

MINISTERING IN WORSHIP . . .
Presiding Elder ~ Kathleen Wheeler
Elders ~ Kevin Cheatham & Steve West
Lay Reader ~ Becky Sisk
Greeters ~ Debbie Presnell & Geraldine Runkle
Acolyte ~ Natalie Woods
Deacons
 Chancel – Lisa Cheatham
 *John Best
 Barb Turner & Kyle Cheatham
* = Head Deacon **(Please count attendance)**
Counters ~ Mike & Laura Buckley
Friends of Jesus ~ Linda Rex
Sunday School/Grades 1-8 ~ Cheryl Davis



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, 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)
12:00 p.m. - Elders Meeting
12:30 p.m. - Jubilate Ringers (S)
1:00 p.m. - Sanctuary Choir (S)
7:00 p.m. - Private Group (Landes) (110)

MONDAY

TUESDAY
6:00 p.m. - PACC (S/L/N)

WEDNESDAY
10:30 a.m. - Bible Study (110)

THURSDAY

FRIDAY
6:00 p.m. - Tamil School (Classrooms/FH)

SATURDAY
7:00 a.m. - Private Group (Landes) (110)

NEXT SUNDAY- DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS
9:00 a.m. - Studies/Adult SS
10:30 a.m. - Worship Service (S)
12:30 p.m. - Jubilate Ringers (S)
1:00 p.m. - Sanctuary Choir (S)
4:00 p.m. - Cluster Lenten Service (S) (FH)
7:00 p.m. - Private Group (Landes) (110)



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FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Founded in 1845



Today's Meditation

So we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. - 1 Corinthians 12:5 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 – *Nearer, My God, to Thee* - Mason/Young
(Please use the music and the moment of silence to prepare your hearts and minds for worship)

A Moment of Silence

[†]Gathering Praise – *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise* #66

[†]Call to Worship

Leader: The heavens tell the glory of God.

People: May our worship reflect God's glory.

Leader: The firmament proclaims God's handiwork.

People: May we see each other as the handiwork of God.

Leader: Let our prayer and praise, our singing and proclamation project the love of God.

People: We join with Christians around the world, with Christians throughout time.

Leader: As we lift our worship to God!

[†]Opening Prayer

Leader: Let us pray together...

ALL: Eternal God, breathe life into our singing, our praying, our speaking, our listening, our touching, that all these activities might become more than they are. In our worship we reach out to You, O God, knowing that You have already enfolded us in Your arms. In Jesus, we pray. Amen... Our Father...

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

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

#36

Scripture Reading – John 4:5-10

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

Moment for the Children

Hannah Fitch

Anthem

Sanctuary Choir

Lest I Forget Your Love – Heather Sorenson

Message – *Giving Up Superiority*

Hank Anderson

[†]Hymn of Invitation – *Take Time to Be Holy* vss. 1,2 # 572

A Time of Prayer

Communion Hymn – *Loving God, as Now We Gather* #427

The Lord's Supper – *Just As I Am* – Bradbury/Young

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

Offering Statement

Tithes and Offerings – *It Is Well With My Soul* – Bliss/Hughes

(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 –

Go, My Children, with My Blessing vs.1 #431

[†]Postlude – *Crown Him Lord of All!* – Ellor/Martin

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 Morning Bible Study at 10:30 a.m. with Hank. The study is on the Book of Mark.
- Sunday Morning Study ~ Deann Anderson is leading the class during February and March on "*Inspired: Slaying Giants, Walking on Water, and Loving the Bible Again*" by Rachel Held Evans.
- Illinois Valley Cluster Lenten Service ~ March 10th at 4 p.m. Dinner to follow. Please check the information desk to sign up for food and help needed.
- Tasting Peoria ~ March 21st at 6 p.m. We will be going to PO-Boys, 6736 Frostwood Pkwy, Peoria. Sign up at the information desk or online.
- Movie Night ~ March 22nd at 7 p.m. The movie is *This Beautiful Fantastic*. Sign up at the information desk or online.
- Easter Celebration ~ March 30th at 10 a.m. We will have story time, Easter egg hunt and refreshments. Check the information desk for help needed with this event or go online.
- Easter Brunch ~ March 31st at 8 a.m. We need a few food items and help with setup and cleanup. Please check the information desk sign up or online.
- Regional Disciple Women Event ~ Ties that Bind. April 13th at 9 a.m. The Rev. Petie Mclean will speak. Registration forms are available at the information desk. Some help is needed for this event please check the sign up on the information desk.