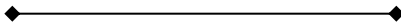


MINISTERING IN WORSHIP . . .
Presiding Elder ~ Dave Sinn
Elders ~ Kevin Cheatham/Steve West
Layreader ~ Liz White
Greeters ~ Pete Clausen/Jan Cusac
Acolyte ~ Natalie Woods
Deacons
 Chancel – Monica Hinrichs
 *Steve Hinrichs, Oliver Truelove, Victoria Truelove
* = Head Deacon **(Please count attendance)**
Counters ~ Mike & Laura Buckley



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
Brandy Cox, Child-Care

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Calendar

- TODAY**
- 9:00 a.m. – Studies/Adult SS
 - 10:30 a.m. – Rev. Karen Merrick will be 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**
- 5:30 p.m. – Worship Meeting (110)
 - 6:30 p.m. – Personnel Meeting (ECR)
- TUESDAY**
- 12:00 p.m. – Disciples Women (110)
 - 6:00-9:30 p.m. – PACC Rehearsal (S/110)
- THURSDAY**
- 6:00 p.m. – Tasting Peoria (Thyme)
- SATURDAY**
- 7:00-9:00 a.m. – Private Group (Landes) (110)
 - 10:30 a.m. – MLT Meeting
 - 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. – PAMTA Recital (S)
- NEXT SUNDAY**
- 9:00 a.m. – Studies/Adult SS
 - 10:30 a.m. – Rev. Karen Merrick will be preaching
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February 12, 2023

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Founded in 1845



Today's Meditation

We cannot attain the presence of God. We're already totally in the presence of God. What's missing is awareness.

—David Brenner

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

Adam Woods and Larry Weber

Week of Compassion Prayer for Turkey and Syria

Music for Meditation – *O God Beyond All Praising*—arr. Giamanco

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

A Moment of Silence

^{*}Gathering Praise – *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

#2

^{*}Call to Worship

Leader: This is a thin place

**People: Where earth and heaven embrace
Where past interweaves with future
Where people gather expectantly**

Leader: This is a thin place

**People: Where the God who shaped us
The Christ who remakes us
The Spirit who inspires us
Walk among us
Full of grace and truth**

**All: God above us
God beside us
God within us
May we be open to see and hear
Your grace revealed
As we worship you this day**

(continued)

*Leader: Let us pray together the prayer Jesus 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 – Luke 9:28-36

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, Christina Truelove, at the front of the sanctuary to go to Sunday School.)

Special Music

Jubilate Ringers

Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart—arr. Lloyd Larson

Message – *Centered...in God's Presence*

Karen Merrick

^{*}Hymn of Invitation

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God of the Ages, History's Maker

A Time of Prayer

Communion Hymn

#387

Bread of the World, in Mercy Broken

The Lord's Supper – *Jesu, Meines Lebens Leben*—arr. Wilson

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

Offering Statement

Tithes and Offerings – *Just a Closer Walk with Thee*

—arr. Denton

(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

#487

Help Us Accept Each Other (vs. 1)

^{*}Postlude – *Majestic Postlude*—Williams

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.
- 2023 Lenten Devotionals ~ "Water and Spirit: Devotions for Lent 2023" are available today. Please pick one up at the information desk. (Lent begins with Ash Wednesday, February 22.)
- February Sunday Morning Study ~ Frank Wheeler is offering our 9:00 a.m. Sunday School class in February. His topic is "Getting to Know People from the Book of John". A sign-up is on the information desk.
- Tasting Peoria – February 16 at 6:00 p.m. ~ Join us at Thyme which provides signature items, traditional offerings and exotic samplings, as well as vegetarian options. Please sign up at the information desk.
- Adam Hamilton DVD Study for Lent – *Luke: Jesus and the Outsiders, Outcasts, and Outlaws* ~ This study will be offered on Tuesdays at 10:00 a.m. on February 28, March 7, 14, 21, 28, April 4. Facilitated by Karen Merrick. Please sign up at the information desk.
- Cluster Lenten Service, February 26 at 4:00 p.m. (**We Host**) ~ Please sign up at the information desk if you can help provide cookies, help serve and clean up, also sign up if you can be an Elder, Deacon, or Greeter for that afternoon service. Also, please plan to come to the service and to be another welcoming face to our guests.
- New Church Telephone Directory ~ The February 2023 telephone directory is now available. Please pick one up at the information desk.