

MINISTERING IN WORSHIP . . .

Presiding Elder ~ Beth Cox
Elders ~ Chere Peters/Jenny Tripses
Layreader ~ Sandy Surface
Greeters ~ Tim Dougherty/Sandy Surface
Acolyte ~ Elliot Truelove
Deacons
 Chancel – Kelsey Reynolds
 *Lisa Cheatham, Kyle Cheatham, Beth Reynolds
* = 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
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)

- **There will not be an End-of-the-Month Potluck in January due to the high transmissibility of Covid. MLT will monitor Covid stats to determine if it is safe in February.

MONDAY

- 5:00 p.m. – Tae Kwon Do Class (classroom)

TUESDAY

- 6:00-9:30 p.m. – PACC Rehearsal (S)

THURSDAY

- 10:00 a.m. – Bible Study ~ *A Visual Walk Through Genesis* (110)

FRIDAY

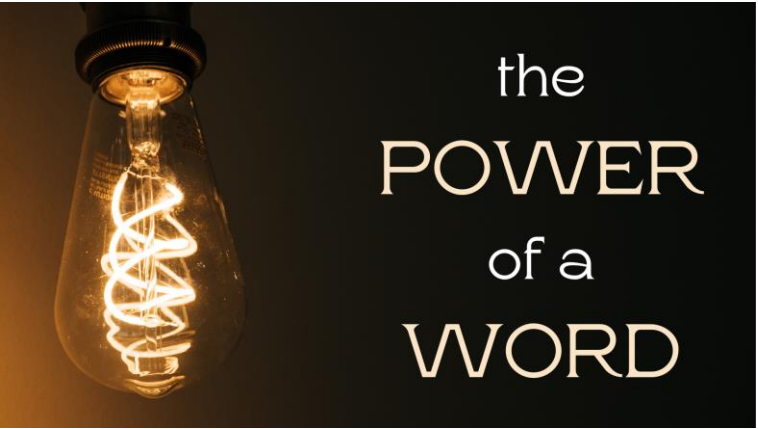
- 6:00-8:30 p.m. – Tamil School

SATURDAY

- 7:00-9:00 a.m. – Private Group (Landes) (110)

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)



January 30, 2022

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Founded in 1845



Fourth Sunday after Epiphany
Installation Sunday

10:30 a.m. January 30, 2022
† indicates standing, if able

Today's Meditation
Be careful with your words. Once they are said, they can be only forgiven, not forgotten. –Unknown

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 – *Prelude*—Bach/Smith
(Please use the music and the moment of silence to prepare your hearts and minds for worship.)

A Moment of Silence

†Gathering Praise – *Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus* #613
(Sing with masks on)

†Call to Worship:
Leader: Speak the Word, God!
People: Speak the Word and we will Live.
Leader: Speak the Word, God!
People: Speak the Word and we will be Whole.

Leader: Speak the Word through us, God!
People: Speak the Word of Peace and Justice.
Leader: Speak the Word through us, God!
People: Speak the Word of Creative Joy.

Leader: Speak God's Word, all People!
People: Speak God's Word of Welcome.
Leader: Speak God's Word, all People!
People: Speak God's Word of Life-Giving Love. Amen.

†Opening Prayer
Leader: Let us pray together...
Holy God, Grant us faith to ask of you, "just say the word." Say the word that will heal us of all that divides us, wounds us, diminishes us. Say the word that enlivens our spirits to imagine and bring forth new beauty and love. Say the word that we may be your heart loving this world and all that is in it. We pray in the name of the one who taught us to pray, singing... Our Father... The Lord's Prayer – #307

Scripture – Luke 7:1-10
This is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

Moment for the Children Hannah Fitch

Special Music – *There Is a Redeemer*—arr. Douglas E. Wagner
Jubilate Ringers

Message Karen Merrick
The Word Becoming Flesh: The Power of a Word

†Hymn of Commitment words on screen
Lord, We Hear Your Word with Gladness

Service of Installation

A Time of Prayer

Communion Hymn – *Softly and Tenderly* (vss. 1, 3) #340

The Lord's Supper – *Ave Verum*—Mozart/Leatherman
All: "Here we celebrate that all people are welcome at this table of God's grace."

Offering Statement

Tithes and Offerings – *I Must Tell Jesus*—Hoffman/Shackly
(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 – *My Tribute* #39

†Postlude – *Since I Have Been Redeemed*—Excell/Smith

TODAY'S ANNOUNCEMENTS (Weekly Calendar on back)

- Because of the high numbers of those contracting Covid in Peoria County, we will be encouraging our worshipers to once again sit every other pew. Please sit in the pew with the decorated end.
- 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.

Growing Home

This Sunday
January 30, 2022
Adopted by:

Carmania Lewis
In Honor of Her 90th Birthday

Thank you for this generous gift supporting our priority of gathering for worship every Sunday and recognizing our desire to enhance our worship experience.

“Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple and they broke bread in their homes. And the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.”
-Acts 2:46a, 47b