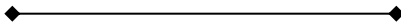


MINISTERING IN WORSHIP . . .

Presiding Elder ~ Mike Buckley
Elders ~ Beth Smittkamp/Pat Grate
Layreader ~ Terrie Wronkiewicz
Greeters ~ Sandy Surface/Aldine Allen
Acolyte ~ Elliot Truelove

Deacons
Chancel – Laura Cohen
*Tim Dougherty, Jan Cusac, Lisa Cheatham,
Beth Reynolds
* = Head Deacon **(Please count attendance)**
Counters ~ John & Lisa Best



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

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Calendar

TODAY

- 9:00 a.m. – Studies/Adult SS
- 10:30 a.m. – The Rev. Karen Merrick preaching
- 7:00-9:00 p.m. – Private Group (Landes)

MONDAY

- 5:00 p.m. – Tae Kwon Do Class (classroom)
- 5:30 p.m. – Worship Ministry Team (110)
- 6:30 p.m. – Personnel (ECR)

WEDNESDAY

- 7:00 p.m. – Great Lakes Green Chalice Book Club (Zoom)

SATURDAY

- 7:00-9:00 a.m. – Private Group (Landes) (110)
- 10:30 a.m. – MLT Meeting

NEXT SUNDAY

- 9:00 a.m. – Studies/Adult SS
- 10:30 a.m. – Worship in Sanctuary and on Facebook
- 7:00-9:00 p.m. – Private Group (Landes)



July 10, 2022

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Founded in 1845



Today's Meditation

Everyone wants to live on top of the mountain, but all the happiness and growth occurs while you are climbing it.

—Andy Rooney

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 – Christ, The Life of All the Living

—arr. Wilson

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

A Moment of Silence

*Gathering Praise – All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!

#91

*Call to Worship

Leader: Lord, you have called us to the mountaintop.

People: We join with others who met you here...

Leader: Abraham, Isaac, Moses, Elijah,

People: and Peter, and James, and John.

Leader: We know mountains as thin spaces...

People: Transcendent spaces, where you make yourself known.

*Opening Prayer

Leader: Let us pray together...

Holy God, we seek the mountaintop experience with you. Our hearts are open to the wisdom that we need to stay on the path you place before us...the path to life and peace and fulfilment. Meet us we pray, in the cool refreshing air surrounded by the wonder of your creation. This we ask in Jesus' name as we pray the prayer he 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 – Exodus 3 (selected verses)

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Moment for the Children

Hannah Fitch

(Following the children's message, children ages 5 and up are welcome to meet their teacher, Becky Sisk, at the front of the sanctuary to go to Sunday School.)

Special Music – The Heart of Worship—Matt Redman

Praise Team

Message – Because It's There: Denali

Karen Merrick

*Hymn of Commitment

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God, The Mountains Tell Your Glory

A Time of Prayer

Communion Hymn

#557

Just a Closer Walk with Thee (vss. 1-2)

The Lord's Supper – Under His Wings—arr. McConnell

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

Offering Statement

Tithes and Offerings – My Lord, What a Morning!

—arr. Hancock

(If you are able, please come forward at this time to place your gift in the plate on the communion table.)

*Doxology

#46

*Dedication of Offering

*Benediction

*Congregational Response – Take My Life (vs. 1)

#609

*Postlude – Andante Maestoso—Corelli/Price

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.
- Summer Music Schedule ~ If you would like to share your talent with us this summer, please see the sign-up on the choir room door. There are still several dates available.
- Tasting Peoria ~ We are going to experience Peoria's own Broadway Lounge on Wednesday, July 27, at 6:00 p.m. Meet up with the group to enjoy naan (an Asian flatbread) pizza, or a bread bowl pasta, and singing wait staff! Watch for a sign-up on the information desk.
- Mission Dash 5K ~ Join the Cluster on Saturday, August 13, at 10:00 a.m. on the Rock Island Trail to walk for creation. **Registration forms and more information are available on the information desk.**