

Ministering Today

Presiding Elder	Mason Fitch
Elders	Frank Wheeler
	Kathleen Wheeler
Deacons	
Chancel Head	Lisa Cheatham
	Beth Reynolds
	Cody Cheatham
Lay Reader	Connie Sinn
Greeters	Debbie Presnell
	Geraldine Runkle
Counters	Steve & Monica
	Hinrichs
Adult SS	Becky Sisk

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 - Worship in the Fellowship Hall

9:00 am	Studies/Adult SS
10:30 am	Worship Service
7:00 pm	Private Group

Tuesday - New Year's Eve

Wednesday - Happy New Year!

Friday

6:00 pm	Peoria Players
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Saturday

7:00 am	Private Group
1:00 pm	Peoria Players

Next Sunday - Epiphany Sunday

9:00 am	Adult Studies
10:30 am	Worship Service
11:45 am	Elders Meeting
12:30 pm	Jubilate Ringers
1:00 pm	Sanctuary Choir
7:00 pm	Private Group



December 29, 2024
10:30am

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First Sunday After Christmas

† indicates standing, if able

Today's Meditation

The purpose of human life is to serve, and to show compassion, and the will to help others.

Albert Schweitzer

†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

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

A Moment of Silence

†Opening Hymn

Joy to the World

#143

†Call to Worship

Leader: For Christ to become one of us, He had to be born like us. The bread of life...

People: ...had to learn how to eat.

Leader: The one who holds us,

People: first had to be held.

Leader: The Way had to learn to walk.

People: The Word had to learn to speak.

All: This is our God!

†Opening Prayer

Leader: Let us pray together...

All: Lord of all creation, we marvel at the mystery of Your love, that You chose to enter our world in such humility. You who are infinite became small, sharing in our frailty and learning the rhythms of human life. You embraced our weakness to bring us strength, our need to give us abundance, our brokenness to make us whole. May we never lose the wonder of this truth: that You, the Holy One, became like us so that we might become like You. Draw us closer to Your heart, that we may live in the light of Your grace and love. This we pray in the name of the Christ Child...

The Lord's Prayer may be found in the hymnal #307

†Response

Blessed Be the God of Israel

vs 1

#135

Scripture Reading

Mark 5:21-42

This is the word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Children's Message

Hannah Fitch

Special Music

Jubilate Ringers

'Twas in the Moon of Wintertime

Douglas E. Wagner

Reflection

Come Let Us Adore Him:

Four Perspectives

Kevin Wolfe

†Hymn of Commitment

Down to Earth

#168

A Time of Prayer

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Communion Hymn

Silent Night, Holy Night

#145

The Lord's Supper

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

Song of Mary - Fischer/Wilson

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.

†Doxology

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†Dedication of Offering

†Benediction

†Congregational Response

Go, Tell It on the Mountain vs. 3

#167

Postlude

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 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 will be leading the class on the book of Ephesians.

• Bible Study ~ **We will resume on January 8th.** Wednesday's at 10:30 a.m. with Hank. We are studying the Book of Daniel.

• Disciple Women ~ January 14th at 12 p.m. More information to come. Sign up at the info desk or in the app.

• Tasting Peoria ~ January 9th at 6 p.m. We will be going to The Fieldhouse, 1200 W Main St, Peoria, IL 61606. 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.