

MINISTERING IN WORSHIP . . .

Presiding Elder ~ Becky Sisk
Elders ~ Chere Peters & Becky Sisk
Lay Reader ~
Greeters ~ John & Margaret Goulden
Acolyte ~ Natalie Woods
Deacons
 Chancel – Laura Cohen
 *Jake Cohen
 Debbie Presnell & Laura Cohen
 * = Head Deacon **(Please count attendance)**
Counters ~ Steve & Monica Hinrichs
Sunday School/Grades 1-8 ~ Geraldine Runkle

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.

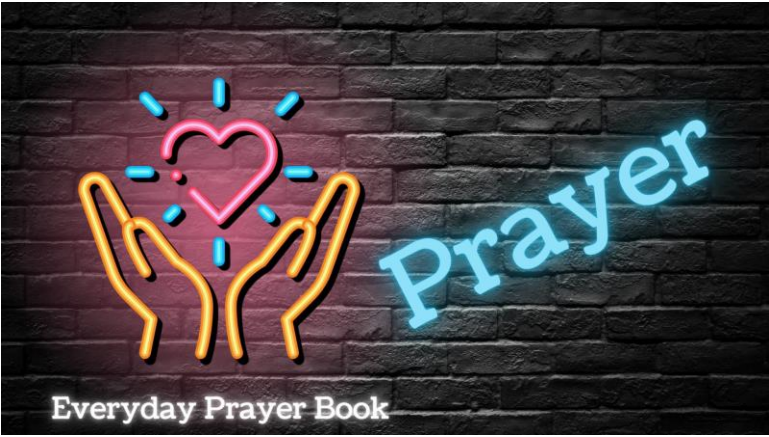
Ministry Programming Staff:
Hank Anderson, Interim Minister
Heather Woods, Coordinator of Music Ministries
Brian Woods, Organist
Mason Fitch, Digital Ministry Coordinator
Brandy Cox, Child-Care

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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)
7:00 p.m. - Private Group (Landes) (110)
- MONDAY**
- TUESDAY**
6:30 p.m. - Transition Team (110)
- WEDNESDAY**
10:30 a.m. - Bible Study (110)
- THURSDAY**
- FRIDAY**
- 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. - Elders Meeting
7:00 p.m. - Private Group (Landes) (110)

We have been told that Carle Hospital will begin releasing church parishioners' information again in about a month. You will have to let them know your church when admitted or they will not have the information on file when we call.



July 28, 2024

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Founded in 1845



Today's Meditation

I will study your commandments and reflect on your ways.

I will delight in your decrees and not forget your word.

- Psalm 119: 15-16

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 – Prelude - Killeen

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

A Moment of Silence

*Opening Hymn – Rejoice, You Pure in Heart

#15

*Call to Worship

Leader: O God, we rejoice and praise your holy name.

People: And know that you offer the way of life.

Leader: We give thanks because of the hope we have through you.

People: During this time or worship, we reflect on your word,

Leader: And rejoice in your love,

All: Together, our spirits are refreshed in your presence.

*Opening Prayer

Leader: Let us pray together...

All: Loving God, you are the ground of our being and the river of life; you both steady our roots and draw them to seek the living waters. You are with us through the hard seasons of summer heat, and in the nights when winter's frost ice the landscape, your love warms and sustains us. And now, may our gratitude be great, our praise plentiful, and our worship full of wonder! We pray this through Christ Jesus, who taught us to pray...Our Father...

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

Scripture Reading – Psalm 1:1-6

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

Children's Message

Hannah Fitch

Special Music

Praise Team

Above All – Baloché/LeBlanc

Message – Everyday Prayer Book - Prayer

Hank Anderson

*Hymn of Commitment – Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

vss. 1,3 #66

A Time of Prayer

Communion Hymn – Bread of the World in Mercy Broken

#387

The Lord's Supper – Let Us Plead for Faith Alone

– arr. Giamanco

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

Offering Statement

Tithes and Offerings – Jesus, Lover of My Soul

– Parry/Wagner

(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 – Lead Me, Guide Me

#583

*Postlude – Postlude on Faithfulness – Runyan/Wagner

- 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 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's at 10:30 a.m. with Hank. The study is on the Book of Mark.
 - Sunday Morning Study August ~ How We Got the New Testament is the title of the study for the first three weeks of August. We will take a quick look at some of the history behind the formation of the New Testament. The class will be led by Hank Anderson.
 - Tasting Peoria ~ August 18th at 6 p.m. We will be going to Smokin Notes BBQ, 400 Riverside Dr. East Peoria. Sign up at the information desk or online
 - Movie Night ~ August 23rd at 6 p.m. The movie is On Golden Pond. Sign up at the information desk or online.
 - Potluck ~ August 25th after the Worship Service. Sign up at the information desk or online if you can help with prep and/or cleanup. Bring your own tableware to reduce waste.
 - Book Club ~ August 26th at 6 p.m. The book is My Antonia by Willa Cather. We will meet at the home of Margaret Goulden, 133 Eastwood Dr. East Peoria. Sign up at the information desk or online.