

## DON'T FORGET

Baby Shower - TODAY after worship  
Stewardship - Monday @ 6:15pm  
Administrative Board - Monday @ 7pm

Memorial for Karen Cadmus  
Saturday @ 2pm



**Movie Night**  
Thursday @ 6pm



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!

## The Ministry of Paying Attention



### *Where Every Voice Belongs*



In worship, music is never just a filler, it is formation. Every note, every silence, every invitation to sing is a decision about who belongs, who leads, and who gets to feel seen.

Music ministry is a holy calling. It is also a form of justice:

- It invites those who don't preach to proclaim.
- It gives the child, the elder, the off-key voice, and the soloist a place in the song.
- It honors tradition and opens the door to the unfamiliar.

To our church's musicians: your ministry matters more than you know. Every time you rehearse, show up early, sing through pain, or play when you're tired, you are creating space where others can meet God.

And to the Church as a whole: What we sing, and how we sing it, tells the world who we think God is and who we believe is welcome. Pay attention to that.

### **This Week's Practice: Let the Music Lead Us Deeper**

- Thank someone in music ministry this week, especially someone who works behind the scenes.
- Reflect on how music has helped you feel seen or connected to God this year.
- Ask: How can we continue to reflect the fullness of God's people and story through our music?

This isn't about fixing anything. It's about growing together with joy and intention.

### **Before You Go...**

Music doesn't have to be perfect to be powerful. Whether you're in the choir or the pew, your voice matters. And what we create when we sing together? That's something holy. This week, keep your ears open. Let a lyric linger. And if someone's song lifts you up - tell them.



**May 18, 2025**  
**10:30am**

## First Christian Church



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Fifth Sunday of Easter  
† indicates standing, if able

**Today's Meditation**  
*If you do not expect the unexpected, you will not recognize it when it arrives.*  
-Heraclitus

- †Fellowship of the Church  
*(Please sign in online or on the red pad in your pew)*
- Music for Meditation  
*Amazing Grace! (How Sweet the Sound)* - arr. McConnell  
Please use the music and the moment of silence to prepare your hearts and minds for worship.
- A Moment of Silence
- †Opening Hymn #90  
*Come Christians, Join to Sing*
- †Call to Worship  
*Leader: O sing to the Lord a new song, for God has done marvelous things.*  
**People: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth;**  
*Leader: Break forth into joyous song and sing praises.*  
**People: Sing praises to the Lord with stringed instruments,**  
*Leader: With string instruments and the sound of melody.*  
**People: With trumpets and the sound of the horn**  
*Leader: Let us worship God through song and word, in spirit and in truth.*
- †Opening Prayer  
*Leader: Let us pray together...*  
**All: Great is our God and worthy of praise! God's goodness knows no limits; God's faithfulness towards us is boundless. God, your majesty and glory surround us. We've come together to celebrate your presence, and to offer you our songs of praise and worship. We've come to rejoice in your mighty acts, and to retell the story of your goodness throughout history and in our own lives. Move among us as we worship together; may your Spirit guide and inspire our thoughts and actions. In the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ, who taught us to pray. . .Our Father...**
- †Vision Response #668  
*For the Healing of the Nations vs 4*

- Scripture Reading John 21:1-14  
*This is the word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.*
- Children's Message Hannah Fitch
- Baby Dedication**  
*Tyson Lee Cheatham*
- Special Music Sanctuary Choir  
*Hear the Joyful Sound* arr. Mark Hayes
- Sermon Hank Anderson  
*The Waiting: A Post-Resurrection Tour*  
The Shoreline Session
- †Hymn of Commitment #7  
*When in Our Music God Is Glorified*
- A Time of Prayer  
*Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.*
- Communion Hymn #422  
*Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ*
- The Lord's Supper  
**All: Here we celebrate that all people are welcome at this table of God's grace.**  
*Hear Now My Humble Prayer* - Smith
- 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.*  
*Cantabile* - Conely
- †Doxology #46
- †Dedication of Offering
- †Benediction
- †Congregational Response #286  
*This Is the Day*
- Postlude  
*Trompette Brillante* - Vivaldi/Williams

Ministering Today

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|-----------------|---|
| Presiding Elder | Dave Sinn   |
| Elders          | Roger Baker<br>Vickie Baker   |
| Deacons         |   |
| Chancel Head    | Geraldine Runkle<br>Joe Rex<br>Ange Bertucci<br>Cheryl Davis<br>Tom Davis |
| Lay Reader      | Cheryl Davis  |
| Greeters        | Terrie Wronkiewicz<br>Margaret Goulden<br>Roger & Vickie Baker            |
| Counters        |   |
| Adult SS        | Frank Wheeler   |
| Youth SS        | Kathleen Wheeler  |
| Preschool       | Deann Anderson  |

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

Staff

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|---------------|------------------------------|
| Hank Anderson | Interim Minister             |
| Heather Woods | Music Ministry Coordinator   |
| Brian Woods   | Organist                     |
| Mason Fitch   | Digital Ministry Coordinator |
| Brandy Cox    | Child Care                   |
| Diane Pfoff   | Office Manager               |
| Lynn Hutton   | Bookkeeper                   |
| Sung Kim      | Custodian                    |