

MINISTERING IN WORSHIP . . .
Presiding Elder ~ Jenny Tripses
Elders ~ Linda Rex & Beth Smittkamp
Lay Reader ~ Liz White
Greeters ~ Aldine Allen & Shirley Fuchs
Acolyte ~ Natalie Woods
Deacons
 Chancel – Laura Cohen
 *Jake Cohen
Terrie Wronkiewicz, Tom Davis & Cheryl Davis
 * = Head Deacon **(Please count attendance)**
Counters ~ Roger & Vickie Baker
Sunday School/Grades 1-8 ~ Kathleen Wheeler

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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, 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**
7:00 p.m. - Administrative Board (110)
- TUESDAY**
11:30 a.m. - Christian Ed
6:00 p.m. - Peoria Players (FH)
- WEDNESDAY**
10:00 a.m. - Montessori Game Day (FH)
10:30 a.m. - Bible Study (110)
6:00 p.m. - Peoria Players (FH)
- THURSDAY**
6:00 p.m. - Peoria Players (FH)
- FRIDAY**
10:30 a.m. - Montessori Graduation (FH)
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)
7:00 p.m. - Private Group (Landes) (110)



May 19, 2024

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Founded in 1845



Day of Pentecost
Music Appreciation Sunday

10:30 a.m. May 19, 2024

Today's Meditation

Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language?" Acts 2:7-8

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 Ministries Celebration

Music for Meditation – Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart
- Atkinson/Wagner
(Please use the music and the moment of silence to prepare your hearts and minds for worship)

A Moment of Silence

+Opening Hymn – On Pentecost They Gathered #237

+Call to Worship
Leader: O rushing wild spirit of God
People: Pour out your fire of love upon us!
Leader: Unfurl your language upon our lips,
People: Unlock our minds to embrace all possibility
Leader: Unleash our hearts, so we may worship you freely.
People: We lift our voices so that we may sing your praise.

+Opening Prayer
Leader: Let us pray together...
All: Send forth your Spirit, O God, and renew the face of the earth. Dwell among us, even though your presence will startle and unsettle us. Grant us your peace, we pray, as we gather to offer you worship and praise. We pray in the name of the One 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 Reading – Genesis 11:1-9
This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Noisy Offering

Children's Message Hannah Fitch

Sanctuary Choir – Glory to God Forever – arr. Sheldon Curry

Sermon – Reversal Hank Anderson

+Hymn of Invitation – Spirit vs. 4 #249

A Time of Prayer

Communion Hymn – Surely the Presence of the Lord #263

The Lord's Supper – Come, Holy Spirit, Our Souls Inspire
- Uppercue
All: "Here we celebrate that all people are welcome at this table of God's grace."

Offering Statement

Tithes and Offerings – What a Friend We Have in Jesus
- arr. Jenkins
(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 – Sweet, Sweet Spirit #261

+Postlude – Spirit of the Living God! - Jordan

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 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 ~ Wednesday's at 10:30 a.m. with Hank. The study is on the Book of Mark.

• Sunday Morning Study ~ June & July. We will be studying Paul's Ministry in Macedonia and Ephesus and how he encouraged the new Christians in their struggles with the social, religious, economic and political dynamics of the Roman and Jewish world. The class will be led by Frank Wheeler. There is still one class left for the May Study with Becky Sisk.

• Movie Night ~ May 24th at 7 p.m. The movie is The African Queen. Sign up at the information desk or online.

• Potluck ~ May 26th after the Worship Service. Sign up at the information desk or online if you can help with prep or cleanup. Bring your own tableware to reduce waste.

• Book Club ~ May 28th at 6 p.m. The book is Killers of the Flower Moon by David Grann. We will be meeting at the home of Marilyn Wood, 4713 W Lynnhurst Dr. Peoria. Snacks and refreshments provided. Sign up at the information desk or online.

• Book Fair ~ June 30th following the Worship Service. Bring in your used books to donate and place them on table in the Fellowship Hall. There will also be a freewill donation taken during the Book Fair. Funds raised will go to Look It's My Book.