MINISTERING IN WORSHIP...

Presiding Elder ~ Jenny Tripses

Elders ~ Linda Rex & Beth Smittkamp

Lay Reader ~ Sandy Surface

Greeters ~ Ralph & Ilene Tegg

Acolyte ~ Natalie Woods

Deacons

Chancel – Joe Rex

*Alice Jury

John Best, Oliver Truelove & Victoria Truelove * = Head Deacon (Please count attendance)

Counters ~ Steve & Monica Hinrichs

Friends of Jesus ~ Jenny Tripses

Sunday School/Grades 1-8 ~ Kathleen Wheeler



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

7:00 p.m. – Book Club (Off Site)

TUESDAY

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

6:30 p.m. - Cluster Meeting (Sunnyland)

WEDNESDAY

10:30 a.m. - Bible Study (110)

6:30 p.m. - Transition Team Meeting (105)

THURSDAY

6:30 p.m. - Fellowship Meeting

FRIDAY

8:00 a.m. - Church Women United (FH)

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

SATURDAY

7:00 a.m. - Private Group (Landes) (110)

NEXT SUNDAY

9:00 a.m. - Studies/Adult SS

10:30 a.m. - Worship Service (S)

12:00 p.m. - Holiday Potluck (FH)

12:30 p.m. - Jubilate Ringers (S)

1:00 p.m. - Sanctuary Choir (S)

7:00 p.m. - Private Group (Landes) (110)



November 26, 2023

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Founded in 1845



Twenty-sixth Sunday after Pentecost

10:30 a.m.

November 26, 2023 †indicates standing, if able

Today's Meditation

I act with steadfast love, justice, and righteousness in the earth, for in these things I delight, says the LORD.

- Jeremiah 9:24b

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.

Transition Team Update

Mike Buckley

Music for Meditation -

(Please use the music and the moment of silence to prepare your hearts and minds for worship.)

A Moment of Silence

[†]Gathering Praise – Gather Us In

vss. 1-3 #284

[†]Call to Worship

Leader: Loving God, all creation calls you blessed,

People: And so do we.

Leader: Yes, all creation proclaims your love.

People: Together, we join the chorus of praise,

Leader: As we express our love to you through our worship.

Opening Prayer

Leader: Let us pray together...

ALL: We worship you, O God, as our Creator. You showered us with blessings by revealing in Jesus just how precious we are to you, and through him you delivered us into a new and living relationship with you and with one another - with a new commandment - a commandment of love. May we reveal the depth of our love as we praise and adore you, O God. We lift this to you with the prayer that Jesus taught us... Our Father...

(The Lord's prayer may be found in the hymnal - #307)

Scripture Readings – Jeremiah 9:23-24

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

Moment for the Children

Hannah Fitch

Anthem – Jubilate Ringers

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God – arr. Derek K. Hakes

Message – A Truly Simple Life

Hank Anderson

†Hymn of Invitation – O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing vss. 1,3,4 #5

A Time of Prayer

Communion Hymn – We Come as Guests Invited

#386

The Lord's Supper –

All: "Here we celebrate that all people are welcome at this table of God's grace."

Offering Statement

Tithes and Offerings –

(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 – Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun vs.5 #95

[†]Postlude –

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 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 mornings at 10:30 a.m. with Hank. Bible Study will resume this week through December 13th. The study is on the "The Gospel According to Mark".
- Sunday Morning Study ~ Hank will lead the class in December on Christmas: The Biblical Story. Please sign up at the information desk if you would like to attend.
- Potluck ~ December 3rd is the Christmas Potluck. This
 is also our *Coming Home for Christmas* Sunday and
 we will be joined by the Peoria Civic Chorale. Please
 remember to bring extra food since we will have a
 much larger group. Sign up at the information desk if
 you can help with Prep and Cleanup.
- Congregational Meeting ~ December 10th right after the Worship Service.
- Tasting Peoria ~ December 14th at 6 p.m. We will be going to The Fox Pub & Café. Sign up at the information desk if you would like to attend.
- Movie Night ~ December 21st at 7 p.m. The movie is Home Alone. Sign up at the information desk if you would like to attend.
- Offering envelopes ~ 2024 offering envelopes are at the information desk to be picked up. If you no longer wish to receive the envelopes or did not get them but would like to receive them, please let the office know.