

MINISTERING IN WORSHIP . . .

Presiding Elder ~ Dave Sinn
Elders ~ Mike Buckley & Becky Sisk
Lay reader ~ Kate Spielman
Greeters ~ Jake & Laura Cohen
Acolyte ~ Natalie Woods
Deacons
 Chancel – Laura Cohen
 *Jake Cohen, Joe Rex, Kyle Cheatham & Darren Woods
* = Head Deacon **(Please count attendance)**
Counters ~ Owen & Alice Jury



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:
Rev. 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**
6:00 p.m. – Peoria Players (FH)
7:00 p.m. – Administrative Board (110)
- TUESDAY**
1:00 p.m. – Faith in Justice Task Force
6:00 p.m. – Peoria Players (FH)
- WEDNESDAY**
6:00 p.m. – Peoria Players (FH)
- THURSDAY**
6:00 p.m. – Peoria Players (FH)
- FRIDAY**
6:00 p.m. – Peoria Players (FH)
7:00 p.m. – Movie Night (S)
- SATURDAY**
7:00 a.m. – Private Group (Landes) (110)
8:00 a.m. – Tasting Peoria – The 50’s Dinner
- NEXT SUNDAY – FATHER’S DAY**
9:00 a.m. – Studies/Adult SS
10:30 a.m. – Worship Service (S)
12:00 p.m. – Potluck (FH)
7:00 p.m. – Private Group (Landes) (110)



June 18, 2023

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Founded in 1845



Today's Meditation
This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.
-Psalm 118:24 NRSV

Fellowship of the Church
(Please register on pads at end of each pew.)
We want to extend a special welcome to our first-time visitors. You are invited to stop at the Visitor's Table before you leave to receive more information about our church and a little something extra.

Music for Meditation – *Father, We Praise Thee* - Smith
(Please use the music and the moment of silence to prepare your hearts and minds for worship.)

A Moment of Silence
*Gathering Praise – *This Is My Father's World* #59

*Call to Worship
Leader: Today we meet in the presence of God
People: And we do not meet alone.
Leader: Following in the footsteps of Abraham and Sarah
People: We gather to worship the Lord.
Leader: Today, we embark on a new journey of faith
People: God, may we always look to you.
Leader: We pray for wisdom and strength
People: God's Holy name be praised.
Leader: For we journey in the presence of God
People: And we do not journey alone.

Opening Prayer
Leader: Let us pray together...
ALL: O God, We gather today in your presence with expectation, eager for an encounter with you. Open our eyes and ears to the presence of your Holy Spirit. As we begin this new journey, we place our trust in you. Help us to know that you are always with us, and that your desire is to bless us and to minister through us.

May all that we say and do this morning be pleasing in your sight. We pray this in the name of Jesus Christ, who taught us to pray... Our Father...
(Words to *The Lord's Prayer* may be found in the hymnal – #307)

*Glory Be to the Father (Gloria Patri) #36

Scripture Readings – Genesis 11:31-32
This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Moment for the Children Hannah Fitch

Special Music – Praise Team
Refresh My Heart/The Potter's Hand

Message – *An Unknown Destination* Rev. Hank Anderson

*Hymn of Invitation – *Savior, Like a Shepard Lead Us* #558

A Time of Prayer

Communion Hymn – *The Voice Of Jesus Calls His People*
#426

The Lord's Supper – *Consecrated, Lord, to Thee*
- Malan/Wagner

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

Offering Statement
Tithes and Offerings – *Children of the Heavenly Father*
- arr. Lau
(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 – *Faith of Our Fathers* vs. 1
#635

*Postlude – *Hark, Hark, My Soul* - Dykes

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 with the bread sealed in clear plastic on top of the foil lid for the juice. 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 your bulletin. They can be put in the offering plate, hung on the prayer wall in the east end of 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.
- Foster Village ~ First Christian Church will be a Donation Drive Partner for the month of June. For a list of the Village Closet needs check the information desk.
- Movie Night ~ June 23rd at 7p.m. The movie is: A League of their own. Sign up at the information desk.
- Tasting Peoria ~ June 24th 8 a.m. at: The 50's Dinner. Come join us for breakfast. Sign up at the information desk.
- Potluck ~ Sunday June 25th. Please bring a dish and sign up for preparation and cleanup help.
- Book Club ~ June's book is "The Silver Ladies of Penny Lane" by Dee MacDonald. Join us June 27th at 7 p.m. at Margaret Goulden's home. Sign up at the information desk.
- Celebrate ~ Steve and Chere Peters 50th Anniversary is June 30th at 6:30 p.m. at Elisa and Mark's home: 6412 N Brookwood Ln. Please join them in the celebration. No gifts please.