We come to love our neighbor as ourselves.

Leader: *In this welcome there is safety, learning, and inspiration.*

People: In this love, we are healed and made whole.

Leader: *Come, let us worship the One who makes all things new.*

People: With open hearts, we rejoice and give praise.

†Opening Prayer

Leader: *Let us pray together...*

All: Holy and loving God, you call us together in love, and your welcome fills this room. You gather the hopeful and the hurting, the certain and the searching, and you make us one family in Christ. Pour out your Spirit on us now. Let this time of worship awaken our gratitude and renew our courage to follow you. Make this a place where hearts are healed, minds are opened, and lives are transformed. With joy and with trust, we join our voices with the prayer of Jesus, saying...Our Father...

†Vision Response

#357

We Call Ourselves Disciples vs 4

Scripture Reading

Mark 12:28-34

This is the word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Children’s Message

Rev. Emily Williams

Special Music

Chris Frauenhoffer
Mark Schultz

Time That Is Left

Sermon

Rev. Adam Bradley

Reverent & Radical Welcome

†Hymn of Commitment

#463

Renew Your Church

A Time of Prayer

*Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.***

Communion Hymn

#197

Beneath the Cross of Jesus

The Lord’s Supper

All: Here we celebrate that all people are welcome at this table of God’s grace.
How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds - Reinagle/Becket

Offering Statement

Tithes & Offerings

If you are able, please come forward at this time to place your offering in the plate in front of the communion table.
I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord - arr. Becket

†Doxology

#46

†Dedication of Offering

†Benediction

†Congregational Response

#39

My Tribute

Postlude

He Who Would Valiant Be - Douglas/Becket

Ministering Today

Presiding Elder

Kevin Cheatham

Elders

Connie Sinn
Dave Sinn

Deacons

Chancel Head

Geraldine Runkle
Alice Jury
Cheryl Davis
Tom Davis
Chris Carrico

Lay Reader

Kate Spielman

Acolyte

Natalie Woods

Greeters

Jerry & Val
Hornbacker

Counters

Steve & Monica
Hinrichs

Adult SS

Kevin Wolfe

Youth SS

Connie Julien

Preschool

Chere Peters

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

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