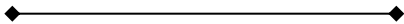


MINISTERING IN WORSHIP . . .

Presiding Elder ~ Mike Buckley
Elders ~ Connie Sinn/Dave Sinn
Lay reader ~ Becky Sisk
Greeters ~ Aldine Allen/Shirley Fuchs
Acolyte ~ Natalie Woods
Deacons
 Chancel – Kelsey Reynolds
 *Kelsey Reynolds, John Best, Terrie Wronkiewicz,
 Tom Davis, Cheryl 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:
Speaker: Kevin Wolfe
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 a.m. – Elders Meeting
7:00 p.m. – Private Group (Landes) (110)

MONDAY

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

TUESDAY

12:00 p.m. – Disciples Women (Off Site)

WEDNESDAY

9:00 p.m. – Piano Recital Rehearsal (S)

FRIDAY

10:00 a.m.- Montessori Mother’s Day Bruch (FH)
6:00 p.m. – Tamil School (classrooms)

Saturday

7:00 a.m. – Private Group (Landes) (110)
10:30 a.m. – MLT Meeting
12:00 p.m.- Recital (A.Duffer) (S/L)

NEXT SUNDAY-

9:00 a.m. – Studies/Adult SS
10:30 a.m. – Worship Service (S)
7:00 p.m. – Private Group (Landes) (110)



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FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Founded in 1845



Today’s Meditation

Embrace uncertainty. Some of the most beautiful chapters in our lives won’t have a title until much later.

-Bob Goff

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

A Moment of Silence

+Gathering Praise – Come, Thou Almighty King #27

+Call to Worship
Leader: This new day is fresh with possibility to encounter the Living Christ.

People: With bright eyes, let us search.
Leader: This new day is fresh with possibility to understand the Living Christ.

People: With engaged minds, let us ponder.
Leader: This new day is fresh with possibility to be moved by the Living Christ.

People: With compassionate hearts, let us feel.
Leader: This new day is fresh with possibility to respond to the Living Christ.

People: With solid devotion, let us follow.
Leader: This new day is fresh with possibility to serve the Living God.

People: With humble intention, let us act.
Leader: This new day is fresh with possibility to praise the Living God.

People: With strong voices, let us sing.

Opening Prayer
Leader: Let us pray together...
People: Lord we come before you today in humility and faith. We thank you for all you have given us and the many blessings in our lives. We ask for your guidance and strength. Show us the way and fill us with courage and wisdom. Help us to remember your love and grace and to be faithful in our service to you. Give us the patience and understanding to face life’s challenges with grace. Open our minds to the possibility of a new future. Walk with us now as you always have. We ask these things in your son’s name, who taught us to pray...Our Father...
(Words to The Lord’s Prayer may be found in the hymnal – #307)

Scripture Readings – Dueteronomy 31:6;
Lamentations 3:21-23; Herbrews 13:8
This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Moment for the Children Hannah Fitch

Anthem Piano Duet/Brian & Heather Woods
Holy, Holy, Holy - arr. Victor Labenske

Message –Changes Kevin Wolfe

+Hymn of Invitation - Leaning on the Everlasting Arms #560

A Time of Prayer

Communion Hymn – In This Very Room #295

The Lord’s Supper – Hope - Benedict
All: “Here we celebrate that all people are welcome at this table of God’s grace.”

Offering Statement

Tithes and Offerings – My Jesus, As Thou Wilt - Weber
(If you are able, please come forward at this time to place your offering in the plate on the communion table.)

+Doxology #46

+Dedication of Offering

+Benediction

+Congregational Response - Wonderful Words to Life vs.2 #323

+Postlude – The Church’s One Foundation - Wesley

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.
- May Sunday Morning Study ~ The adult Sunday School class for May will be a facilitated discussion of the book of Psalms, led by Kathy Fenton. It will begin May 14th and run for three weeks. The only book needed is the Bible.
- Disciples Women ~ Please join us for lunch on Tuesday, May 9, at 12 noon at Avanti’s Restaurant 8517 N Knoxville. Please sign up at the information desk.