

MINISTERING IN WORSHIP . . .

Presiding Elder ~ Mason Fitch
Elders ~ Kevin Cheatham & Steve West
Lay reader ~ Terrie Wronkiewicz
Greeters ~ John & Margaret Goulden
Acolyte ~ Natalie Woods
Deacons
 Chancel – Geraldine Runkle
 *John Best, Barb Turner & Debbie Presnell
* = Head Deacon **(Please count attendance)**
Counters ~ Steve & Monica Hinrichs

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

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

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



July 23, 2023

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Founded in 1845



Today's Meditation

The Church of Christ upon earth is essentially, intentionally, and constitutionally one; consisting of all those in every place that profess their faith in Christ and obedience to him in all things...
--Thomas Campbell (early leader of the Disciples of Christ)

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 - *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*
-- arr. Kirkland
(Please use the music and the moment of silence to prepare your hearts and minds for worship.)

A Moment of Silence

+Gathering Praise – *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* #25

+Call to Worship
Leader: We have come together as one.
People: One people, gathered in the name of God.
Leader: We will worship together as one.
People: One community, giving praise and honor to the Righteous One.
Leader: One body and one Spirit, called to the hope of one calling,
People: One Lord, one faith, one baptism,
Leader: One God and Father of all who is above all and through all and in all.

Opening Prayer
Leader: Let us pray together...
ALL: O God, we share one faith, have one calling, are of one soul and one mind. We are filled with one Spirit, are baptized with one baptism, eat of one bread and drink of one cup, confess one Name, are obedient to one Lord, work for one cause, and share one hope. May we live out our unity in all that we say and do.

We pray this in the name of the one who taught us to pray...Our Father...
(Words to The Lord's prayer may be found in the hymnal #307)

Glory Be to the Father (Gloria Patri) #36

Scripture Readings – Galatians 3:26-29
This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Moment for the Children Hannah Fitch

Special Music – Vocal Quartet
Ange Bertucci, Cindy Bridges, Laura Buckley & Mason Fitch
Ceaseless Praise (You are Holy) - Havergal/Malan/Metzger

Message - *One* Hank Anderson

+Hymn of Invitation – *We Call Ourselves Disciples* vss. 1,2,5 #357

A Time of Prayer

Communion Hymn – *Breathe on Me, Breath of God* vss. 1-2 #254

The Lord's Supper – *Abide With Me* – Monk/Gawthrop
ALL: “Here we celebrate that all people are welcome at this table of God's grace.”

Offering Statement

Tithes and Offerings – *Cantabile* - Conely
(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 – *Voluntary in F* - Lau

- 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 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.
 - Book Club ~ July 25th at 7 p.m. at Margaret Goulden's home: 133 Eastwood Dr. East Peoria, IL. The book is "The Girl with Seven Names". Sign up at the information desk.
 - Peoria Chiefs ~ Faith and Family Night is on July 26rd at 6:30 p.m. If you would like to attend please sign up at the information desk before July 23rd.
 - Potluck Sunday ~ July 30th Please bring a dish and your own tableware to reduce waste. If you can help with prep and cleanup sign up at the information desk.
 - Fun in the Sun – Illinois Valley Cluster Picnic is August 19th from 12-5p.m. at Lake Wildwood, Varna IL. Deadline to RSVP is August 17th. Sign up at the information desk.