

MINISTERING IN WORSHIP . . .

Presiding Elder ~ Steve West
Elders ~ Kevin Wolfe/Mason Fitch
Layreader ~ Becky Sisk
Greeters ~ Debbie Presnell/Tim Dougherty
Acolyte ~ Clara Truelove
Deacons
 Chancel – Jim Smittkamp
 *Laura Buckley, Darren Woods, Adam Woods
* = Head Deacon (**Please count attendance**)
Counters ~ Mike & Laura Buckley



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:
The Rev. Karen Merrick, Pastor
Heather Woods, Coordinator of Music Ministries
Brian Woods, Organist
Mason Fitch, Social Media Coordinator
Madison Dillerud, Child-Care

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Calendar

TODAY

- 9:00 a.m. – Responders Class
- 10:30 a.m. – Kevin Wolfe is our guest speaker
- 11:45 a.m. – Elders Meeting
- 12:30 p.m. – Jubilate Ringers (S)
- 1:00 p.m. – Sanctuary Choir (S)
- 7:00-9:00 p.m. – Private Group (Landes) (110)

MONDAY

- 5:00 p.m. – Tae Kwon Do Class (classroom)

TUESDAY

- 12:00 p.m. – Disciples Women (110)
- 6:00-7:00 p.m. – PACC Rehearsal (110)
- 6:00-9:30 p.m. – PACC Rehearsal (S)

THURSDAY

- 10:00 a.m. – Bible Study ~ *A Visual Walk Through Genesis* (110)
- 6:00 p.m. – Tasting Peoria (Weaver’s)

FRIDAY

- 6:00-8:30 p.m. – Tamil School

SATURDAY

- 7:00-9:00 a.m. – Private Group (Landes) (110)

NEXT SUNDAY *Second Sunday in Lent*
 Daylight Saving Time begins

- 9:00 a.m. – Responders Class
- 10:30 a.m. – Worship in Sanctuary and on Facebook
- 12:30 p.m. – Jubilate Ringers (S)
- 1:00 p.m. – Sanctuary Choir (S)
- 7:00-9:00 p.m. – Private Group (Landes) (110)



Cara B. Hochhalter, *Three Temptations*.

March 6, 2022

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Founded in 1845



First Sunday in Lent
St. David's Day

10:30 a.m. March 6, 2022
† indicates standing, if able

Today's Meditation
One of the purposes of the wilderness is for God to show you that He is God.
—Tony Evans

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.

Music for Meditation – Never Further than Thy Cross
—Gibbons/Mansfield
(Please use the music and the moment of silence to prepare your hearts and minds for worship.)

A Moment of Silence

†Gathering Praise – Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise #66

†Call to Worship:
Leader: People of God, on this wilderness journey, what will you eat?

People: The word of the Lord is our daily bread.

Leader: People of God, in this time of temptation, how will you live?

People: Our faith is in the faithfulness of God.

Leader: People of God, at this kingdom crossroad, whom will you serve?

People: We worship the Lord our God alone.

†Opening Prayer
Leader: Let us pray together...

O God, you lead us into the wild wilderness of this Lent. During these forty days alert us to your overwhelming presence. Create space for us for new life. Shape us by the power of your Holy Spirit. Form us into the image of Christ our Lord, so that like him, we may claim our true identity created in your image and likeness. We are on the way. The journey has begun. Lead us through the wilderness of Lent. Hear us as we say together the prayer Jesus taught us, saying, Our Father...

(Words to The Lord's Prayer may be found in the hymnal – #307)

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

Scripture Reading – Luke 4:1-13
This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Moment for the Children Hannah Fitch

Anthem – My Victory—arr. Bradley Knight Sanctuary Choir

Message – An Opportune Time Kevin Wolfe

†Hymn of Commitment words on screen
Each Moment By Faith (tune: Ash Grove)

A Time of Prayer

Communion Hymn – Loving Lord, as Now We Gather #427

The Lord's Supper – A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth
—Dachstein/Douglas
All: "Here we celebrate that all people are welcome at this table of God's grace."

Offering Statement

Tithes and Offerings – Jesus Paid It All—Grape/Hayes
(If you are able, please come forward at this time to place your gift in the plate on the communion table.)

†Doxology Thomas Ken, 1674
Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

†Dedication of Offering

†Benediction

†Congregational Response #431
Go, My Children, with My Blessing (vs. 1)

†Postlude – To God All Praise and Glory—arr. Wilson

TODAY'S ANNOUNCEMENTS (Weekly Calendar on back)

- This morning we welcome Kevin Wolfe to our pulpit.
- St. David's Day ~ Today we celebrate St. David's Day, the patron saint of Wales. Please have a Welsh teacake, enjoy the daffodils, and lift your voices in song to the Welsh hymn tunes throughout our worship.
- 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 your bulletin. They can be put in the offering plate, hung on the prayer wall in the east end of 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.
- Lenten Devotional ~ Pick up your copy of this year's Lenten Devotional, Gifts of the Spiritual Wilderness, by J. Dana Trent. The devotionals are available at the information desk.
- Daylight Saving Time begins next Sunday, March 13. Don't forget to set your clocks ahead (spring ahead) one hour before going to bed Saturday night.
- Disciples Women ~ Tuesday, March 8, 12:00 noon. Disciples Women and Faith in Justice Task Force will present Matt Fuller from The Center for Prevention of Abuse. Matt will speak to us about Human Trafficking. Bring your own lunch. Dessert and drinks provided. Please sign up at the information desk. All are welcome!
- Tasting Peoria ~ Thursday, March 10, 6:00 p.m. at Weaver's Fresh Food & Drink. Please sign up at the information desk.
- Movie Night ~ Friday, March 18, 7:00 p.m. Sister Act 2: Back in the Habit! Please join us.