MINISTERING IN WORSHIP . . .

Presiding Elder ~ Jenny Tripses

Elders ~ Roger & Vickie Baker

Lay Reader ~ Sandy Surface

Greeters ~ Beth Cox & Kate Spielman

Acolyte ~ Natalie Woods

Deacons

Chancel – Geraldine Runkle
*Laura Buckley

Barb Turner & Adam Woods

* = Head Deacon (Please count attendance)

Counters ~ Jim & Beth Smittkamp

Friends of Jesus ~ Katie Fitch

Sunday School/Grades 1-8 ~ 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:
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 - OFFICE CLOSED SOLAR HOOKUP

TUESDAY - HALLOWEEN

4:30 p.m. - Trunk or Treat (L/FH)

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

WEDNESDAY

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

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

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

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

SATURDAY

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

NEXT SUNDAY- ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

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

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

11:45 p.m. - Elders Meeting

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

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

1:00 p.m. - Racial Wealth Gap Learning (FH)

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



October 29, 2023

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Founded in 1845



Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost

10:30 a.m.

October 29, 2023

†indicates standing, if able

Today's Meditation

Your decisions reveal your priorities. - Jeff Van Gundy

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 – *I Am Thine*, O Lord - Doane/Prentiss (*Please use the music and the moment of silence to prepare your hearts and minds for worship.*)

A Moment of Silence

[†]Gathering Praise – *They'll Know We Are Christians* #494

[†]Call to Worship

Leader: Jesus said, "Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet God provides for them."

People: May our hearts be open to trust you, O God.

Leader: May our eyes be open to see you.

People: May our hands be open to serve you.

Leader: Bless us now, O God, as we gather in your name.

Opening Prayer

Leader: Let us pray together...

ALL: Lord God, Maker of heaven and earth, we gather together in your name. We come to offer you our worship and thanksgiving, our praise and our prayers. Come among us, living Lord. Through the power of your Holy Spirit, transform our hearts and minds so that we may recognize your presence, hear your voice, know your will, and walk in your way. 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 Readings – Matthew 6:25-33

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

Moment for the Children

Hannah Fitch

#259

Anthem – Sanctuary Choir Back to the Church in the Wildwood – arr. Mary McDonald

Testimony Kevin Wolfe

Message – Dream Big: Seek Ye First Hank Anderson

[†]Hymn of Invitation – Seek Ye First #354

A Time of Prayer

Communion Hymn – Spirit of the Living God

The Lord's Supper – *I've Found a Friend*, O Such a Friend – arr. Mansfield

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

Offering Statement

Tithes and Offerings – In Heavenly Love Abiding
– Parker/Kendall
(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 – Sweet, Sweet Spirit #261

[†]Postlude – *Poslude in D* – Simper/Ryan

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 ~ Hank is leading the Bible Study on Wednesday mornings at 10:30 a.m. The study is on the "The Gospel According to Mark".
- Halloween Trunk or Treat ~ October 31st from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. So many fun things to do or help with. Please check the information desk and sign up for something you would like to help with.
- Sunday Morning Study ~ Jenny Tripses will be leading the class in November on "The Spirit of Ukraine." Please sign up at the information desk if you would like to attend.
- Stuff a Bus Food Drive ~ October 20th November 29th. This
 is to help provide food for the pantry at the Friendship
 House. They serve an average of 150,000 meals a year.
 Please check the information desk for a list of food items
 needed and fill the box.
- Racial Wealth Gap Learning ~ November 5th form 1:30 to 3:30p.m. This will be an interactive learning simulation. Matt Gross will be leading the presentation. Sign up at the information desk if you would like to attend.
- Disciple Women ~ November 14th at 12p.m. Reve Parra will be speaking on the spirituality of Native Americans. Sign up at the information desk.
- Tasting Peoria ~ November 16th at 6 p.m. at the Lariat Steak House, 2232 W Glen, Peoria. If you would like to attend sign up at the information desk.