Ministering Today

Presiding Elder Mike Buckley Elders Kevin Wolfe Mason Fitch

Deacons

Chancel Kelsey Reynolds Head John Best

> Victoria Truelove Oliver Truelove

Connie Sinn Lay Reader Ralph & Ilene Greeters

Tegg

Roger & Vickie Baker Counters

Linda Williams Adult SS Pre-K SS Dean Anderson

Elementary SS Linda Rex

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

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

Calendar

Today

9:00 am Studies/Adult SS 10:30 am Worship Service 12:30 pm **Jubilate Ringers** 1:00 pm Sanctuary Choir **Private Group** 7:00 pm

Monday

6:00 pm Peoria Players

Tuesday

PACC 6:00 pm

6:00 pm Peoria Players **Cluster Meeting** 6:30 pm @ 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

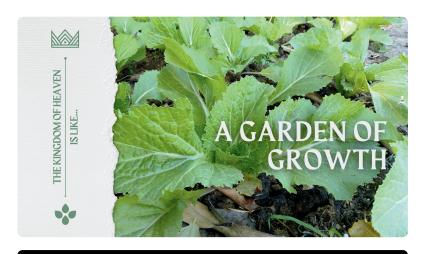
OFFICE CLOSED ALL DAY 5:30 pm Tamil School

Saturday

Private Group 7:00 am

Next Sunday - Hanging of the Greens

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9:00 am	Studies/Adult SS
10:30 am	Worship Service
12:00 pm	Holiday Potluck
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November 24, 2024 10:30am

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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!