

Throughout the Church...

Worship Meeting - TODAY

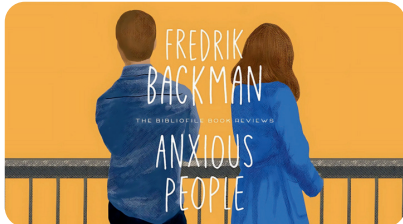
Justice Through Faith - Monday @ 2pm

Disciple Women - Tuesday @ 12pm

Christian Ed Meeting - Tuesday @ 1:30pm

MLT - Saturday @ 10:30am

Mission & Service - Next Sunday @ 11:45am



Book Club
Thursday @ 6pm

Check out our full
calendar of events here



Please always check with the church office if you are wanting to use the church building. Thank you!

Finding Faith in New Places

*Where you go, I will go; where you lodge, I will lodge;
your people shall be my people, and your God my God.*
Ruth 1:16

Ruth's story begins in heartbreak. Everything familiar (her family, her future, her sense of belonging) has fallen apart. Yet from within that loss, she chooses something extraordinary: to stay loyal when walking away would've been easier. To build her life on love, even when she didn't know where it would lead.

That choice changed everything. Not just for Ruth and Naomi, but for generations that followed. Her courage to move beyond what was comfortable became the soil where new life took root.

Sometimes faith looks exactly like that: choosing to stay faithful in uncertainty, to love without a clear map, to trust that God can create belonging in unfamiliar places.

Our church lives that same calling every day. When we give, when we serve, when we risk showing up for one another, we're building spaces where love can take root again. We're saying yes to the kind of faith that doesn't wait for certainty, but moves forward anyway.

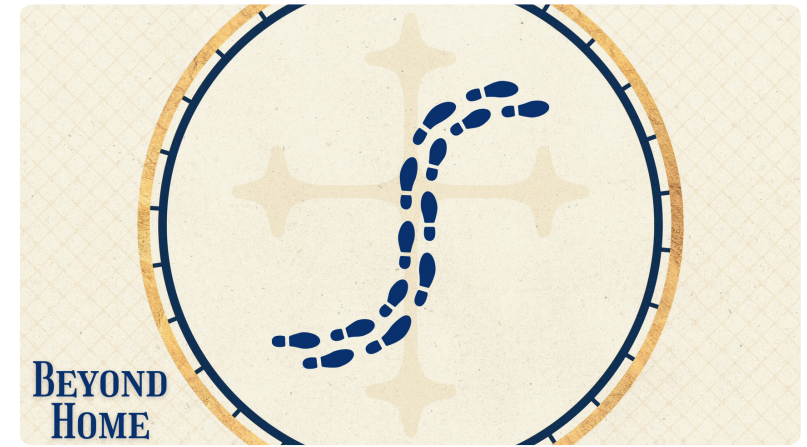
Because love that travels, love that stays, love that builds...*that's* what changes the world.

This Week's Practice: Living the Story

- Notice someone who could use encouragement this week, and reach out; no fanfare, just presence.
- Do one act of kindness that asks you to leave your comfort zone.
- Pray each morning: *God, help me bring belonging wherever I go.*

Before You Go...

You don't have to know exactly where the road leads. Just let love lead you there. Somewhere along the way, you'll find God has already made it home.



October 12, 2025
10:30am

First Christian Church



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Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

† indicates standing, if able

Today’s Meditation

Church is what you do. Church is who you are. Church is the human outworking of the person of Jesus Christ. Let's not go to Church, let's be the Church.

- Bill Hybels

†Fellowship of the Church

(Please sign in online or on the red pad in your pew)

More Than Sunday, Stewardship Campaign

Music for Meditation

Amazing Grace - arr. Smith

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

A Moment of Silence

†Call to Worship

One: Come not just to sit in sacred spaces, but to walk in sacred ways.

Many: We come to follow the path of love, loyalty, and covenant.

One: Ruth’s story reminds us: faith is not a ritual to attend.

Many: Faith is a life to live.

One: Come, let us worship,

All: And walk it out together, with God beside us every step.

†Opening Hymn

For the Beauty of the Earth

#56

†Opening Prayer

Leader: Let us pray together...

All: God of journeys and covenants, You call us not just to believe, but to move. Like Ruth, teach us to show our faith with our feet; to choose love when it is costly, to show up when it is inconvenient, and to live a covenant that carries beyond Sunday. As we seek to walk in covenant love and daily faith, we join our voices with Jesus, who taught us to pray...Our Father...

†Vision Response

For the Beauty of the Earth

#56

Scripture Reading

Ruth 1:1–18

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

Children’s Message

Rev. Emily Williams

Special Music

Jubilate Ringers

Count Your Blessings arr. Patricia Cota

Sermon

Rev. Adam Bradley

Beyond Home: Finding Faith in New Places

†Hymn of Commitment

Take My Life vs 1,3,6

#609

A Time of Prayer

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Communion Hymn

In the Garden

#227

The Lord’s Supper

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

Prayer - Nevin/Landon

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.

Holy Gifts We Offer - Southbridge

†Doxology

#46

†Dedication of Offering

†Benediction

†Congregational Response

He Leadeth Me O Blessed Thought! vss 1-2

#545

Postlude

Trumpet Tune - Purcell/Martin

Ministering Today

Elders

Jenny Tripses

Chere Peters

Deacons

Chancel Head

Laura Cohen

Jake Cohen

Connie Julien

Laura Buckley

Dan Cox

Lay Reader

Acolyte

Greeters

Sandy Surface

Natalie Woods

Peter & Lindsey Hinshaw

Counters

Jury

Owen & Alice

Adult SS

Youth SS

Preschool

Dave Sinn

Kathleen Wheeler

Chere Peters

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

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