

**Memorial Service for Marty Cadmus** Saturday, August 2, at 2:00 pm



Check out our full calendar of events here



Please always check with the church office if you are wanting to use the church building. Thank you!

# Making Room...

## ...for the Holy Spirit

The Spirit blows where it chooses... You hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. John 3:8

Some things you can plan. Some things you prepare for. But some things - the most sacred things - arrive like wind you didn't expect. The Spirit moves in ways that stretch us. Beyond comfort. Beyond certainty. Beyond what we thought church was supposed to be.

Making room for the Spirit means letting go of tight control and choosing deep trust. It means believing that God is already present in what we don't yet understand. It means paying attention; not to what we think should happen, but to what's actually unfolding.

Churches change. Leadership changes. People come and go. But the Spirit? The Spirit stays...and stirs...and leads us on.

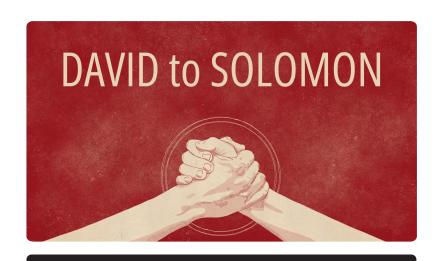
So as we prepare for a new season, let's not just welcome a new pastor. Let's welcome the presence of God who goes before us, walks beside us, and keeps nudging us toward deeper faith.

#### This Week's Practice: Looking for Spiritual Nudges

- Where in your life do you feel movement? A shift?
- A question that won't go away?
  Spend time in quiet even five minutes and simply ask, "What are you showing me?"
  Offer a prayer of openness: Spirit, I'm listening.

#### Before You Go...

The Church doesn't belong to any one person. It belongs to God. And the Spirit, wild and holy and alive, is still shaping what comes next. So breathe deep. And make room.



July 27, 2025 10:30am

## First Christian Church



#### **Seventh Sunday after Pentecost**

+ indicates standing, if able

#### **Today's Meditation**

When our first parents were driven out of Paradise, Adam is believed to have remarked to Eve, "My dear, we live in an age of transition.

-William Ralph Inge

#### †Fellowship of the Church

(Please sign in online or on the red pad in your pew)

Music for Meditation

Sun of My Soul - Price

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

A Moment of Silence

†Opening Hymn

#64

We Sing Your Mighty Power, O God

†Call to Worship

Leader: The goodness of God has called us together

People: As recipients of God's gracious love.

Leader: Though we have not always done what is right

in God's sight;

People: God remains merciful and forgiving.

Leader: Therefore, open your hearts and spirits to the

refreshing love of God.

People: Help us, O Lord, to live joyfully and

peacefully in your sight.

†Opening Prayer

Leader: Let us pray together...

All: Faithful God, we come into your presence with thanksgiving, deeply grateful for the unfailing love and faithfulness you have shown toward us, your people. When we call out to you, you answer. When we are exhausted, you give us the strength to go on. When we find ourselves in trouble, you are there, standing beside us. And so we come before you with gratitude and praise, offering you the worship of our hearts and lives. Open our eyes to see and know that you are here among us; open our ears to recognize your voice. In the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who taught us to pray...

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

Scripture Reading 1 Chronicles 29:6-10 *This is the word of the Lord.* **Thanks be to God.** 

Children's Message

Hannah Fitch

Special Music Chris Frauenhoffer & Natalie Woods Praise You In This Storm Casting Crowns

Sermon Hank Anderson

David to Solomon

†Hymn of Commitment #633

Lead On, O Cloud of Presence

A Time of Prayer

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Communion Hymn

#112

Holy Ground

The Lord's Supper

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

Lamb of God - Bizet/Broughton

Offering Statement

Tithes & Offerings

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

Great is Thy Faithfulness - Runyan/Landon

†Doxology #46

†Dedication of Offering

+Benediction

†Congregational Response #628

Precious Lord, Take my Hand vs 1

Postlude

Postlude on "Invitation" - Lasky

### **Ministering Today**

Presiding Elder Roger Baker Chere Peters Jenny Tripses

Deacons

Chancel Lisa Cheatham Head Alice Jury Kyle Cheatham

Adam Woods

Lay Reader Greeters

Larry Weber Owen & Alice

Jury

Stevé & Monica Hinrichs

Adult SS Youth SS

Counters

Frank Wheeler Kathleen Wheeler

Preschool 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

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