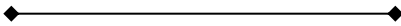


MINISTERING IN WORSHIP . . .

Presiding Elder ~ Roger Baker
Elders ~ Kevin Cheatham/Becky Sisk
Layreader ~ Larry Weber
Greeters ~ Tim Dougherty/Sandy Surface
Acolyte ~ Natalie Woods
Deacons
 Chancel – Kelsey Reynolds
 *Lisa Cheatham, Kyle Cheatham, Beth Reynolds
* = Head Deacon (**Please count attendance**)
Counters ~ Steve & Monica Hinrichs



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)

MONDAY

- 5:00 p.m. – Tae Kwon Do Class
- 5:45-7:45 p.m. – CFPA-DV Class (L)
- 7:00 p.m. – Administrative Board (110)

TUESDAY

- 1:00 p.m. – Faith in Justice Task Force
- 6:00-9:30 p.m. – PACC Rehearsal (S)

FRIDAY

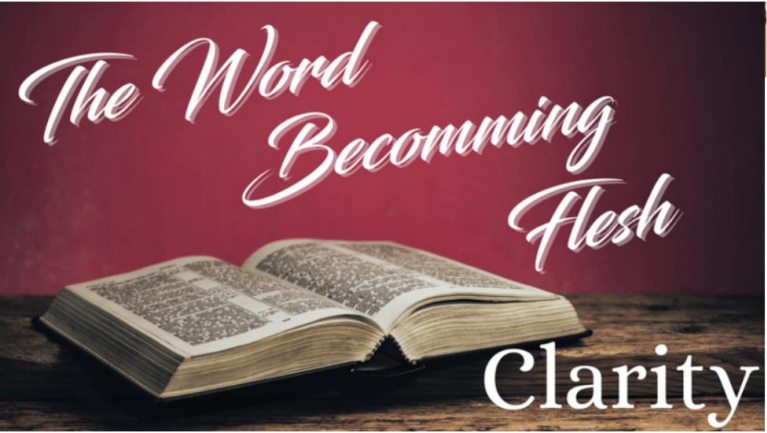
- 6:00 p.m. – Movie Night (“Indiana Jones: Raiders of the Lost Ark”) (S)
- 6:00-8:30 p.m. – Tamil School

SATURDAY

- 7:00-9:00 a.m. – Private Group (Landes) (110)
- 7:00-8:30 p.m. – Trivia Night ~ Theme: Extra! Extra! Read All About It! (L)

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 16, 2022

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Founded in 1845



Today’s Meditation
Efforts and courage are not enough without purpose and direction.
—John F. Kennedy

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 on “St. Crispin”*—Elvey/Pascagoula
(Please use the music and the moment of silence to prepare your hearts and minds for worship.)

A Moment of Silence

†Gathering Praise – *Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!* #4
(Sing with masks on)

†Call to Worship:
Leader: When the song of the angels is stilled,
People: when the star in the sky is gone,
Leader: when the kings and princes are home,
People: when the shepherds are back with their flocks,
Leader: the work of Christmas begins:
People: to find the lost,
Leader: to heal the broken,
People: to feed the hungry,
Leader: to release the prisoner,
People: to rebuild the nations,
Leader: to bring peace among the people,
People: to make music in the heart.

(Adapted from “Now the Work of Christmas Begins” composed by Howard Thurman, an African-American theologian, educator, and civil rights leader, drawing from Luke 4:14-21.)

Leader: Let us pray together, Our Father...
(Words to The Lord’s Prayer may be found in the hymnal – #307)

†Glory Be to the Father (Gloria Patri) #36

Scripture – Luke 4:14-21
This is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

Moment for the Children Hannah Fitch

Special Music Jubilate Ringers
Bread of the World in Mercy Broken—arr. Michael Ryan

Message – *The Word Becoming Flesh: Clarity* Karen Merrick

†Hymn of Commitment words on screen
tune: *The Gift of Love*
Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak (vss. 1, 2, 3, 5)

A Time of Prayer

Communion Hymn – *Sweet Hour of Prayer!* (vss. 1, 3) #570

The Lord’s Supper – *Voluntary on “Beach Spring”*—Krug/White
All: “Here we celebrate that all people are welcome at this table of God’s grace.”

Offering Statement

Tithes and Offerings – *He Leadeth Me, O Blessed Thought*
—arr. McConnell
(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 – *Blest Be the Tie That Binds* #433

†Postlude – *Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing*—arr. 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 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 16, 2022
Adopted by:
Sam & Becky Sisk

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