

Ministering Today

Presiding Elder	Becky Sisk
Elders	Mike Buckley
	Steve West
Deacons	
Chancel Head	Beth Reynolds
	Laura Buckley
	Jan Cusac
	Dana Powers
Lay Reader	Larry Weber
Greeters	Debbie Presnell
	Geraldine Runkle
Counters	Roger & Vickie Baker
Adult SS	Randy Williams
Youth SS	Connie Julien

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

Staff

Hank Anderson	Interim Minister
Heather Woods	Music Ministry Coordinator
Brian Woods	Organist
Mason Fitch	Digital Ministry Coordinator
Brandy Cox	Child Care
Diane Pfoff	Office Manager
Lynn Hutton	Bookkeeper
Terrie Wronkiewicz	Custodian

Calendar

Today	
9:00 am	Adult Studies
10:30 am	Worship Service
11:45 am	Worship Meeting
12:30 pm	Jubilate Ringers
1:00 pm	Sanctuary Choir
7:00 pm	Private Group
Monday	
6:30 pm	Peoria Players
Tuesday	
12:00 pm	Disciples Women
1:15 pm	Christian Ed
6:00 pm	PACC
6:30 pm	Peoria Players
Wednesday	
10:30 am	Bible Study
5:00 pm	Dungeons & Dragons
6:30 pm	Peoria Players
Thursday	
6:30 pm	Peoria Players
Friday	
5:30 pm	Tamil
Saturday	
7:00 am	Private Group
11:30 am	Peoria Players
12:00 pm	Memorial Service for Rev Arvil Bass (at Eureka CC)
Next Sunday	
9:00 am	Adult Studies
10:30 am	Worship Service
12:30 pm	Peoria Players
12:30 pm	Jubilate Ringers
1:00 pm	Sanctuary Choir
7:00 pm	Private Group



January 12, 2025
10:30am

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First Sunday After Epiphany † indicates standing, if able		
<div>Today's Meditation The spirit of the Lord is upon me because he has anointed me to tell the poor the good news. He has sent me to announce release to the prisoners and sight to the blind, to set the wounded victims free, to announce the year of God's special favor. -Luke 4:18-19 (NTE)</div>		
†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 Father, We Praise Thee - arr Smith Please use the music and the moment of silence to prepare your hearts and minds for worship.		
A Moment of Silence		
†Opening Hymn We've a Story to Tell to the Nations		#484
†Call to Worship Leader: Come and worship Christ, the visible image of the invisible God, People: The firstborn of creation, the eternal God: Leader: The one through whom all things were created, People: And in whom all things are held together. Leader: This is our God! People: Let's worship together.		
†Opening Prayer Leader: Let us pray together... All: Almighty God, you have built your Church on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief cornerstone. Join us together in unity of spirit by their teaching, that we may become a holy temple, acceptable to you: through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. And it is in Jesus's name that we pray together . . . The Lord's Prayer may be found in the hymnal #307		
†Vision Response We Call Ourselves Disciples vs 4		#357

Scripture Reading This is the word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.	Luke 4:14-21	
Children's Message	Hannah Fitch	
Special Music Sweet Hour of Prayer	Jubilate Ringers arr. Linda R. Lamb	
Sermon	Hank Anderson Luke: Stories That Transform Hometown Declaration	
†Hymn of Commitment Wonderful Words of Life	vss 1&3	#323
A Time of Prayer Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.		
Communion Hymn The Old Rugged Cross		#548
The Lord's Supper All: Here we celebrate that all people are welcome at this table of God's grace. All the Way My Savior Leads Me - Lowry/Mason		
Offering Statement		
Tithes & Offerings Under His Wings - arr. McConnell If you are able, please come forward at this time to place your offering in the plate in front of the communion table.		
†Doxology		#46
†Dedication of Offering		
†Benediction		
†Congregational Response Here I Am, Lord vs 1		#452
Postlude Praise to the Lord, the Almighty - Kirkland		

Today's Announcements (weekly calendar on back)
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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 and you can also fill out the form on the church app. The paper forms can be put in the offering plate, or hand it 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 ~ January: Randy Williams is leading the class on the book of Ephesians.• Bible Study ~ Wednesday's at 10:30 a.m. with Hank. Paul's Letter to the Romans will be the focus of the Wednesday morning Bible study beginning January 15th.• Disciple Women ~ January 14th at 12 p.m. The group will hear about belly dancing. Sign up at the info desk or in the app.• Book Club ~ January 27th at 6 p.m. The book is "Project Hail Mary" by Andy Weir. We will meet at the home of Marilyn Wood; please reach out to Marilyn or the office for the address. Sign up at the info desk or in the app.• Movie Night ~ January 23rd at 6 p.m. The movie is "Wonder Woman". Sign up at the info desk or in the app.• January Potluck ~ January 26th 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.• Tasting Peoria ~ February 13th at 6 p.m. We will be going to Rhythm Kitchen, 305 Southwest Water Street, Peoria, IL 61602. Sign up at the info desk or in the app.