

MINISTERING IN WORSHIP . . .
Presiding Elder ~ Kevin Cheatham
Elders ~ Mike Buckley & Becky Sisk
Lay Reader ~ Becky Sisk
Greeters ~ Becky Sisk, Jan Cusac & Peter Clausen
Acolyte ~ Natalie Woods
Deacons
 Chancel – Monica Hinrichs
 *Steve Hinrichs
 Nick Wronkiewicz & Katie Fitch
* = Head Deacon **(Please count attendance)**
Counters ~ John & Lisa Best
Friends of Jesus ~ Linda Rex
Sunday School/Grades 1-8 ~ Geraldine Runkle



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 – Scouts Sunday
9:00 a.m. - Studies/Adult SS
10:30 a.m. - Worship Service (S)
12:00 p.m. - Elders Meeting
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)

TUESDAY
6:00 p.m. - PACC Rehearsal (S/L/N)

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

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

FRIDAY
6:00 p.m. - Tamil School (Classrooms/FH)

SATURDAY
7:00 a.m. - Private Group (Landes) (110)
2:00 p.m. - Game Day (FH)

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February 04, 2024

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Founded in 1845



Today's Meditation
For the Son of Man came to seek out and to save the lost.
- Jesus

Fellowship of the Church
(Please check in online: Church app. or sign the red pad in your 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.

Minute for Mission

Scout Sunday Recognition
Pledge to American Flag
Pledge to Christian Flag
Pledge to Bible

Boy Scout Oath
Girl Scout Promise

Music for Meditation – *My Faith Looks Up to Thee*
– Mason/Kirkland
(Please use the music and the moment of silence to prepare your hearts and minds for worship.)

A Moment of Silence

**Gathering Praise – Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee* #2

**Call to Worship*
Leader: Come, let us celebrate the forgiving, reconciling love of God.
People: For once we were lost and felt so far away; now we have been found and welcomed home.
Leader: Know that God's love is lavished upon you forever.
People: We rejoice at the news of forgiveness and hope!
Leader: Come, let us celebrate and praise the God of Love.
People: Amen!

**Opening Prayer*
Leader: Let us pray together...
ALL: Gracious God, It is with joy that we gather in your name. We recall and celebrate how incredible your love is, O God!

We have been made new in your love and reconciled to you and to each other in peace and joy. Be with us this day as we hear your words of hope and challenge. Guide our lives that we may serve you more fully all of our days. This we pray in the name of our Lord Jesus who taught us to pray saying... Our Father...
(The Lord's prayer may be found in the hymnal #307)

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

Scripture Reading – Luke 15:8-10
This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Moment for the Children Hannah Fitch

Anthem Sanctuary Choir
His Eye Is on the Sparrow – arr. Jack Schrader

Message – *Lost and Found: 1 Coin* Deann Anderson

**Hymn of Invitation – Amazing Grace* #546

A Time of Prayer

Communion Hymn – *I Come with Joy* #420

The Lord's Supper – *Prayer* - Hamilton
All: "Here we celebrate that all people are welcome at this table of God's grace."

Offering Statement

Tithes and Offerings – *Offertory on "Kendron"* – arr. Smith
(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 –*
Help Us Accept Each Other vs.1 #487

**Postlude – Allegro Vivace* – Handel/Smith

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. The study is on the Book of Mark. Come join the class.
- 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.
- Game Day ~ February 10th at 2 p.m. The Illinois Valley Cluster will host Game Day here at First Christian Church. Bring your favorite games and snacks and join the fun. Sign up at the information desk or online.
- Disciple Women ~ February 13th at 12 p.m. Susie Ryan will be joining the group to share her pottery talent and help make mugs. Bring a lunch and come join us. Sign up at the information desk or online.
- Tasting Peoria ~ February 15th at 6 p.m. We will be going to Avanti's on Knoxville Ave. Sign up at the information desk or online.
- Movie Night ~ February 23rd at 7 p.m. The movie is *The Proposal*. Sign up at the information desk or online.
- Vision Sunday Lunch ~ February 25th after the Worship Service. This will replace the EOM Potluck. Lunch will be provided.