

MINISTERING IN WORSHIP . . .
Presiding Elder ~ Kevin Wolfe
Elders ~ Steve West/Ralph Tegg
Layreader ~ Sarah Lamlech
Greeters ~ Pete Clausen/Jan Cusac
Acolyte ~ Clara Truelove
Deacons
 Chancel – Monica Hinrichs
 *Steve Hinrichs, Cheryl Davis, Tom Davis
* = Head Deacon (**Please count attendance**)
Counters ~ Steve & Monica Hinrichs



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. – Responders Class
 - 10:30 a.m. – The Rev. Karen Merrick preaching
 - 12:30 p.m. – Jubilate Ringers (S)
 - 1:00 p.m. – Sanctuary Choir (S)
 - 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**
- 1:00 p.m. – Faith in Justice Task Force
 - 6:00 p.m. – PACC Rehearsal (S)
- THURSDAY**
- 10:00 a.m. – Bible Study ~ *A Visual Walk Through Genesis* (110)
- FRIDAY**
- 7:00 p.m. – Movie Night ~ “Sister Act” (S)
- SATURDAY**
- 7:00-9:00 a.m. – Private Group (Landes) (110)
 - 10:30 a.m. – MLT Meeting
 - 1:00-4:00 p.m. – PAMTA Recital (2:00) (S/L)
- NEXT SUNDAY**
- 9:00 a.m. – Responders Class
 - 10:30 a.m. – Worship in Sanctuary and on Facebook
 - 12:30 p.m. – Jubilate Ringers (S)
 - 1:00 p.m. – Sanctuary Choir (S)
 - 7:00-9:00 p.m. – Private Group (Landes) (110)



February 13, 2022

Today's Meditation
Those thin places where truth seeps through, those are the places where Jesus walks – the places we find healing. —JoAnne Fore

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 ~ Week of Compassion
Larry Weber and Adam Woods

Music for Meditation – *Just as I Am*—Bradbury/Johnson
(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
(Sing with masks on)

[†]Call to Worship:
Leader: Lord, you have called us to the mountaintop right here in this place.

People: We come from busy weeks seeking your presence.

Leader: Help us to listen carefully to the words of your healing love.

People: Open our hearts and spirits to receive your life-giving direction.

Leader: "Place your trust in the Lord in all your ways."

People: Lord, we have come here to give our lives to you.

[†]Opening Prayer
Leader: Let us pray together...
Lord, it seems so long ago that we heard your words at Jesus' baptism. You reminded us that he is your beloved Son with whom you are well pleased. Again today we hear your words that we are to listen to him, to pay attention, to walk with him. Open our hearts this day, Lord, to hear the

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words of Jesus, to follow in his footsteps, and to serve You. For we ask this in Christ's Name... Our Father...
(Words to The Lord's Prayer may be found in the hymnal – #307)

Scripture – Luke 9:28-36
This is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

Moment for the Children Hannah Fitch

Special Music Jubilate Ringers
Have Thine Own Way, Lord—Ron Mallory

Message Karen Merrick
The Word Becoming Flesh: Checking In

[†]Hymn of Commitment – *What a Friend We Have in Jesus* #585

A Time of Prayer

Communion Hymn #557
Just a Closer Walk with Thee (vss. 1, 2)

The Lord's Supper – *Hear Now My Humble Prayer*—Smith
All: "Here we celebrate that all people are welcome at this table of God's grace."

Offering Statement

Tithes and Offerings –*Someone's Praying, Lord*—arr. Wagner
(If you are able, please come forward at this time to place your gift in the plate on the communion table.)

[†]Doxology Thomas Ken, 1674
Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

[†]Dedication of Offering

[†]Benediction

[†]Congregational Response – *Take My Life* (vs. 1) #609

[†]Postlude – *Postlude in B-flat*—Semper/Ryan

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.
- Movie Night ~ Our next movie night will be on Friday, February 18, and we will be showing the classic Whoopi Goldberg film, "Sister Act." Show starts at 7:00 p.m. Please sign up at the information desk.
- February End-of-the-Month Potluck ~ Our End-of-the-Month Potluck is scheduled for Sunday, February 27, following the worship service. Volunteers are needed. Please sign up at the information desk if you can help.
- Greeters Needed ~ First Christian tries to have two greeters each Sunday morning from 10:00-10:30. If you would like to volunteer to be a Greeter, please sign up at the information desk, or contact Kathy Fenton at 309-397-8898 or katheef2003@yahoo.com.
- Vacation Bible School ~ Please be a part of the Conversation! How does FCC want to approach Vacation Bible School this year??? Please sign up at the information desk if you are willing to participate in just the first step...a brainstorming, idea-generating conversation. Joining in this one-time conversation does not commit you to anything more.