

Ministering Today

Presiding Elder	Mike Buckley
Elders	Kevin Wolfe
	Mason Fitch
Deacons	
Chancel Head	Kelsey Reynolds
	John Best
	Victoria Truelove
	Oliver Truelove
Lay Reader	Connie Sinn
Greeters	Ralph & Ilene
	Tegg
Counters	Roger & Vickie
	Baker
Adult SS	Linda Williams
Pre-K SS	Dean Anderson
Elementary SS	Linda Rex

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
Terrie Wronkiewicz	Custodian

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

Calendar

Today	
9:00 am	Studies/Adult SS
10:30 am	Worship Service
12:30 pm	Jubilate Ringers
1:00 pm	Sanctuary Choir
7:00 pm	Private Group
Monday	
6:00 pm	Peoria Players
Tuesday	
6:00 pm	PACC
6:00 pm	Peoria Players
6:30 pm	Cluster Meeting @ Sunnyland CC
Wednesday	
10:30 am	Bible Study
5:00 pm	Dungeons & Dragons
6:00 pm	Peoria Players
Thursday - Happy Thanksgiving!	
ALL DAY	OFFICE CLOSED
Friday	
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5:30 pm	Tamil School
Saturday	
7:00 am	Private Group
Next Sunday - Hanging of the Greens	
9:00 am	Studies/Adult SS
10:30 am	Worship Service
12:00 pm	Holiday Potluck
12:30 pm	Jubilate Ringers
1:00 pm	Sanctuary Choir
7:00 pm	Private Group



November 24, 2024  
10:30am

First Christian Church



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Twenty-Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

† indicates standing, if able

Today's Meditation

*I have a mustard seed; and I am not afraid to use it.*  
-Pope Benedict XVI

†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 -

*Now Thank We All Our God* - Cruger/Sewell

*Please use the music and the moment of silence to prepare your hearts and minds for worship.*

A Moment of Silence

†Opening Hymn

*Come, Ye Thankful People, Come*

#718

†Call to Worship

*Leader: Let us sing praises to our God!*

**People: God heals the brokenhearted and bandages their wounds.**

*Leader: God counts the stars and calls them all by name.*

**People: How great is our Lord! God's understanding is beyond comprehension!**

*Leader: Sing out your thanks to the Lord; sing praises to our God.*

†Opening Prayer

*Leader: Let us pray together...*

**All: O God, we lift our praise to you. We have been blessed beyond measure, and rely upon your steadfast love. In this season of thanksgiving, we remember that all good things come from you. Help us to trust that you are working in ways that we neither see nor understand. Grant us the confidence that you will continue to bless us in the future as you have blessed us in the past. We pray this in the name of the one who taught us singing. . .**

The Lord's Prayer may be found in the hymnal #307

Scripture Reading

Matthew 13:31-33

*This is the word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.*

Children's Message

Hannah Fitch

Special Music

Sanctuary Choir

*A Harvest of Thanksgiving*

Stacey Nordmeyer

Thanksgiving Video

Sermon

Hank Anderson

*The Kingdom of Heaven is Like:*  
A Garden of Growth

†Hymn of Commitment

*Open My Eyes, That I May See*

#586

A Time of Prayer

*Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.*

Communion Hymn

*Let All Things Now Living*

#717

The Lord's Supper

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

*All Thanks and Praise to God! - arr. Smith*

Offering Statement

Tithes & Offerings

*My Faith Looks Up to Thee* - Mason/Eithun

*If you are able, please come forward at this time to place your offering in the plate in front of the communion table.*

†Doxology

#46

†Dedication of Offering

†Benediction

†Congregational Response

*For the Fruit of All Creation* vs. 3

#714

Postlude

*From All That Dwell below the Skies* - Hatton/Wells

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 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. 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's at 10:30 a.m. with Hank. We are studying the Book of Daniel.

• Sunday Morning Study ~ December: Hank Anderson is leading a study called "Four Words: An Advent Study". This study will also be repeated on Monday mornings, please sign up at the info desk.

• Disciple Women ~ December 10th at 12 p.m. They will be enjoying a Christmas Tea. Lunch is provided, so please be sure to sign up at the info desk or in the app.

• Tasting Peoria ~ December 12th at 6 p.m. We will be going to Sugar, 826 SW Adams St, Peoria, IL 61602. Sign up at the info desk or in the app.

• Book Club ~ January 27th at 6 p.m. The book is "Project Hail Mary" by Andy Weir. We will meet at the home of Marilyn Wood; please reach out to Marilyn or the office for the address. Sign up at the info desk or in the app.

• Movie Night ~ December 19th at 6 p.m. The movie is "The Holiday". Sign up at the info desk or in the app.

• Holiday Potluck ~ December 1st after the Worship Service. The Peoria Area Civic Chorale will be singing for us. Sign up at the information desk or online if you can help with prep and/or cleanup. Bring your own tableware to reduce waste.

• Christmas Decorating ~ Join us immediately following the worship service **TODAY** to decorate our beautiful building for the holiday season! Sign up in the church app or at the Information Desk. The more the merrier!