

MINISTERING IN WORSHIP . . .

Presiding Elder ~ Becky Sisk  
Elders ~ Linda Rex & Beth Smittkamp  
Lay reader ~ Larry Weber  
Greeters ~ Jake & Laura Cohen  
Acolyte ~ Natalie Woods  
Deacons  
    Chancel – Laura Cohen  
    \*Jake Cohen, Joe Rex, Kyle Cheatham & Darren Woods  
\* = Head Deacon **(Please count attendance)**  
Counters ~ Steve & Monica Hinrichs



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:  
Speaker: Mason Fitch  
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**  
5:00 p.m. – Tae Kwon Do Class (classroom)  
5:30 p.m. – Worship Meeting (110)  
6:00 p.m. – Peoria Players (FH)  
6:30 p.m. – Personnel Meeting (ECR)
- TUESDAY**  
6:00 p.m. – Peoria Players (FH)
- WEDNESDAY**  
6:00 p.m. – Peoria Players (FH)
- THURSDAY**  
6:00 p.m. – Peoria Players (FH)
- FRIDAY**  
6:00 p.m. – Peoria Players (FH)
- SATURDAY**  
7:00 a.m. – Private Group (Landes) (110)  
10:30 a.m. – MLT Meeting
- NEXT SUNDAY – FATHER’S DAY**  
9:00 a.m. – Studies/Adult SS  
10:30 a.m. – Worship Service (S)  
7:00 p.m. – Private Group (Landes) (110)



June 11, 2023

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Founded in 1845



Today's Meditation

Justice is what love looks like in public.

-Cornel West

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 – Meditation - Gottschalk  
(Please use the music and the moment of silence to prepare your hearts and minds for worship.)

A Moment of Silence

\*Gathering Praise – O Worship the King #17

\*Call to Worship  
Leader: God calls us today to be people of justice and mercy.

People: Our worship is hollow if it focuses only on our own gratification.

Leader: Christ asks that our words of hope become actions of peace.

People: Thanks be to God who challenges and calls us.

Leader: The spirit moves us towards peace and justice.

People: Let our lives reflect God's love and mercy.

Opening Prayer

Leader: Let us pray together...

All: We come to worship you, our Lord and our God. You have graced this world with dignity, and shown us your desire for justice. We worship and adore you as we offer our thanks and praise. May we also embrace your ways to seek justice for all. At times we have failed to speak out for justice leaving the voiceless without an advocate, but you are forgiving. You receive us as we are. Lift us up and call us again to be people upholding justice and peace.

As we prepare to hear your word, open our eyes to see you and our ears to hear your word, so we may share your justice and peace in the world. This we pray in your son's name, who taught us to pray 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 Readings – Micha 6:6-8  
This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Moment for the Children Hannah Fitch

Special Music – Natalie Woods  
I Know God Cares for Me -- arr. Stewart Harris

Message – From. All. Above. Mason Fitch

\*Hymn of Invitation –  
Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service -  
(words on screen)

A Time of Prayer

Communion Hymn – Seek Ye First #354

The Lord's Supper – Ave Verum - Haydn  
All: "Here we celebrate that all people are welcome at this table of God's grace."

Offering Statement

Tithes and Offerings – Nobody Knows De Trouble I've seen -  
Traditional Spiritual  
(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 – Praise to the Lord, The Almighty  
vss. 3&5 #25

\*Postlude – Short Festal Postlude - Otis

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.
- Foster Village ~ First Christian Church will be a Donation Drive Partner for the month of June. For a list of the Village Closet needs check the information desk.
- Celebrate ~ Mary Jane West retired from Proctor Place April 30<sup>th</sup> a reception will be held Tuesday June 13<sup>th</sup> at 1 p.m. at Proctor Place. All are welcome to attend.
- Welcome Hank ~ Hank's welcome reception will be June 18<sup>th</sup> between Sunday School and Church in the lounge. Sign up at the information desk to bring cookies.
- Movie Night ~ June 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7p.m. The movie is: A League of their own. Sign up at the information desk.
- Tasting Peoria ~ June 24<sup>th</sup> 8 a.m. at: The 50's Dinner. Come join us for breakfast, sign up at the information desk.
- Potluck ~ Sunday June 25<sup>th</sup>. Please bring a dish and sign up for preparation and cleanup help.
- Book Club ~ June's book is "The Silver Ladies of Penny Lane" by Dee MacDonald. Join us June 27<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. at Margaret Goulden's home. Sign up at the information desk.
- Celebrate ~ Steve and Chere Peters 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary is June 30<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. at Elisa and Mark's home: 6412 N Brookwood Ln. Please join them in the celebration.