

**MINISTERING IN WORSHIP . . .**  
Presiding Elder ~ Becky Sisk  
Elders ~ Frank & Kathleen Wheeler  
Lay Reader ~ Becky Sisk  
Greeters ~ Carney Lewis  
Acolyte ~ Natalie Woods  
Deacons  
    Chancel – Joe Rex  
            \*Tim Dougherty  
Dana Powers, Lori Mansfield & Laura Buckley  
    \* = Head Deacon **(Please count attendance)**  
Counters ~ Roger & Vickie Baker  
Friends of Jesus ~ Linda Rex  
Sunday School/Grades 1-8 ~ Laura Cohen



**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. – Elders Meeting  
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. - Worship Meeting (105)  
6:00 p.m. - Personnel Meeting (105)

**TUESDAY**  
10:30 a.m. - Faith and Justice Task Force  
12:30 p.m. - Disciple Women (110)  
6:00 p.m. - PACC (S/L/N)

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

**THURSDAY**

**FRIDAY**

**SATURDAY**  
7:00 a.m. - Private Group (Landes) (110)  
9:00 a.m. - Regional Disciples Women Event (L) (FH)  
10:30 a.m. - MLT Meeting

**NEXT SUNDAY**  
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)

JAMES: LIVING FAITH

THE  
SOURCE

April 07, 2024

**FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH**

*Founded in 1845*



Today's Meditation

*...the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things.*

Galatians 5:22-23 NRSV

Fellowship of the Church

*(Please sign in online or on 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 – *Christ in Triumph* - Smith

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

A Moment of Silence

\*Opening Hymn – *Crown Him with Many Crowns* #234

\*Call to Worship

*Leader: God looks from heaven upon the earth*

**People: To see whether there are any wise enough**

*Leader: To seek the fellowship of God.*

**People: By faith, may Christ live within our hearts,**

*Leader: that we may be rooted and grounded in love*

**People: and filled with all the fullness of God.**

\*Opening Prayer

*Leader: Let us pray together...*

**ALL: God of the resurrection, we gather this morning as a community of believers. We come with joy to greet one another and to celebrate your power and love. You have given us new life in the name of your Son! May our singing, praying, listening, and proclaiming be a testimony to the power of your love to make us a new creation as a community of faith. We pray in the name of the one who taught us to pray... Our Father...**

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

\*Glory Be to the Father (Gloria Patri) #36

Scripture Reading – James 1:16-18

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

Children's Message Hannah Fitch

Jubilate Ringers - *Take My Life and Let It Be*

– arr. Ron Mallory

Sermon – James: Living Faith -*The Source* Hank Anderson

\*Hymn of Invitation – *All the Way My Savior Leads Me*

vss. 1,2 #559

A Time of Prayer

Communion Hymn – *Sweet Hour of Prayer* vss. 1,3 #570

The Lord's Supper – *Never Further than Thy Cross*

- Gibbons/Mansfield

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

Offering Statement

Tithes and Offerings – *Peace and Calm Within* - Scott

*(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 – *Living for Jesus* vs.1 #610

\*Postlude – *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!*

- Holder/Birchwood

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.
- Sunday Morning Study ~ Frank Wheeler is leading the class the first two Sundays in April on *Paul's Ministry in Corinth*. The last two Sundays of April the class will be combined with the *Wired Word*.
- Regional Disciple Women Event ~ April 13<sup>th</sup> at 9 a.m. The Ties that Bind with guest speaker Rev. Petie Mclean. We will be quilting. Registration forms are available at the information desk. Some help is needed for this event please check the information desk.
- Tasting Peoria ~ April 18<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m. We will be going to Jalapenos in the Metro Center. Sign up at the information desk or online.
- Movie Night ~ April 26<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. The movie is *Moonstruck*. Sign up at the information desk or online.
- Potluck ~ April 28<sup>th</sup> after the Worship Service. Sign up at the information desk or online if you can help with Prep and Cleanup. Bring your own tableware to help reduce waste.