

MINISTERING IN WORSHIP . . .
Presiding Elder ~ Becky Sisk
Elders ~ Frank & Kathleen Wheeler
Lay Reader ~ Terrie Wronkiewicz
Greeters ~ Connie Julien & Judy Leeper
Acolyte ~ Natalie Woods
Deacons
 Chancel – Geraldine Runkle
 *Alice Jury
 Tim Dougherty, Lisa Cheatham & Kyle Cheatham
 * = Head Deacon **(Please count attendance)**
Counters ~ Steve West & Ralph Tegg
Sunday School/Grades 1-8 ~ Laura Buckley

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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) 7:00 p.m. - Private Group (Landes) (110)
MONDAY	6:00 p.m. - Book Club (Off Site) 6:00 p.m. - Peoria Players (FH)
TUESDAY	6:00 p.m. - Peoria Players (FH) 6:30 p.m. - Cluster Meeting (Sunnyland) 6:30 p.m. - Transition Team (110)
WEDNESDAY	10:30 p.m. - Bible Study (110) 6:00 p.m. - Peoria Players (FH)
THURSDAY	6:00 p.m. - Peoria Players (FH)
FRIDAY	6:00 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) 12:00 p.m. - Book Fair (FH) 7:00 p.m. - Private Group (Landes) (110)



June 23, 2024

Today's Meditation

For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

– Romans 8:38-39 NRSV

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 – *Morning Song* – Gerald Peterson

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

A Moment of Silence

[†]Opening Hymn – *We’ve a Story to Tell to the Nations* #484

[†]Call to Worship

Leader: O give thanks to God, call on his name, make known God's deeds among the peoples.

People: Sing to God, sing praises to him; tell of all God's wonderful works.

Leader: Glory in God's holy name; let the hearts of those who seek God rejoice.

People: Seek God and his strength; seek God's presence continually.

†Opening Prayer

Leader: Let us pray together...

All: We've come to worship you, O God. You loved us before we were yet born, you know us even better than we know ourselves, your presence never leaves us, and your love for us never ceases. And, now, O God, we ask that you bless this time of worship. We pray this in the name of the one who taught us...Our Father...

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

[†]Glory Be to the Father (Gloria Patri)

#36

Scripture Reading – Hosea 11:1-9

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

Children's Message

Hannah Fitch

Special Music

Praise Team

The Power of Your Love – Geoff Bullock

Sermon – Prophetic: *When Israel was a Child*

Hank Anderson

[†]Hymn of Invitation – *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* vss. 1,2 #86

A Time of Prayer

Communion Hymn – *The Old Rugged Cross* #548

The Lord's Supper – *Brother James' Air* – Bain/Wood

All: “Here we celebrate that all people are welcome at this table of God’s grace.”

Offering Statement

Tithes and Offerings – *Simple Gifts* – arr. Dale Wood

(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 – *Here I Am, Lord* vs. 1 #452

[†]Postlude – Postlude on *Italian Hymn* – arr. Gordon Young

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 are studying Paul's Ministry in Macedonia and Ephesus. The class is led by Frank Wheeler.
- Book Club ~ June 24th at 6 p.m. The book is *Still Life* by Louise Penny. We will meet at the home of Elizabeth Carrico, 1141 CR 1300 N. Metamora. Sign up at the information desk or online.
- Transition Team Meeting ~ June 25th at 6:30 p.m. The Transition Team is eager to hear your feedback and ideas. **Everyone is welcome to attend this meeting.**
- Movie Night ~ June 28th at 6 p.m. The movie is *The African Queen*. Sign up at the information desk or online.
- Book Fair ~ June 30th following the Worship Service. There will be a freewill donation taken during the Book Fair. Funds raised will go to *Look It's My Book*.
- Potluck ~ June 30th 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.
- Summer Music ~ If you would like to participate in the Summer Music there is a signup on Heather's door or online.