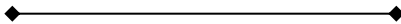


MINISTERING IN WORSHIP . . .

Presiding Elder ~ Roger Baker
Elders ~ Roger Baker/Vickie Baker
Lay reader ~ Terry Wronkiewicz
Greeters ~ Aldine Allen/Shirley Fuchs
Acolyte ~ Natalie Woods
Deacons
 Chancel – Kelsey Reynolds
 *Kelsey Reynolds, John Best, Terrie Wronkiewicz,
 Tom Davis, Cheryl Davis
* = Head Deacon **(Please count attendance)**
Counters ~ Jim & Beth Smittkamp



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:
Speaker: Carolyn Roper Fowlkes
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**
5:00 p.m. – Tae Kwon Do Class (classroom)
7:00 p.m. – Administrative Board (110)
- TUESDAY**
1:00 p.m. – Faith and Justice Task Force
- WEDNESDAY**
6:30 p.m. – Fellowship Committee Meeting
- THURSDAY**
6:00 p.m. – Tasting Peoria – One World (Off site)
- FRIDAY**
6:00 p.m. – Peoria Players Auditions (FH)
6:00 p.m. – Tamil School (classrooms)
- SATURDAY**
7:00 a.m. – Private Group (Landes) (110)
10:00 a.m. – Peoria Players Auditions (FH)
1:00 p.m. – Recital (Armistead/Duffer) (S/L)
- NEXT SUNDAY**
9:00 a.m. – Studies/Adult SS
10:30 a.m. – Worship Service (S)
7:00 p.m. – Private Group (Landes) (110)



May 14, 2023

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Founded in 1845



Sixth Sunday of Easter
Mother's Day

10:30 a.m. May 14, 2023
*indicates standing, if able

Today's Meditation
Hope is a good thing, maybe the best of things, and no good thing ever dies.
- Andy Dufresne

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.

Minute for Mission Aldine Allen

Music for Meditation – *Andante Cantabile* - Beethoven
(Please use the music and the moment of silence to prepare your hearts and minds for worship.)

A Moment of Silence

*Gathering Praise – *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee* #2

*Call to Worship
Leader: We gather here in anticipation,
People: seeking an encounter with the Holy,
Leader: who comes among us when we least expect it,
People: who invites us to wrestle with our questions and doubts,
Leader: who richly blesses us,
People: and calls us each by name.

Opening Prayer
Leader: Let us pray together...
All: God of life, whose love enfolds us, and spirit fills us, we praise your holy name. God of joy, whose sunrise wakes us, and sunset amazes us, we praise your holy name. God of hope, whose promise sustains us, and power upholds us, we praise your holy name. God of love, whose patience humbles us, and touch can heal us, we praise our holy name. God of peace, who breaks down barriers, and walls that divide us, we praise your holy name. God of eternity, who has always loved us, and by grace has saved us, we praise your holy name. We praise your son, who taught us to pray saying...Our Father...
(Words to *The Lord's Prayer* may be found in the hymnal – #307)

Scripture Readings – 1st Peter 3:13-22
This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Moment for the Children Hannah Fitch

Anthem Jubilate Ringers
Fanfare on “*To God Be the Glory*” – Ron Mallory

Message –*The Hope That Is in You* Carolyn Roper Fowlkes

*Hymn of Invitation – *My Hope is Built* #537

A Time of Prayer

Communion Hymn –
Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service vss. 1-2 #461

The Lord's Supper – *Andante Espressivo* - Kjerulf
All: “**Here we celebrate that all people are welcome at this table of God's grace.**”

Offering Statement

Tithes and Offerings – *Andante in F* - Heller
(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.3 #635

*Postlude – *In Hoc Signo* - Nordman

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.
- Pentecost Offering ~ Offering's given on May 21 & May 28. Half of your gift will support local new church movement through your region's ministry, the other half supports New Church Ministry efforts across the United States and Canada.
- Book Club ~ May's book is “Becoming” by Michelle Obama. Join us May 23 at 7pm at Margaret Goulden's home. Sign up at the information desk.
- Tasting Peoria ~ Will meet at One World on May 18 at 6 pm. Still time to sign up at the information desk.
- Movie Night ~ May 26 at 7 pm. The movie is Thunder Force.
- 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.
- Family Pajama Party ~ June 2 at 5:30 pm. Light dinner will be provided along with popcorn, party favors and a movie. Please sign up at the information desk.
- June Sunday Morning Study ~ “Archaeology and the Bible” starts on June 4. Frank Wheeler will lead the class and focus on issues such as “How Archaeology Works” and “How Archaeology Helps Us Have a Better Understanding of the Bible.”