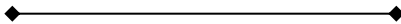


MINISTERING IN WORSHIP . . .

Presiding Elder ~ Mason Fitch  
Elders ~ Beth Cox/Mike Buckley  
Layreader ~ Sandy Surface  
Greeters ~ Jan Cusac/Pete Clausen  
Acolyte ~ Clara Truelove  
Deacons  
    Chancel – Laura Cohen  
    \*Tim Dougherty, Jan Cusac, Alice Jury, Lisa Cheatham  
\* = Head Deacon **(Please count attendance)**  
Counters ~ Steve West/Ralph Tegg



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  
Brandy Cox, Child-Care

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Calendar

- TODAY**
- 9:00 a.m. – Studies/Adult SS
  - 10:30 a.m. – Guest Preacher, Rev. Clayton Summers
  - 7:00-9:00 p.m. – Private Group (Landes)
- MONDAY**
- 5:00 p.m. – Tae Kwon Do Class (classroom)
- TUESDAY**
- 6:30 p.m. – Cluster Meeting (Sunnyland)
- WEDNESDAY**
- 6:00 p.m. – Tasting Peoria (Broadway Lounge)
  - (No GLGC Book Club)
- FRIDAY**
- 7:00 p.m. – Movie Night ~ “The Peanut Butter Falcon” (S)
- SATURDAY**
- 7:00-9:00 a.m. – Private Group (Landes) (110)
- NEXT SUNDAY**
- 9:00 a.m. – Studies/Adult SS
  - 10:30 a.m. – Rev. Karen Merrick preaching
  - 12:00 p.m. – End-of-the-Month Potluck (FH). Please bring a dish to share. Join us for good food and fellowship!
  - 7:00-9:00 p.m. – Private Group (Landes)



July 24, 2022

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Founded in 1845



Today's Meditation

Camp observations:

-Time passes differently at camp. You can miss a year and when you go back, it's like you never left.

-My friends think I should put a quarter in a jar for every time I talk about camp.

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

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

A Moment of Silence

\*Gathering Praise – Rejoice, You Pure in Heart #15

\*Call to Worship\*

Leader: What brings us joy?

People: What slows us down?

Leader: What gives us hope?

People: What makes us think?

Leader: What invites us to wonder?

People: What makes us change?

Leader: Might it have something to do with the Holy?

People: Let us worship God.

\*Opening Prayer

Leader: Let us pray together...

Holy God, we come before you on this warm summer day needing to re-center ourselves in you and in your creation. Whether in a campground or in our backyard, nature around us celebrates you and the order you created. Let us be open to what we can learn of your providence by observing the ways you care for all your creatures. This we ask in the name of the one who encouraged us to

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consider the lilies, our savior Jesus Christ, who taught us to pray, 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 – Exodus 16 (selected verses)

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Moment for the Children Hannah Fitch

(Following the children's message, children ages 5 and up are welcome to meet their teacher, Becky Sisk, at the front of the sanctuary to go to Sunday School.)

Special Music Laura Buckley

Message – God's Limited Abundance Clayton Summers

\*Hymn of Commitment – Camp Medley words on screen

Lord Prepare Me to be a Sanctuary

Sing Hallelujah to the Lord

I Have Decided to Follow Jesus

A Time of Prayer

Communion Hymn – Bread of the World, in Mercy Broken #387

The Lord's Supper

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

Offering Statement

Tithes and Offerings

(If you are able, please come forward at this time to place your gift in the plate on the communion table.)

\*Doxology #46

\*Dedication of Offering

\*Benediction

\*Congregational Response – Lead Me, Guide Me #583

\*Postlude

\*Call to Worship written by Beth Merrill Neel on her blog, "Hold Fast to What Is Good". Used with permission.

TODAY'S ANNOUNCEMENTS (Weekly Calendar on back)

- This morning we welcome Rev. Clayton Summers to our pulpit. Clayton is the Minister and Camp Host at Camp Walter Scott.
- 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.
- August Sunday Study – Historical Evidence for the Christian Faith ~ Ilene Tegg will be leading the study Sunday mornings in August at 9:00 a.m. Please sign up at the information desk.
- Tasting Peoria ~ We are going to experience Peoria's own Broadway Lounge on Wednesday, July 27, at 6:00 p.m. Meet up with the group to enjoy naan (an Asian flatbread) pizza, or a bread bowl pasta, and singing wait staff! Sign up at the information desk.
- Movie Night ~ Join us on Friday, July 29, at 7:00 p.m. for the movie, "The Peanut Butter Falcon". Sign up at the information desk.
- Mission Dash 5K ~ Join the Cluster on Saturday, August 13, at 10:00 a.m. on the Rock Island Trail to walk for creation. **Registration forms and more information are available on the information desk.**
- Illinois Valley Cluster "Fun in the Sun" Sunday Old Fashion Potluck ~ August 21, 3:00-5:30 p.m. at Lake Wildwood (Beach 1) in Varna, IL. Fried chicken, drinks and dinnerware are provided. Please bring a side dish to share. Swim at the pool or beach, fishing also available. **This is an RSVP ONLY event.** Please sign up at the information desk by **August 18.**