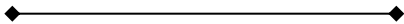


MINISTERING IN WORSHIP . . .

Presiding Elder ~ Becky Sisk
Elders ~ Connie & Dave Sinn
Lay Reader ~ Larry Weber
Greeters ~ Kathy Fenton & Connie Sinn
Acolyte ~ Natalie Woods
Deacons
 Chancel – Laura Cohen
 *Jake Cohen
Alice Jury, Dana Powers & Tim Dougherty
* = Head Deacon **(Please count attendance)**
Counters ~ John & Lisa Best



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. - Potluck (FH)
1:00 p.m. - Peoria Players Callbacks (FH/110)
7:00 p.m. - Private Group (Landes) (110)

MONDAY

6:00 p.m. - Peoria Players (FH)

TUESDAY

6:00 p.m. - Peoria Players (FH)
6:00 p.m. - PACC Rehearsal (S/N)
7:00 p.m. - Book Club (Off Site)

WEDNESDAY

6:30 p.m. - Peoria Players (FH)
6:00 p.m. – Stewardship Committee Meeting (CR105)

THURSDAY

6:30 p.m. - Peoria Players (FH)

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

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

NEXT SUNDAY

9:00 a.m. - Studies/Adult SS
10:30 a.m. - Worship Service (S)
11:45 a.m.- Elders Meeting
7:00 p.m. - Private Group (Landes) (110)



August 27, 2023

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Founded in 1845



Today's Meditation

Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony – Colossians 3:14

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 - Have You any Room for Jesus – arr. Wilson
(Please use the music and the moment of silence to prepare your hearts and minds for worship.)

A Moment of Silence

*Gathering Praise – They'll Know We Are Christians #494

*Call to Worship
Leader: We lift our souls to you, Holy God.
People: We trust the Lord with our past, present and future.
Leader: Teach us, Lord, that we may know your ways.
People: Guide our every move, that we may walk in your paths of love and mercy.
Leader: Let us worship the One who leads us in what is right.
People: Together, let us worship God!

Opening Prayer
Leader: Let us pray together...
ALL: Merciful God, you sent your Son, Jesus Christ, to show us a different way to live. You've called us to love one another, and to work together with one heart and mind. Give us courage to follow you faithfully, and may our worship this day overflow into our daily tasks and relationships – so that our lives will bring glory and honor to you, O Lord. Amen. We pray this in the name of the one who taught us to pray...Our Father...

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

Scripture Readings – Colossians 3:12-17
This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Moment for the Children Hannah Fitch

Special Music – If We Never Meet Again - Selah
Solo - Chris Frauenhoffer

Message – Love Hank Anderson

*Hymn of Invitation – I Bind My Heart This Tide #350

A Time of Prayer

Communion Hymn – In This Very Room #295

The Lord's Supper – All the Way My Savior Leads Me
-Lowry/Mason
All: "Here we celebrate that all people are welcome at this table of God's grace."

Offering Statement
Tithes and Offerings – The Solid Rock – Bradbury/Kirkland
(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 –
How Blest Are They Who Trust in Christ vs.1 #646

*Postlude – March in D – Handel/Parks

- 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 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.
 - Book Club ~ August 29th at 7 p.m. at Margaret Goulden's home. The book is: Braiding Sweetgrass by Robin Wall Kimmerer. Sign up at the information desk.
 - Sunday Morning Study ~ Becky Sisk will lead the class in September on The Call: The Life And Message Of The Apostle Paul by Adam Hamilton. Sign up at the information desk if you would like to attend.
 - Bible Study ~ Hank will be leading a Bible Study beginning Wednesday September 6th through November 15th. He will hold two classes, one at 10:30 a.m. and the other at 7:00 p.m. The study will be on the "The Gospel According to Mark". If you would like to attend please sign up at the information desk.
 - Disciples Women ~ Will resume on September 12th at 12:00 p.m. Please come join the group.
 - Tasting Peoria ~ September 21st at 6p.m. at Kuchie's On the Water. Sign up at the information desk.
 - Potluck ~ September 24th. This will be an outdoor picnic. Please bring a dish and your own tableware to reduce waste. If you can help with prep and cleanup sign up at the information desk.