

MINISTERING IN WORSHIP . . .
Presiding Elder ~ Frank Wheeler
Elders ~ Jenny Tripses & Steve West
Lay Reader ~ Becky Sisk
Greeters ~ Kathy Fenton & Connie Sinn
Acolyte ~ Natalie Woods
Deacons
 Chancel – Adan Woods
 *Joe Rex
 Terrie Wronkiewicz & Debbie Presnell
 * = Head Deacon **(Please count attendance)**
Counters ~ Mike & Laura Buckley
Sunday School/Grades 1-8 ~ Laura Cohen

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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)
1:00 p.m. - Elders Meeting
7:00 p.m. - Private Group (Landes) (110)

MONDAY – OFFICE CLOSED LABOR DAY

TUESDAY
11:00 a.m. - Growth Meeting (Peters)
6:00 p.m. - PACC (S/L/N)
6:30 p.m. - Peoria Players (FH)

WEDNESDAY
10:30 a.m. - Bible Study (110)
6:15 p.m. - Search Committee Meeting (110)
6:30 p.m. - Peoria Players (FH)

THURSDAY
6:30 p.m. - Peoria Players (FH)

FRIDAY
5:30 p.m. - Tamil (FH/Classrooms/LS/N)
7:30 p.m. - Peoria Players (FH)

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

NEXT SUNDAY
9:00 a.m. - Studies/Adult SS
9:30 a.m. - Steward Appreciation (S)
10:30 a.m. - Worship Service (S)
11:45 a.m. - Outreach Meeting (105)
11:45 a.m. - Worship Meeting (110)
7:00 p.m. - Private Group (Landes) (110)



September 01, 2024

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Founded in 1845



Today's Meditation

Hope is being able to see that there is light despite all of the darkness.

– Desmond Tutu

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 – *Andante Con Moto* - Guilmant

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

A Moment of Silence

**Opening Hymn – Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty*

#4

**Call to Worship*

Leader: Here, in this place, we celebrate the great things God has done.

People: In story and song, in silence and sacrament, we are reminded that God's relationship with us lasts forever.

Leader: Here, we are reminded of the promises made so long ago,

People: That the One we worship heals our brokenness and offers us hope.

**Opening Prayer*

Leader: Let us pray together...

All: We begin this time of worship with joy. The Lord has done such wonderful things for us. The future may be uncertain. We know not what we will encounter on our way. Yet, wherever we go, we go forth as people of the living God, and we go forth to touch the lives of all with God's healing ministry. O God, we ask your blessing upon this time of worship, that we may be a people of hope, as well as a people of faith. We pray this in the name of Jesus...Our Father...

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

**Glory Be to the Father (Gloria Patri)*

#36

Scripture Reading – Psalm 126: 1-6

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

Children's Message

Hannah Fitch

Special Music – *I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry*

Deann Anderson

Message – Everyday Prayerbook: *Hope*

Hank Anderson

**Hymn of Commitment – O God, Our Help in Ages Past*

vss. 1,2,3 #67

A Time of Prayer

Communion Hymn – *In This Very Room*

#295

The Lord's Supper – *Sabbath Reverie* - Hiles

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

Offering Statement

Tithes and Offerings – *Devotion* - Nordman

(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 – Help Us Accept Each Other*

vs. 1 #487

**Postlude – March of the Priests-* Mendelssohn

- 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 September ~ The study is on *Wresting with Doubt, Finding Faith* by Adam Hamilton. The class is being led by Becky Sisk.
 - Disciple Women ~ September 10th at 12 p.m. The speaker will be Linda Williams. Bring a lunch and join us. Sign up at the information desk.
 - Tasting Peoria ~ September 19th at 6 p.m. We will be going to Obed & Isaac's: 321 NE Madison Ave, Peoria. Sign up at the information desk or online.
 - Book Club ~ September 23rd at 6 p.m. The book is *The Art of Racing in the Rain* by Garth Stein. We will meet at the home of Sandy Surface, 643 Mickel Parkway, Washington. Sign up at the information desk or online.
 - Movie Night ~ September 26th at 6 p.m. The movie is *The Music Man*. Sign up at the information desk or online.
 - Potluck ~ September 29th 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.
 - Illinois Valley Cluster 5K Mission Dash ~ September 21st at 10 a.m. at the Rock Island Trail. The funds raised will go to hospital beds in the DR Congo. Registration forms are on the information desk.