

MINISTERING IN WORSHIP . . .

Presiding Elder ~ Roger Baker  
Elders ~ Jerry & Val Hornbacker  
Layreader ~ Terrie Wronkiewicz  
Greeters ~ Aldine Allen/Shirley Fuchs  
Acolyte ~ Elliot Truelove  
Deacons  
    Chancel – Joe Rex  
    \*John Best, Oliver Truelove, Victoria Truelove, Adam Woods  
\* = Head Deacon **(Please count attendance)**  
Counters ~ Steve West/Ralph Tegg



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:  
The Rev. Karen Merrick, Pastor  
Heather Woods, Coordinator of Music Ministries  
Brian Woods, Organist  
Mason Fitch, Social Media Coordinator  
Madison Dillerud, Child-Care

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Calendar

TODAY

- 9:00 a.m. – Studies/Adult SS
- 10:30 a.m. – The Rev. Karen Merrick preaching
- 7:00-9:00 p.m. – Private Group (Landes) (110)

MONDAY

- 5:00 p.m. – Tae Kwon Do Class (classroom)
- 5:30 p.m. – Worship Ministry Team (110)
- 6:30 p.m. – Personnel (ECR)

TUESDAY

- 12:00 p.m. – Disciples Women (Longhorn Steakhouse)

THURSDAY

- 10:00-11:30 a.m. – Study ~ *The Lord’s Prayer* (110)
- 12:00 p.m. – Pastor’s Meeting
- 6:00 p.m. – Tasting Peoria (Kelleher’s)

FRIDAY

- 6:00-8:30 p.m. – Tamil School

SATURDAY

- MLT Meeting (TBD)
- 7:00-9:00 a.m. – Private Group (Landes) (110)
- 10:00-11:00 a.m. – Visitation (Diane Blackwell); Memorial Service at 11:00 a.m. (S); Lunch at Noon (FH)
- 3:30-5:30 p.m. – Illinois Valley Cluster Youth Bowling (The Christian Center); Followed by Pizza and Dessert at First Christian Church, Peoria (FH)

NEXT SUNDAY      *Music Appreciation Sunday*

- 9:00 a.m. – Studies/Adult SS
- 10:30 a.m. – Worship in Sanctuary and on Facebook
- 7:00-9:00 p.m. – Private Group (Landes) (110)



May 8, 2022

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Founded in 1845



Fourth Sunday of Easter  
*Mother's Day*

10:30 a.m. May 8, 2022  
\*indicates standing, if able

Today's Meditation  
*It is by doubting that we come to investigate, and by investigating that we recognize the truth.* —Peter Abelard

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 – *A Poem for Mother's Day*—Clark  
*(Please use the music and the moment of silence to prepare your hearts and minds for worship.)*

A Moment of Silence

\*Gathering Praise – *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee* #2

\*Call to Worship and Invocation  
*Leader: Where is this Jesus, the one you call Messiah?*

**People: Christ is Risen! Christ is here among us!**

*Leader: I do not see him. I don't believe you.*

**People: It is truth. Christ is Risen! Christ is here among us!**

*Leader: Let me see his body, his hands and his feet.*

**People: We are Christ's body; We are Christ's feet.**

*Leader: You see the suffering in the world? Where is Jesus now?*

**People: We are going into the world to be the body of Christ.**

*Leader: Lord Jesus Christ, the light of your love shines on, illuminating the places where you are present. As the bewildered disciples pondered the stories of your appearance, you penetrated the darkness of their fear and doubt with your word of peace. You showed them the appalling marks of evil pierced on your hands and feet. You opened their minds to understand why you had to die to defeat such evil and death.*

*(continued)*

**People: Increase our understanding, we pray, and open our minds and hearts to receive you, Lord.**

*Leader: Speak your word of peace to us and let your love shine on any dark areas in our lives.*

**People: May this worship which we offer in your name be a worthy response to your love and your sacrifice for us. This we ask as we pray the prayer Jesus 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 – John 20:24-30  
*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, Jenny Tripses, at the front of the sanctuary to go to Sunday School.)*

Special Music – *A Joyful Psalm*—Michael Helman  
Jubilate Ringers

Message – *Wait, Get Set, Go: Do the Next Right Thing*  
Karen Merrick

\*Hymn of Commitment words on screen  
*My Lord, My God, the Living One!*  
Tune: *O Waly, Waly*

A Time of Prayer  
Communion Hymn #461  
*Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service*

The Lord's Supper – *Andante Devoto*—Massenet  
**All: "Here we celebrate that all people are welcome at this table of God's grace."**

Offering Statement

Tithes and Offerings – *Abridge*—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 #635  
*Faith of Our Fathers* (vs. 3)

\*Postlude – *Venite Adoremus*—Nordman

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.
- 2022 Clarice May Scholarship Applications are now available. Please pick one up at the information desk. Application deadline is May 15, 2022.
- Disciples Women ~ Please join us for lunch at the Longhorn Steakhouse, 7401 Grand Prairie Drive, Peoria on Tuesday, May 10, at 12:00 noon. This is our last meeting until September 13. Please sign up at the information desk.
- Tasting Peoria ~ On Thursday, May 12, we're headed back to Kelleher's Irish Pub. This is a Peoria favorite, and one of ours too! Meet us at 6:00 p.m. for good food and even better company. Please sign up at the information desk.
- Illinois Valley Cluster Youth Bowling (for JYF, Chi-Rho and CYF) on Saturday, May 14, 3:30-5:30 p.m. at The Christian Center. Followed by pizza and dessert at First Christian Church, Peoria. No charge to our youth for this event. Contact Laura Cohen at 309-258-1835 to RSVP.
- Movie Night ~ Friday, May 20, at 7:00 p.m. Come see this original Broadway production of the award-winning musical, *Hamilton*. Join us for the movie and popcorn! Please sign up at the information desk.