MINISTERING IN WORSHIP . . .

Presiding Elder ~ Becky Sisk

Elders ~ Dave & Connie Sinn

Layreader ~ Larry Weber

Greeters ~ Jerry & Val Hornbacker

Acolyte ~ Elliot Truelove

Deacons

Chancel – Laura Cohen *Jake Cohen, Tom Davis, Cheryl Davis

* = Head Deacon (Please count attendance)

Counters ~ Owen & Alice Jury



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:

The Rev. Karen Merrick, Pastor 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. Rev. Karen Merrick will be preaching
- 11:45 a.m. Elders Meeting (110)
- 12:30 p.m. Jubilate Ringers (S)
- 1:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir (S)
- 4:45 p.m. Green Team Summit Watch Party (S/L)
- 7:00-9:00 p.m. Private Group (Landes) (110)

MONDAY

- 5:00 p.m. Tae Kwon Do Class (classroom)
- 5:00-8:00 p.m. Corn Stock (Farney) (FH)
- 5:30 p.m. Worship Meeting (110)
- 6:30 p.m. Personnel Meeting (ECR)

TUESDAY

- 12:00 p.m. Disciples Women (110)
- 6:00 p.m. PACC Gala Committee (L)
- 6:00-7:45 p.m. PACC Rehearsal (110)
- 6:00-9:30 p.m. PACC Rehearsal (S)

WEDNESDAY

- 5:00-8:00 p.m. Corn Stock (Farney) (FH)
- 6:30 p.m. Growth Committee

FRIDAY

- 6:00-8:30 p.m. Tamil School (Classrooms)
- 7:00 p.m. Movie Night ~ "McFarland, USA" (S)

SATURDAY

- 7:00-9:00 a.m. Private Group (Landes) (110)
- 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon Creation Care Workshop and Luncheon (FH)
- 1:00 p.m. MLT Meeting

NEXT SUNDAY

- 9:00 a.m. Studies/Adult SS
- 10:30 a.m. Rev. Karen Merrick will be preaching
- 12:30 p.m. Jubilate Ringers (S)
- 1:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir (S)
- 2:30-4:00 p.m. IGSMA District 2 Directors Meeting (Woods) (110)
- 7:00-9:00 p.m. Private Group (Landes) (110)



September 11, 2022

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Founded in 1845



Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

10:30 a.m.

September 11, 2022 †indicates standing, if able

Today's Meditation

I went to the woods because I wished to live deliberately, to front only the essential facts of life, and see if I could not learn what it had to teach, and not, when I came to die, discover that I had not lived.

—Henry David Thoreau

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 – Lord, Be Glorified—Kirkpatrick/Wagner (Please use the music and the moment of silence to prepare your hearts and minds for worship.)

A Moment of Silence

[†]Gathering Praise – For the Beauty of the Earth

#56

[†]Call to Worship

Leader: In your wisdom, O God, you call us here to worship you.

People: We gather, alive to the Word of God.

Leader: You call us to step away from our business and to seek you, ready to listen and respond with heart, soul, strength, and mind.

People: We listen, alive to the Word of God.

Leader: You call us to be always watchful for your Word of wisdom, sometimes startling and unexpected, sometimes still and quiet, but always dwelling among us.

People: We watch and wait for the Word of God.

[†]Opening Prayer

Leader: Let us pray together ...

We seek you this hour, Lord, and recognize within us a desire to rest in your presence. Help us to draw you within us deeply and richly. Stir within us a desire to withdraw each day from the frenzied schedule we keep

(continued)

to listen for your words of strength and encouragement. This we ask in Jesus' name as we pray the prayer he taught us, saying, Our Father...

(Words to *The Lord's Prayer* may be found in the hymnal – #307)

[†]Glory Be to the Father (Gloria Patri)

#36

Scripture Reading – Luke 2:41-52

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Moment for the Children

Hannah Fitch

(Following the children's message, children ages 5 and up are welcome to meet their teacher, Laura Buckley, at the front of the sanctuary to go to Sunday School.)

Special Music – See the Lilies—Thornhill/Nix Natalie Woods

Message – Off the Grid

Karen Merrick

†Hymn of Commitment – Come and Find the Quiet Center #575

A Time of Prayer

Communion Hymn – *In the Garden*

#227

#545

The Lord's Supper – Andante—Jackson/Cooman

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

Offering Statement

Tithes and Offerings – Offertory on "Kendron"—arr. Smith (If you are able, please come forward at this time to place your gift in the plate on the communion table.)

[†]Doxology #46

[†]Dedication of Offering

†Benediction

[†]Congregational Response

He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought! (vss. 1-2)

[†]Postlude – *Spanish Trumpet Joy*—Peraza/Harris

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.
- Green Team Summit Watch Party ~ First Christian will sponsor the Peoria Watch Party on Sunday, September 11, from 4:45-7:00 p.m. We will gather to enjoy and discuss the Summit's Keynote Session. Light refreshments will be served. All are welcome!
- Movie Night ~ Join us on Friday, September 16, at 7:00 p.m. for the movie, "McFarland USA". Please sign up at the information desk.
- Illinois Valley Cluster Creation Care Workshop ~ Saturday, September 17, 10:00 a.m. to noon at First Christian Church, Peoria. Rev. Hannah Fitch from Great Lakes Green Chalice will explore ways our churches and individuals can care for God's creation. An eco-friendly luncheon will be served (donations accepted). Please sign up at the information desk by today, September 11.
- Illinois Valley Cluster Wiener Roast and Hayrides at the Colburn Farm, Eureka ~ Sunday, September 25, 3:00-5:30 p.m. Please RSVP by Wednesday, September 21. Sign up at the information desk.
- New Book Club at First Christian Church ~ Our first Book Club will meet on Wednesday, September 28, at 7:00 p.m. at the church. This month's book is "Home to Harmony" by Phillip Gulley. All are welcome!