

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

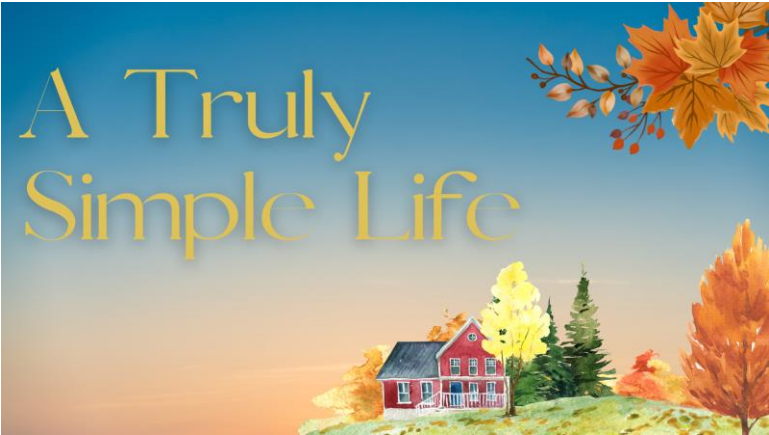
*First Christian Church Peoria, as an open and affirming church, believes that all people are sacred creations of a loving God. We affirm the diversity that exists among us. We strive to answer the call of Christ by extending his love, compassion and acceptance to all. In that spirit we open our family 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



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

Transition Team Update

Mike Buckley

## A Moment of Silence

†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.*

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

Moment for the Children Hannah Fitch

Message – A Truly Simple Life                      Hank Anderson

## A Time of Prayer

## Offering Statement

†Doxology #46

### <sup>†</sup>Dedication of Offering

### †Benediction

†Postlude –

- 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 13<sup>th</sup>. 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 10<sup>th</sup> right after the Worship Service.
- Tasting Peoria ~ December 14<sup>th</sup> 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 21<sup>st</sup> 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.