

MINISTERING IN WORSHIP . . .

Presiding Elder ~ Kevin Wolfe

Elders ~ Jenny Tripses/Vickie Baker

Layreader ~ John Best

Greeters ~ Laura & Jake Cohen

Acolyte ~ Natalie Woods

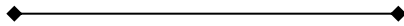
Deacons

Chancel – Laura Cohen

*Jake Cohen, Tom Davis, Cheryl Davis, Darren Woods

* = Head Deacon **(Please count attendance)**

Counters ~ John & Lisa Best



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
Madison Dillerud, Child-Care

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Calendar

TODAY

- 8:30-10:00 a.m. – Easter Brunch (FH)
- 10:30 a.m. – The Rev. Karen Merrick preaching
- 7:00-9:00 p.m. – Private Group (Landes) (110)

MONDAY

- 5:00 p.m. – Tae Kwon Do Class (classroom)
- 7:00 p.m. – Administrative Board (110)

TUESDAY

- 1:00 p.m. – Faith in Justice Task Force
- 6:00-7:00 p.m. – PACC Rehearsal (110)
- 6:00-9:30 p.m. – PACC Rehearsal (S)

WEDNESDAY

- 6:30-8:30 p.m. – CST Rehearsal (Ulrich) (FH)

THURSDAY

- 6:30-8:30 p.m. – CST Rehearsal (Ulrich) (FH)
- 6:30 p.m. – Growth Committee

FRIDAY

- 6:00-8:30 p.m. – Tamil School
- 7:00 p.m. – Movie Night ~ *Come From Away* (S)

SATURDAY

- 7:00-9:00 a.m. – Private Group (Landes) (110)

NEXT SUNDAY *Sunflower Sunday*

- Sunflower Sunday ~ It is one more Sunday in which we will have an intentional time to lift our prayers for peace in Ukraine.
- 9:00 a.m. – Studies/Adult Sunday School
- 10:30 a.m. – Worship in Sanctuary and on Facebook
- 12:00 p.m. – End-of-the-Month Potluck (FH)
- 12:30 p.m. – Jubilate Ringers (S)
- 1:00 p.m. – Sanctuary Choir (S)
- 2:00-4:30 p.m. – CST Rehearsal (Ulrich) (FH)
- 7:00-9:00 p.m. – Private Group (Landes) (110)



April 17, 2022

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Founded in 1845



Easter Sunday

10:30 a.m.

April 17, 2022

** indicates standing, if able*

Today's Meditation

Easter is never deserved.

—Jan Karon, Home to Holly Springs

Preparing for Worship

We joyously welcome you to First Christian Church of Peoria. We are glad you're here on this Easter morning. For about 2000 years, people of every background, circumstance and mood have made their way to a tomb, to a church, to a community of faith to discover one thing: *He is risen!* And with that rising, hope has risen too. Dead places of our life are stirring again and new life is found. So, welcome!

Music for Meditation – *Easter Joy*—Smith

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

A Moment of Silence

Praising God

*The Good News – from the Gospel of John

*Easter Proclamation

Leader: He is Risen!

All: He is Risen Indeed! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*Gathering Praise – *Christ the Lord Is Risen Today* #216

*Responsive Prayer

Leader: Let us pray together...

Roll away the stone, O God – roll away the stones that seal us in old patterns like a tomb. Work a resurrection in us today.

Raise our faith up to new life; fill us with the courage that comes from conviction.

Raise our church up to new life; fill us with the joy that comes from the possibilities of a new day.

Raise our nation up to new life; fill us with harmony, trust and mutual care.

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Raise our world up to new life; fill us with a spirit of peace and friendship and plenty.

Resurrecting and resurrected God, roll away the stones and raise us up to new life.

This we pray in the name of our Risen Lord, who taught us to pray, singing...Our Father...

The Lord's Prayer – #307

Welcome

Hearing God's Word

Scripture Reading – Old Testament: Isaiah 25:6-9 p. 652

Congregational choral response:

Morning Has Broken (vs. 1) – #53

Scripture Reading – New Testament: John 1:1-9 p. 91

Congregational choral response:

Morning Has Broken (vs. 3) – #53

Moment for the Children

Hannah Fitch

Anthem – *Christ Is Risen! Alleluia!*—Mark Hayes

Sanctuary Choir

Easter Message ...while it was still dark...

Karen Merrick

Easter Affirmation

Responding to God's Word

*Hymn of Commitment – *Christ is Risen! Shout Hosanna!* #222

A Time of Prayer

Communion Hymn – *In the Garden*

#227

The Lord's Supper – *Prayer*—Weber

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

Offering Statement

Tithes and Offerings – *Andante Cantabile*—Koschat

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

*Doxology (tune: *All Creatures of Our God and King*)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Praise God all creatures here below:

Alleluia! Alleluia!

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Praise God, the source of all our gifts!

Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!

Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Alleluia!

*Dedication of Offering

Going Forth To Serve God

*Benediction

Leader: Christ is risen!

All: Christ is risen, indeed!

Leader: We go as risen people, proclaiming confidently...

All: We have seen the Lord!

*Congregational Response – *Christ Arose!* (vss. 1, 3) #224

*Postlude – *Christ Arose*—Williams



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.