

MINISTERING IN WORSHIP . . .
Presiding Elder ~ Kathleen Wheeler
Elders ~ Mike Buckley & Becky Sisk
Lay Reader ~ Kate Spielman
Greeters ~ Kathy Fenton & Connie Sinn
Acolyte ~ Natalie Woods
Deacons
 Chancel – Geraldine Runkle
 *Alice Jury
 Victoria Truelove, Oliver Truelove & Larry Weber
 * = Head Deacon **(Please count attendance)**
Counters ~ Roger & Vickie Baker
Sunday School/Grades 1-8 ~ Cheryl Davis

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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, Digital Ministry 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**
- TUESDAY**
6:00 p.m. - PACC (S/L/N)
6:30 p.m. - Search Committee Meeting (110)
- WEDNESDAY**
10:30 a.m. - Bible Study (110)
- THURSDAY**
- FRIDAY**
6:00 p.m. - Movie Night (S)
6:30 p.m. - Peoria Players (FH)
- 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. - EOM Potluck (FH)
2:00 p.m. - Peoria Players (FH)
7:00 p.m. - Private Group (Landes) (110)



August 18, 2024

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Founded in 1845



Today's Meditation

The best way to find out if you can trust somebody is to trust them.

– Earnest Hemingway

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 – *Be Near Us Still* - Hiller

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

A Moment of Silence

*Opening Hymn – *Let the Whole Creation Cry* #21

*Call to Worship

Leader: *There is one thing we ask of the Lord, this is what we seek:*

People: To dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of our lives;

Leader: *To behold God's beauty and ponder his ways in the company of his people.*

People: So, we come into God's presence together, offering our worship and praise,

Leader: *Hear our cry, O God, and respond with your grace.*

*Opening Prayer

Leader: *Let us pray together...*

All: Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. We come convinced of many things but trusting very few. Holy God of limitless surprises, meet us here in this place as we touch that which we cannot see, that which we have not dared to hope. We pray this in the name of Jesus, who taught us...Our Father...

(The Lord's prayer may be found in the hymnal #307)

*Glory Be to the Father (Gloria Patri) #36

Scripture Reading – Psalm 27:1-6,14

This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Children's Message Hannah Fitch

Special Music – *This Kingdom* – Geoff Bullock Praise Team

Message – Everyday Prayerbook: *Trust* Hank Anderson

*Hymn of Commitment – *You Are My Hiding Place* #554

A Time of Prayer

Communion Hymn – *His Eye Is on the Sparrow* #82

The Lord's Supper – *Come, Ye Blessed* - Gaul

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 – *Sweet, Sweet Spirit* #261

*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 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 September ~ This new study will start the last Sunday in August and go through September. The study is on *Doubt* by Adam Hamilton. The class will be led by Becky Sisk.
 - Movie Night ~ August 23rd at 6 p.m. The movie is *On Golden Pond*. Sign up at the information desk or online.
 - Potluck ~ August 25th after the Worship Service. Sign up at the information desk or online if you can help with prep and/or cleanup. Bring your own tableware to reduce waste.
 - Book Club ~ August 26th at 6 p.m. The book is *My Antonia* by Willa Cather. We will meet at the home of Margaret Goulden, 133 Eastwood Dr. East Peoria. Sign up at the information desk or online.
 - Illinois Valley Cluster 5K Mission Dash ~ September 21st at 10 a.m. at the Rock Island Trail. The funds raised will go to hospital beds in the DR Congo. Registration forms are on the information desk.