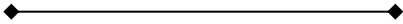


MINISTERING IN WORSHIP . . .

Presiding Elder ~ Beth Cox
Elders ~ Carmen Nicoll/Sandy Surface
Layreader ~ Liz White
Greeters ~ Laura & Jake Cohen
Acolyte ~ Natalie Woods
Deacons
 Chancel – Laura Cohen
 *Jake Cohen, Tom Davis, Cheryl Davis, Darren Woods
* = Head Deacon **(Please count attendance)**
Counters ~ Mike & Laura Buckley



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 Sunday School
- 10:30 a.m. – Worship ~ Choir Cantata
- 12:30 p.m. – Jubilate Ringers (S)
- 1:00 p.m. – Sanctuary Choir (S)
- 6:00 p.m. – Illinois Valley Cluster Palm Sunday Service hosted on the Eureka Christian Church Facebook page
- 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 (110)
- 6:00-7:00 p.m. – PACC Rehearsal (110)
- 6:30-8:00 p.m. – PACC Open Rehearsal Guest Night (S/L)
- 6:30-9:00 p.m. – CST Rehearsal (Ulrich) (FH)

WEDNESDAY

- 6:30-9:00 p.m. – CST Rehearsal (Ulrich) (FH)

THURSDAY *Maundy Thursday*

- 6:30 p.m. – Maundy Thursday Worship Service (FH)

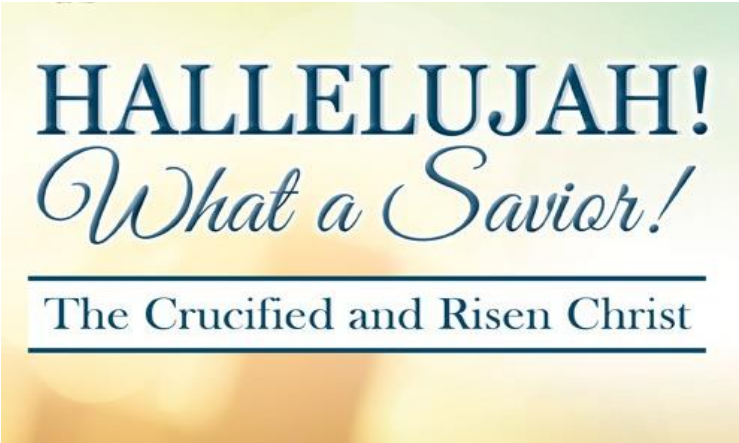
FRIDAY *Good Friday*

SATURDAY *Holy Saturday*

- 7:00-9:00 a.m. – Private Group (Landes) (110)
- 10:00 a.m. – Easter Celebration & Egg Hunt (Building and Grounds)
- 11:00 a.m. – MLT Meeting

NEXT SUNDAY *Easter Sunday*

- 8:30-10:00 a.m. – Easter Brunch (FH)
- 10:30 a.m. – Easter Worship
- 7:00-9:00 p.m. – Private Group (Landes) (110)



April 10, 2022

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Founded in 1845



Today's Meditation

As we enter Holy Week, let us remember the words of John Paul II, 20th century, “*Do not abandon yourselves to despair...We are the Easter people and hallelujah is our song.*”

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.

A Minute for Mission ~ Easter Offering (video)

Music for Meditation – *Come, Ye Blessed from “The Holy City”*

—Gaul

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

A Moment of Silence

[†]Gathering Praise – *All Glory, Laud, and Honor* #192

[†]Call to Worship

Leader: We come to prepare for the holiest of weeks.

People: Jesus, our shepherd, leads us through this week, and we will follow, for he is the life we long for, his rod and his staff will sustain us on this journey.

Leader: We will greet him waving palms and singing praises; we will travel through betrayal and death, cradling hope deep in our hearts.

People: Hosanna! Hosanna! Blessed is the One who brings us the kingdom of God.

[†]Opening Prayer

Leader: Let us pray together...

All: O Lord, you rode on.

**You rode over the cloaks and under the branches,
You rode through the shouts and past the praises,
You rode towards the controversy and the cost,
You rode towards the curses and the cross,
You rode through the tomb and the grave.**

(continued)

We remember the journey you have taken as we commit ourselves to walking in the same way. Give us the strength, hope, and joy we need as we follow. This we ask as we pray together the prayer you 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 12:12-13
This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Moment for the Children Hannah Fitch

A Time of Prayer

Choir Cantata

“Hallelujah! What a Savior! The Crucified and Risen Christ”
Music by: Lloyd Larson, Faye Lopez, R. Kevin Boesigerr,
Larry Shackley, Molly Ijames, Mark Hayes and Pepper Choplin

Director: Heather Woods
Technology: Mason Fitch, Brian Woods
Narrator: Rev. Karen Merrick

Musical Numbers

- The King Is Coming Today!*
- Lord of the Wind and the Sea*
- Gathered in the Upper Room*
The Lord's Supper
My Soul Is A-Thirst for God from “The Holy City”—Gaul
All: “Here we celebrate that all people are welcome at this table of God's grace.”
- Offering Statement
Tithes and Offerings – *O Lord, Most Holy—Abt*
(If you are able, please come forward at this time to place your gift in the plate on the communion table.)
- Dedication of Offering
- Gethsemane Prayer*
- Behold the Lamb!*
- Hallelujah! What a Savior!*

<u>Soprano</u> Cindy Bridges Cheryl Davis Connie Sinn Deborah West	<u>Alto</u> Ange Bertucci Laura Buckley Natalie Woods
<u>Tenor</u> Dave Sinn Steve West Adam Woods	<u>Bass</u> Jerry Hornbacker Larry Weber Darren Woods
[†] Benediction	
[†] Congregational Response <i>Hosanna, Loud Hosanna</i> (vs. 3) – words on screen	
[†] Postlude – <i>Glad Hosanna</i> —Norman	

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.
- Maundy Thursday ~ Please plan to attend the Maundy Thursday service on Thursday, April 14, at 6:30 p.m. We will gather in the Fellowship Hall around tables for this service of scripture, symbol, and song.
- Easter Celebration & Egg Hunt ~ Please join us on Saturday, April 16, at 10:00 a.m. for our Easter Celebration & Egg Hunt. Hear the Easter Story – Hunt for eggs – and back inside for snacks.
- Easter Sunday, April 17 ~ Please join us for Easter Brunch, 8:30-10:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Easter Worship will follow at 10:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary.