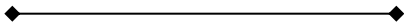


MINISTERING IN WORSHIP . . .
Presiding Elder ~ Dave Sinn
Elders ~ Mason Fitch/Kevin Wolfe
Lay Reader ~ Katie Spielman
Greeters ~ Kathy Fenton & Connie Sinn
Acolyte ~ Natalie Woods
Deacons
 Chancel – Laura Cohen
 *Jake Cohen, Alice Jury,
 Dana Powers & Tim Dougherty
* = Head Deacon **(Please count attendance)**
Counters ~ 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:
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)
7:00 p.m. - Private Group (Landes) (110)
- MONDAY**
6:00 p.m. - Peoria Players (FH)
7:00 p.m. - Administrative Board (110)
- TUESDAY**
6:00 p.m. - Peoria Players (FH)
6:00 p.m. - PACC Rehearsal (S/N)
6:30 p.m. - Fellowship Meeting
- WEDNESDAY**
6:00 p.m. - Peoria Players (FH)
- THURSDAY**
6:00 p.m. - Peoria Players (FH)
- FRIDAY**
6:00 p.m. - Tamil School (Classrooms)
6:00 p.m. - Peoria Players Auditions (FH/110)
7:00 p.m. - Movie Night (S)
- SATURDAY**
7:00 a.m. - Private Group (Landes) (110)
11:00 a.m. - Peoria Players Auditions (FH/110)
- NEXT SUNDAY**
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)



August 20, 2023

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Founded in 1845



Today's Meditation
Humility is not thinking less of yourself, it's thinking of yourself less. – C.S. Lewis

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 – *Sabbath Vision* – Stairs
(Please use the music and the moment of silence to prepare your hearts and minds for worship.)

A Moment of Silence
*Gathering Praise – *God of Grace and God of Glory* #464

*Call to Worship
Leader: Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,
People: Who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited,
Leader: But emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness.
People: And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death — even death on a cross.
Leader: Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name.
People: May God Grant us a spirit of humility as we gather to worship today.

Opening Prayer
Leader: Let us pray together...
ALL: Christ, we pray that you would hear our prayers, and graft in our minds the same mind that is in you, that we might be vessels of your humility and grace. Through this time of worship, work to form us into a Church that empties itself for others, and for you. Bless us now as we gather before you. 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)

*Glory Be to the Father (Gloria Patri) #36

Scripture Readings – Romans 12:3-5
This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Moment for the Children Hannah Fitch

Special Music – *This Little Light of Mine* –arr. Jim Curnow
Euphonium Solo - Larry Weber

Message – *Humility* Hank Anderson

*Hymn of Invitation – *Jesus Calls O'er the Tumult*
vss. 1,3,5 #337

A Time of Prayer

Communion Hymn – *Amazing Grace* #546

The Lord's Supper – *Consecrated, Lord, to Thee* –
Malan/Wagner
All: “Here we celebrate that all people are welcome at this table of God's grace.”

Offering Statement

Tithes and Offerings – *Prayer* - Lau
(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 – *Living for Jesus* vs.1 #610

*Postlude – *Postlude of Invitation* – arr. Lasky

- 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.
 - Sunday Morning Study ~ Frank Wheeler will be teaching a class during August on Abraham and Sarah, Faithful Seekers of a Promise. Sign up at the information desk.
 - Movie Night ~ August 25th at 7 p.m. the movie is Secretariat. Sign up at the information desk.
 - Potluck ~ August 27th 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.
 - 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.