

MINISTERING IN WORSHIP . . .

Presiding Elder ~ Roger Baker
Elders ~ Linda Rex & Beth Smittkamp
Lay Reader ~ Terrie Wronkiewicz
Greeters ~ Debra Kreps & Tim Dougherty
Acolyte ~ Natalie Woods
Deacons
 Chancel – Beth Reynolds
 *Tim Dougherty
 Dana Powers, Jan Cusac & Debbie Presnell
* = Head Deacon **(Please count attendance)**
Counters ~ Mike & Laura Buckley
Friends of Jesus ~ Jenny Tripses
Sunday School/Grades 1-8 ~ Becky Sisk



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)
12:00 p.m. - EOM Potluck (FH)
12:30 p.m. - Jubilate Ringers (S)
1:00 p.m. - Sanctuary Choir (S)
7:00 p.m. - Private Group (Landes) (110)
- MONDAY**
5:30 p.m. - Transition Team
6:00 p.m. - Peoria Players (FH)
7:00 p.m. - Administrative Board
- TUESDAY**
6:00 p.m. - PACC Rehearsal (S/L/N)
6:00 p.m. - Book Club (Off Site)
- WEDNESDAY**
10:30 a.m. - Bible Study (110)
6:00 p.m. - Peoria Players (FH)
- 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)
- NEXT SUNDAY – SCOUT 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)



January 28, 2024

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Founded in 1845



Today's Meditation
Resentment and gratitude cannot coexist, since resentment blocks the perception and experience of life as a gift...There is always the choice between resentment and gratitude.
- Henri J.M. Nouwen

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.

Music for Meditation – *Be Still and Know* – Williamson
(Please use the music and the moment of silence to prepare your hearts and minds for worship.)

A Moment of Silence

*Gathering Praise – *Come, Christians Join to Sing* #90

*Call to Worship
Leader: As we come together this day, we proclaim that
People: Our hope rests in God
Leader: Our rock
People: Our salvation
Leader: Our refuge.
People: We will not be shaken.
Leader: In this time of worship.
People: We lift our voices because we trust in God's love and grace.

*Opening Prayer
Leader: Let us pray together...
ALL: Gracious God, all creation delights in the radiant presence of your Word. May the Holy Spirit bring understanding to our minds and truth to our hearts, that we may praise and serve Jesus Christ our Lord. We pray this in the name of the one who taught us to pray... Our Father...
(The Lord's prayer may be found in the hymnal #307)

Scripture Reading – Luke 15:11-12
This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Moment for the Children Hannah Fitch

Anthem Jubilate Ringers
Come, Thou Fount -arr. James Boersma

Message – A Story in Three Parts: The Father Hank Anderson

*Hymn of Invitation – *In Christ There Is No East or West*
vss. 1,2,4 #687

A Time of Prayer

Communion Hymn – *Take Our Bread* #413

The Lord's Supper – *Christ Is the Way, the Truth, the Life*
- Kendall
All: "Here we celebrate that all people are welcome at this table of God's grace."

Offering Statement

Tithes and Offerings – *Ave Verum* – Mozart/Leatherman
(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 –
Go, My Children, with My Blessing vs.3 #431

*Postlude – *Joy!* - Parker

- 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.
 - Potluck Sunday ~ January 28th right after the Worship Service. Please join us and bring a dish to share. Think green and bring your own table service. Sign up at the information desk or online: Church App. to help with setup and/or cleanup.
 - 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. Sign up at the information desk if you would like to attend.
 - 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: Church App.
 - 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: Church App.
 - 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: Church App.