

Ministering Today

Presiding Elder	Mike Buckley
Elders	Carmen Nicoll
	Beth Smittkamp
Deacons	
Chancel Head	Laura Cohen
	Jake Cohen
	Peter Hinshaw
	Lindsey Hinshaw
	Levi Holloway
Lay Reader	Kevin Wolfe
Greeters	Jake Cohen
	Laura Cohen
Counters	Roger Baker
	Vickie Baker
Adult SS	Hank Anderson
Youth SS	Be Gibson
Preschool	Jenny Tripses

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

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

Calendar

Today	
9:00 am	Adult Studies
10:30 am	Worship Service
12:00 pm	Elders Meeting
12:30 pm	Jubilate Ringers
1:00 pm	Sanctuary Choir
4:00 pm	Cluster Lenten Service Mackinaw CC
7:00 pm	Private Group
Monday	
6:00 pm	Peoria Players
Tuesday	
12:00 pm	Disciple Women
1:15 pm	Christian Ed
6:00 pm	PACC
6:00 pm	Peoria Players
Wednesday	
10:30 am	Bible Study
5:00 pm	Dungeons & Dragons
6:00 pm	Peoria Players
Thursday	
6:00 pm	Tasting Peoria
6:00 pm	Peoria Players
Friday	
6:00 pm	Tamil School
Saturday	
7:00 am	Private Group
1:30 pm	PACC
Next Sunday - Palm Sunday	
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April 6, 2025
10:30am

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Fifth Sunday in Lent
† indicates standing, if able

Today's Meditation

But if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.

-1 John 1:7 NRSV

†Fellowship of the Church
(Please sign in online or on the red pad in your pew)

Minute for MissionLarry Weber

Music for Meditation
The Solid Rock - Bradbury/Kirkland
Please use the music and the moment of silence to prepare your hearts and minds for worship.

A Moment of Silence

†Opening Hymn#27
Come, Thou Almighty King

†Call to Worship
Leader: This is the message that we have heard from Jesus and proclaim:
People: God is light and in God, there is no darkness at all.
Leader: So, let us walk in the light, just as Jesus is in the light.
People: Let us show Jesus's love and compassion for all.
Leader: Come, let us worship the One who showed us the light of God's love.
People: Let us celebrate the love that brings light to our lives and to the world.

†Opening Prayer
Leader: Let us pray together...
All: O God of light and love, open our hearts this day to the presence of Jesus Christ. Erase our excuses for unbelief and exchange them for strong witness to the power of your mercy and love. Give us courage and challenge us to walk the path of faithfulness, knowing that Jesus goes before us, leading and guiding our steps. We pray this in the name of Jesus, who taught us to pray...Our Father...

†Lenten Response#461
Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service vs 3

Scripture Reading1 John 1:5-7
This is the word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Children's MessageHannah Fitch

Special MusicJubilate Ringers
And He Never Said a WordMichael Ryan

SermonHank Anderson
Savior: The Power of the Cross
Making Us Clean

†Hymn of Commitment#339
Just as I Am, Without One Plea

A Time of Prayer
Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Communion Hymn#195
When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

The Lord's Supper
All: Here we celebrate that all people are welcome at this table of God's grace.
Prayer - Lau

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.
Consecrated, Lord, to Thee - Malan/Wagner

†Doxology#46

†Dedication of Offering

†Benediction

†Congregational Response#323
Wonderful Words of Life vs 2

Postlude
The Way of the Lord - Ritter

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 on the welcome table and you can also fill out the form on the church app. The paper forms can be put in the offering plate, or hand it directly to the pastor.
- Our sound system is equipped with a hearing assistance technology system. Please see someone in the tech booth for more information or to use.
- Sunday Morning Study ~ During the season of Lent, Hank is leading a study looking at some of the different ways that Christians have understood the Cross. You can still join in, just speak with Hank regarding the accompanying book.
- Bible Study ~ Wednesday's at 10:30 a.m. with Hank. We are studying Paul's Letter to the Romans. Please join us anytime!
- Easter Celebration ~ April 19th at 10 a.m. Your kids will hear the Easter story, have a fun egg hunt, and enjoy some breakfast snacks!
- Easter Brunch ~ April 20th, 8:30am-10am; Celebrate Easter before worship with pancakes, fresh fruit, and an assortment of homemade goodies!
- Disciple Women ~ April 8th at 12 p.m. The group will be painting the pottery they made in February. Sign up at the information desk or in the app!
- Tasting Peoria ~ April 10th at 6 p.m. We will be going to Peoria Pizza Works, 3921 N Prospect Rd, Peoria Heights, IL 61616. Sign up at the info desk or in the app.
- Movie Night ~ April 24th at 6 p.m. The movie is "The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel". Sign up at the info desk or in the app.
- April Potluck ~ April 27th after the Worship Service. Bring your own tableware to reduce waste. Please sign up in the app or at the information desk if you are able to help with setup or clean up