

MINISTERING IN WORSHIP . . .

Presiding Elder ~ Mason Fitch  
Elders ~ Dave & Connie Sinn  
Lay Reader ~ Connie Sinn  
Greeters ~ Ann Parrett & Geraldine Runkle  
Acolyte ~ Natalie Woods  
Deacons  
    Chancel – Laura Cohen  
        \*Jake Cohen  
    Terrie Wronkiewicz, Tom Davis & Cheryl Davis  
        \* = Head Deacon **(Please count attendance)**  
Counters ~ Mike & Laura Buckley  
Sunday School/Grades 1-8 ~ Kathleen Wheeler

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)  
12:00 p.m. - EOM Potluck (FH)  
7:00 p.m. - Private Group (Landes) (110)
- MONDAY -MEMORIAL DAY - OFFICE CLOSED**  
6:00 p.m. - Peoria Players (FH)
- TUESDAY**  
10:30 a.m. - Christian Ed (110)  
6:00 p.m. - Peoria Players (FH)  
6:00 p.m. - Book Club (Off Site)  
6:30 p.m. - Transition Team (105)  
6:30 p.m. - Cluster Meeting (Sunnyland)
- WEDNESDAY**  
10:30 a.m. - Bible Study (110)  
6:00 p.m. - Peoria Players (FH)
- THURSDAY**  
6:00 p.m. - Peoria Players (FH)
- FRIDAY**
- SATURDAY**  
7:00 a.m. - Private Group (Landes) (110)
- NEXT SUNDAY**  
9:00 a.m. - Studies/Adult SS  
10:30 a.m. - Worship Service (S)  
12:00 p.m. - Elders Meeting  
7:00 p.m. - Private Group (Landes) (110)



May 26, 2024

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Founded in 1845



Today's Meditation

God is faithful, even when we are not.

– Kathryn M. Schifferdecker

Fellowship of the Church  
(Please sign in online or on the red pad in your pew)  
We want to extend a special welcome to our first-time visitors. You are invited to stop at the Greeter's Table before you leave to receive more information about our church.

Music for Meditation – *Andante Espressivo* - Kjerulf  
(Please use the music and the moment of silence to prepare your hearts and minds for worship)

A Moment of Silence

\*Opening Hymn – *Give Thanks for Life* #649

\*Call to Worship  
Leader: *Be still!*  
**People: We come to quiet ourselves in this place of worship.**  
Leader: *Be still and know...*  
**People: we come to discern the Word which can set us free.**  
Leader: *Be still and know that God is*  
**People: our Hope, our Help, our Refuge, and our Redeemer.**

\*Opening Prayer  
Leader: *Let us pray together...*  
**All: Living-giving, life-restoring, life-fulling God; may our whole lives be worship. In all things, may we seek to connect with, and to reflect, your love and your hope. As we gather this day, help us to be open to your presence. 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)

Scripture Reading – Jeremiah 31:31-34  
*This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.*

Children's Message Hannah Fitch

Memorial Day Tribute Video

Sermon – Prophetic: *A New Covenant* Hank Anderson

\*Hymn of Invitation – *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*  
vss. 1,3,4 #517

A Time of Prayer

Communion Hymn – *Breathe on Me, Breath of God*  
vss. 1,2 #254

The Lord's Supper – *Lento Religioso* - Nevin  
**All: "Here we celebrate that all people are welcome at this table of God's grace."**

Offering Statement

Tithes and Offerings – *Andante Cantabile* - Koschat  
(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 –  
*How Blest Are They Who Trust in Christ* vs. 1 #646

\*Postlude – *Benedictus Est* - Lester

- 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. 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.
  - Bible Study ~ Wednesday's at 10:30 a.m. with Hank. The study is on the Book of Mark.
  - Sunday Morning Study ~ June & July. We will be studying Paul's Ministry in Macedonia and Ephesus and how he encouraged the new Christians in their struggles with the social, religious, economic and political dynamics of the Roman and Jewish world. The class will be led by Frank Wheeler.
  - Book Club ~ May 28<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m. The book is *Killers of the Flower Moon* by David Grann. We will be meeting at the home of Marilyn Wood, 4713 W Lynnhurst Dr. Peoria. Snacks and refreshments provided. Sign up at the information desk or online.
  - Tasting Peoria ~ June 20<sup>th</sup> at 6p.m. We will be going to Agatucci's on University. Please sign up at the information desk or online.
  - Book Fair ~ June 30<sup>th</sup> following the Worship Service. Bring in your used books to donate and place them on table in the Fellowship Hall. There will also be a freewill donation taken during the Book Fair. Funds raised will go to Look It's My Book.
  - Summer Music ~ If you would like to participate in the Summer Music there is a signup on Heather's door or online.