

Ministering Today

Presiding Elder	Frank Wheeler
Elders	Roger Baker
	Vickie Baker
Deacons	
Chancel Head	Lisa Cheatham
	Tim Dougherty
	Larry Weber
	Debbie Presnell
	Terrie Wronkiewicz
Lay Reader	Becky Sisk
Greeters	Frank Wheeler
	Kathleen Wheeler
Counters	Jim & Beth
	Smittkamp
Adult SS	Hank Anderson
Youth SS	Cheryl Davis
Preschool	Linda Rex

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
Sung Kim	Custodian

Calendar

Today

9:00 am	Adult Studies
10:30 am	Worship Service
12:00 pm	EOM Potluck
12:30 pm	Jubilate Ringers
1:00 pm	Sanctuary Choir
4:00 pm	Cluster Lenten Service Glen Oak CC
7:00 pm	Private Group

Monday

6:00 pm	Peoria Players
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Tuesday

6:00 pm	PACC
6:00 pm	Peoria Players
6:30 pm	Cluster Meeting

Wednesday

8:30 am	Filling Easter Eggs
10:30 am	Bible Study
5:00 pm	Dungeons & Dragons
6:00 pm	Peoria Players

Thursday

6:00 pm	Movie Night
6:00 pm	Book Club
6:00 pm	Peoria Players

Saturday

7:00 am	Private Group
1:30 pm	PACC

Next Sunday

9:00 am	Adult Studies
10:30 am	Worship Service
12:30 pm	Jubilate Ringers
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4:00 pm	Cluster Lenten Service FCC Peoria
7:00 pm	Private Group



March 23, 2025
10:30am

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Third Sunday in Lent
† indicates standing, if able

Today’s Meditation

To say that I am made in the image of God is to say that love is the reason for my existence, for God is love.
-Thomas a Kempis

†Fellowship of the Church
(Please sign in online or on the red pad in your pew)

Music for Meditation
O God Beyond All Praising - Holst/Giamanco
Please use the music and the moment of silence to prepare your hearts and minds for worship.

A Moment of Silence

†Opening Hymn #91
All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

†Call to Worship
Leader: Children of God: welcome!
People: Welcome to this place of love and grace,
Leader: Welcome to this place of hope and perseverance.
People: God invites all of us to be a part of the beloved community,
Leader: God invites all of us to share in the good news:
People: We are welcome, just as we are. We are loved, just as we are.
Leader: In gratitude for all of this, let us worship God.

†Opening Prayer
Leader: Let us pray together...
All: We gather this day, O Lord, as people who seek your guiding love. Open our hearts and make us ready to stand firm in the faith that leads to loving service. Fill this place with your spirit so that your love may surround all who are here. We lift this prayer to you in the name of the one who taught us to pray. . .
The Lord’s Prayer may be found in the hymnal #307

†Lenten Response #461
Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service vs 3

Scripture Reading 1 John 3:23–24
This is the word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Children’s Message Mason Fitch

Special Music Jubilate Ringers
Give Me Jesus Sandra Eithun

Sermon Hank Anderson
Savior: The Power of the Cross
Reflecting God

†Hymn of Commitment #668
For the Healing of the Nations vss.1,4

A Time of Prayer
Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

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

The Lord’s Supper
All: Here we celebrate that all people are welcome at this table of God’s grace.
Communion Meditation on “Bread of Life”
- Sherwin/Penfield

Offering Statement

Tithes & Offerings
If you are able, please come forward at this time to place your offering in the plate in front of the communion table.
Christ, We Adore and Worship Thee - Dubois/Wilson

†Doxology #46

†Dedication of Offering

†Benediction

†Congregational Response #445
Go in Peace

Postlude
Recessional - Wagner

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. 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 on the welcome table 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.
- Our sound system is equipped with a hearing assistance technology system. Please see someone in the tech booth for more information or to use.
- Sunday Morning Study ~ During the season of Lent, Hank is leading a study looking at some of the different ways that Christians have understood the Cross. You can still join in, just speak with Hank regarding the accompanying book.
- Bible Study ~ Wednesday’s at 10:30 a.m. with Hank. We are studying Paul’s Letter to the Romans. Please join us anytime!
- March Potluck ~ TODAY after the Worship Service. Bring your own tableware to reduce waste.
- Easter Egg Filling - March 26th at 8:30 a.m. There’s plenty of eggs to fill, and it’s always a fun time! Please join us!
- Movie Night ~ March 27th at 6 p.m. The movie is “The Shawshank Redemption”. Sign up at the info desk or in the app.
- Book Club ~ March 27th at 6 p.m. The book is “We Solve Murders” by Richard Osman. We will meet at the home of Elizabeth Carrico; please reach out to Elizabeth or the office for the address. Sign up at the info desk or in the app.
- Disciple Women ~ April 8th at 12 p.m. The group will be painting the pottery they made in February. Sign up at the information desk or in the app!
- Tasting Peoria ~ April 10th at 6 p.m. We will be going to Peoria Pizza Works, 3921 N Prospect Rd, Peoria Heights, IL 61616. Sign up at the info desk or in the app.