

MINISTERING IN WORSHIP . . .

Presiding Elder ~ Kevin Cheatham
Elders ~ Kevin Cheatham & Steve West
Lay Reader ~ Larry Weber
Greeters ~ John & Margaret Goulden
Acolyte ~ Natalie Woods
Deacons

Chancel – Monica Hinrichs
*Steve Hinrichs
Tom & Cheryl Davis
* = Head Deacon **(Please count attendance)**
Counters ~ Jim & Beth Smittkamp
Preschool Sunday School ~ Deann Anderson
Sunday School/Grades 1-8 ~ Sandy Surface



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:
Hank Anderson, Interim Minister
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)
12:30 p.m. - Jubilate Ringers (S)
1:00 p.m. - Sanctuary Choir (S)
7:00 p.m. - Private Group (Landes) (110)

MONDAY

6:30 p.m. - Peoria Players (FH)
7:00 p.m. - Administrative Board (110)

TUESDAY

6:00 p.m. - PACC Rehearsal (S/N/FH)
6:30 p.m. - Peoria Players (FH)

WEDNESDAY

10:30 a.m. - Bible Study (110)
6:30 p.m. - Peoria Players (FH)
7:00 p.m. - Bible Study (110)

THURSDAY

6:00 p.m. - Tasting Peoria (Off Site)
6:30 p.m. - Peoria Players (FH)

FRIDAY

6:00 p.m. - Tamil School (Classrooms)
7:00 p.m. - Movie Night (S)

SATURDAY

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

NEXT SUNDAY

9:00 a.m. - Studies/Adult SS
10:30 a.m. - Worship Service (S)
12:00 p.m. - EOM Potluck (FH)
12:30 p.m. - Jubilate Ringers (S)
1:00 p.m. - Sanctuary Choir (S)
2:00 p.m. - Peoria Players (FH)
7:00 p.m. - Private Group (Landes) (110)



September 17, 2023

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Founded in 1845



[†]*indicates standing, if able*

- Psalm 46:10 NRSV

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.

Larry Weber

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

A Moment of Silence

#537

[†]Call to Worship

Leader: God is with his people. Listen and hear God speak.

People: We wait upon the Lord, so that we may renew our strength.

*Leader: God is our help and our support. With joyful hearts,
we sing God's praise.*

People: The Lord is our hope and our salvation.

Leader: And God's spirit moves among us. Let us join in the worship of our Lord.

Opening Prayer

Leader: Let us pray together...

ALL: O God, enable us to be still and know that You are God. O Lord, who answers out of the whirlwind of the everyday life: comfort, and guide us in the midst of the storm. O still, small voice, speak to us this hour, in our homes, in our communities, and in our world. We pray this in the name of the One who taught us to pray, Our Father...

(The Lord's prayer may be found in the hymnal - #307)

[†]Glory Be to the Father (Gloria Patri)

#36

Scripture Readings – 1 Kings 19:11-14

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

Moment for the Children

Hannah Fitch

Special Music – *I Will Sing* – arr. Cliff Duren

Vocal Quartet

Ange Bertucci/Cindy Bridges/Laura Buckley/Mason Fitch

Message – Elijah and the Wind

Hank Anderson

[†]Hymn of Invitation – *I Will Sing of the Mercies of the Lord* #87

A Time of Prayer

Communion Hymn – *Holy Ground*

#112

The Lord's Supper – *Pastoral Melody* - Grichetchkine

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

Offering Statement

Tithes and Offerings – *I Have Decided to Follow Jesus*

– arr. Hayes

(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 – *Go in Peace*

#445

[†]Postlude – *Andante Maestoso* – Corelli/Price

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 the pews. They can be put in the offering plate, hung on the prayer wall in 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.
- Sunday Morning Study ~ Becky Sisk is leading the class in September on The Call: The Life and Message of The Apostle Paul by Adam Hamilton. Sign up at the information desk if you would like to attend.
- Bible Study ~ Hank is leading the Bible Study on Wednesday's, through November 15th. There are two classes available, one at 10:30 a.m. and the other at 7:00 p.m. The study is on the "The Gospel According to Mark".
- Tasting Peoria ~ September 21st at 6p.m. at Kuchie's On the Water. Sign up at the information desk.
- Movie Night ~ September 22nd at 7p.m. The movie is My Big Fat Greek Wedding. If you would like to attend sign up at the information desk.
- Potluck ~ September 24th Bring a chair and dress informal. This will be an outdoor worship service with potluck to follow. Hot dogs, hamburgers and pulled pork will be provided. Bring a dish and your own tableware to reduce waste. If you are attending please sign up at the information desk. This will help to get a count for food that is needed. Thank you!
- Blessing of the Pets ~ October 7th at 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. Bring your pet to church. Hank or one of the Elders will give the blessing.
- Blessing Bracelet ~ October 10th at 6 p.m. Dana Powers will host the making of the blessing bracelet. The cost is \$8 per person. Sign up at the information desk if you would like to attend.