MINISTERING IN WORSHIP . . .

Presiding Elder ~ Kevin Wolfe

Elders ~ Linda Rex & Beth Smittkamp

Lay Reader ~ Kate Spielman

Greeters ~ Roger & Kate Spielman

Acolyte ~ Natalie Woods

Deacons

Chancel – Geraldine Runkle
*Laura Buckley
Barb Turner & Adam Woods

* = Head Deacon (Please count attendance)

Counters ~ John & Lisa Best

Friends of Jesus ~ Jenny Tripses

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)

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

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

2:00 p.m. - Peoria Players (FH)

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

MONDAY

TUESDAY

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

6:30 p.m. - Cluster Meeting (Sunnyland)

WEDNESDAY

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

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

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

7:00 p.m. - Movie Night (S)

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 (FH)

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

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

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



October 22, 2023

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Founded in 1845



Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost

10:30 a.m.

October 22, 2023 †indicates standing, if able

Today's Meditation

The Simple Path: Silence is Prayer; Prayer is Faith; Faith is Love; Love is Service; The Fruit of Service is Peace.

- Mother Teresa

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 – Prelude on Morecambe

- Atkinson/Portman

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

A Moment of Silence

[†]Gathering Praise – *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise* #66

[†]Call to Worship

Leader: Enter God's gates with thanksgiving, and his courts

with praise.

People: Give thanks to God, and bless his name.

Leader: Bring your gifts and your personalities, your

strengths and weaknesses.

People: For the LORD is good; and God's steadfast love endures forever.

Leader: And God's faithfulness to all generations.

Opening Prayer

Leader: Let us pray together...

ALL: God our creator, we come in awe of you. We are amazed by the wonder of your creation; inspired by the mystery of life; and thankful for your love, your presence and your grace. So, today we humbly gather to worship you. Renew us and refresh us, we pray. We lift this prayer to you in the name of Jesus, 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 Readings – Isaiah 6:1-8

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

Moment for the Children

Hannah Fitch

Anthem – Jubilate Ringers

Percussive Praise – Kevin McChesney

Mission Highlight

Message – Dream Big: Here I Am

Hank Anderson

[†]Hymn of Invitation – Fairest Lord Jesus

#97

#581

A Time of Prayer

Communion Hymn – Near to the Heart of God

The Lord's Supper – Reflections – Chopin/Kendall

All: "Here we celebrate that all people are welcome at

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

Offering Statement

Tithes and Offerings – Larghetto – arr. Kendall (If you are able, please come forward at this time to place your offering in the plate on the communion table.)

[†]Doxology

[†]Dedication of Offering

†Benediction

[†]Congregational Response – *Living for Jesus* vs.1 #610

[†]Postlude – *Praise Him with the Sound of the Trumpet* - 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 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".
- 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.
- Movie Night ~ October 27th at 7 p.m. The Movie is Indiana Jones and the Dial of Destiny. Please sign up at the information desk if you would like to attend.
- Potluck Sunday ~ October 29th 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.
- Book Club ~ October 30th at 7 p.m. at Margaret Goulden's home: 133 Eastwood Dr, East Peoria. The book is "The Extraordinary Life of Sam Hell" by Robert Dugoni. Refreshments and snacks provided. Sign up at the information desk if you would like to attend.
- 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.
- 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.