Throughout the Church...

Elder's Meeting - TODAY Cluster Meeting - Tuesday @ 6:30pm Teachers Meeting - 10/12 @ 11:45am Worship Meeting - 10/12 @ 11:45am



Tasting Peoria Saturday @ 8am



Trivia Game Saturday @ 2pm



Check out our full calendar of events here



Please always check with the church office if you are wanting to use the church building. Thank you!

One Table, Many Nations

Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread.

1 Corinthians 10:17

Every first Sunday in October, Christians around the world gather at Christ's table. From tiny chapels to grand cathedrals, from house churches to open fields, from whispered prayers to loud songs, we come.

World Communion Sunday reminds us that God's family is wider than we imagine. It stretches across languages, cultures, and traditions. The bread may look different. The cup may taste different. But the promise is the same: we belong to one another in Christ.

In a world fragmented by division, communion is a quiet revolution. It says there is space for all. It says the table is long enough. It says that when we eat and drink together, we are practicing the unity that God dreams for creation.

This meal doesn't erase our differences. It sanctifies them; weaving us into one body, bound not by uniformity, but by love.

This Week's Practice: Live the Table

- Pray for Christians in another country, giving thanks for the diversity of God's people.
 Share a meal with someone outside your usual
- Share a meal with someone outside your usual circle, a neighbor, coworker, or friend. Listen to their story.
- When you sit down at your own table, pause to remember the global church gathered around Christ.

Before You Go...

The bread is one. The cup is one. The body is one. Wherever you go, let your life bear witness to the wideness of Christ's table.



October 5, 2025 10:30am

First Christian Church



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Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

+ indicates standing, if able

Today's Meditation

[Disciples founder Barton] Stone envisioned a public communion service being a great Christian witness when he called for it to be held the first week in August, 1801, at the Cane Ridge Meeting House. The gathering exploded into a revival meeting that was the catalyst for the Second Great Awakening on the American frontier.

- Kinnamon/Linn in "Disciples: Reclaiming Our Identity, Reforming Our Practice"

†Fellowship of the Church

(Please sign in online or on the red pad in your pew)

Music for Meditation

Bread of the World - Hodges/Paxton
Please use the music and the moment of silence to prepare
your hearts and minds for worship.

A Moment of Silence

†Call to Worship

One: We praise you, O God

Many: We acknowledge you as the rightful focus of our worship and worthy of praise

One: All of creation Worships you, O God

Many: Heaven and Earth are full of the majesty of your glory

One: The glorious company of the apostles praise you

Many: The communion of the prophets praise you

One: The saints and the great cloud of witnesses continue to praise you

All: Day by day we praise you, O God. We worship your everlasting presence forever - world without end, Amen.

†Opening Hymn #419

All Who Hunger Gather Gladly

†Opening Prayer

Leader: Let us pray together...

All: We give you thanks, O God, for the mighty sweep of your love, embracing all people around the world. We thank you that you have sent Jesus to break down the walls of hostility dividing humanity and reveal to us your encompassing love. By your presence, make sacred this feast in memory of Jesus Christ. And, unite us around the world as we all come to this common table. Unite us even more deeply, as we join together to pray the prayer Jesus taught us, saying...Our Father...

†Vision Response #357

We Call Ourselves Disciples vs 4

Scripture Reading Mark 14:22-26

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

Children's Message Rev. Emily Williams

Special Music Sanctuary Choir Hope for All Nations arr. Cliff Duren

Sermon Rev. Adam Bradley

Disciples & the Lord's Table

†Hymn of Commitment #425

Let Us Break Bread Together

A Time of Prayer

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Communion Hymn #393

One Bread, One Body

The Lord's Supper

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

Panis Angelicus - Franck/Leatherman

Offering Statement

Tithes & Offerings

If you are able, please come forward at this time to place your offering in the plate in front of the communion table.

Beautiful Savior - Wood

†Doxology #46

†Dedication of Offering

+Benediction

†Congregational Response #398

Be Known to Us in Breaking Bread

Postlude

Festal Postlude - Powell

Ministering Today

Elders Becky Sisk Mike Buckley Deacons Chancel Laura Cohen Head Jake Cohen Connie Julien

Lay Reader Larry Weber
Acolyte Natalie Woods
Greeters Peter & Lindsey

Hinshaw Mike & Laura Buckley

Laura Buckley

Dan Cox

Adult SS Dave Sinn
Youth SS Kathleen Wheeler

Preschool Jenny Tripses

Counters

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

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