MINISTERING IN WORSHIP . . .

Presiding Elder ~ Kevin Wolfe

Elders ~ Roger & Vickie Baker

Lay Reader ~ Becky Sisk

Greeters ~ Jerry & Val Hornbacker

Acolyte ~ Natalie Woods

Deacons

Chancel – Monica Hinrichs
*Steve Hinrichs
Tom & Chervl Davis

* = Head Deacon (Please count attendance)

Counters ~ Owen & Alice Jury



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)

11:45 p.m. - Elders Meeting

7:00 p.m. - Private Group (Landes) (110)

MONDAY

Labor Day - Office is Closed

TUESDAY

6:00 p.m. - PACC Rehearsal (S/N/FH) 6:30 p.m. - Peoria Players (FH)

WEDNESDAY

10:30 a.m. - Bible Study (110) 6:30 p.m. - Peoria Players (FH) 7:00 p.m. - Bible Study (110)

THURSDAY

6:30 p.m. - Peoria Players (FH)

FRIDAY

6:00 p.m. - Tamil School (Classrooms)

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)

1:00 p.m. - IGSMA (110)

2:00 p.m. - Peoria Players (FH)

7:00 p.m. - Private Group (Landes) (110)



September 3, 2023

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Founded in 1845



Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

10:30 a.m.

September 3, 2023 †indicates standing, if able

Today's Meditation

For you, O Lord, have made me glad by your work; at the works of your hands I sing for joy. – Psalm 92:4

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 – *Abide With Me* – Monk/Rasley

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

A Moment of Silence

[†]Gathering Praise – When Morning Gilds the Skies

[†]Call to Worship

Leader: Worship the LORD with gladness; come before him with joyful songs. Know that the LORD is God.

People: It is God who made us, and we are his; we are God's people, the sheep of his pasture.

Leader: Enter God's gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise:

People: Give thanks to God and praise God's holy name.

Opening Prayer

Leader: Let us pray together...

ALL: O God, you have brought us together this day, and we praise you for your faithful love, and for the many ways you have demonstrated your love to us. We see you in the world around us, in the gift of music and song, and sense your presence in this place. We come before you, bringing our needs and the needs of our world. 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)

[†]Glory Be to the Father (Gloria Patri)

Scripture Readings – Psalm 100 This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Moment for the Children

Mason Fitch

#36

Special Music - Jumpin' Jericho - Paul Yoder Saxophone Quarter: Ange Bertucci, Cindy Bridges, Brian Woods & Heather Woods

Hymn Sing

#100

[†]Hymn of Invitation – My Faith Looks Up to Thee vss.1-2 #576

A Time of Prayer

Communion Hvmn - Take Our Bread

#413

The Lord's Supper – Reflection on Bradbury

- Bradbury/Wagner

All: "Here we celebrate that all people are welcome at this table of God's grace."

Offering Statement

Tithes and Offerings – *Dedication* – Martens (If you are able, please come forward at this time to place your offering in the plate on the communion table.) #46

[†]Doxology

[†]Dedication of Offering

†Benediction

[†]Congregational Response – God Be With You Till We Meet Again #434

[†]Postlude – *Praise to God the Farther* – Ritter

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 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.
- Sunday Morning Study ~ Becky Sisk will lead the class in September on The Call: The Life And Message Of The Apostle Paul by Adam Hamilton. Sign up at the information desk if you would like to attend.
- Bible Study ~ Hank will be leading a Bible Study beginning Wednesday September 6th through November 15th. He will hold two classes, one at 10:30 a.m. and the other at 7:00 p.m. The study will be on the "The Gospel According to Mark". If you would like to attend please sign up at the information desk.
- Snack Packs ~ Glen Oak Church will begin assembling snack packs this Thursday September 7 at 9a.m. The snack packs provide food assistance to students on the weekends. They are looking for people to help. Glen Oak Church is located in Peoria at the corner of Atlantic and Republic.
- Disciples Women ~ Will resume on September 12th at 12:00 p.m. Please come join the group.
- Tasting Peoria ~ September 21st at 6p.m. at Kuchie's On the Water. Sign up at the information desk.
- Movie Night ~ September 22nd at 7p.m. The movie is My Big Fat Greek Wedding. If you would like to attend sign up at the information desk.
- Potluck ~ September 24th. Please bring a dish and your own tableware to reduce waste. If you can help with prep and cleanup sign up at the information desk.