MINISTERING IN WORSHIP . . .

Presiding Elder ~ Mike Buckley

Elders ~ Roger & Vickie Baker

Layreader ~ Becky Sisk

Greeters ~ Sandy Surface/Debbie Presnell

Acolyte ~ Natalie Woods

Deacons

Chancel – Monica Hinrichs

*John Best, Laura Buckley, Steve Hinrichs

* = 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 Brandy Cox, Child-Care

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Calendar

TODAY

- Advent Devotional Sign-Up ~ Our theme this year is Oh, Holy Night. If you would like to write a devotion, please sign up at the information desk and pick up an information sheet with instructions. Please submit devotions by October 30th.
- 9:00 a.m. Studies/Adult SS
- 10:30 a.m. Rev. Karen Merrick will be preaching
- 11:45 a.m. Elders Meeting (110). All Elders are encouraged to attend.
- 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 (classroom)

TUESDAY

- 6:00-7:45 p.m. PACC Rehearsal (110)
- 6:00-9:30 p.m. PACC Rehearsal (S)

FRIDAY

- 9:00 a.m. Church Women United (FH)
- 6:00-8:30 p.m. Tamil School (Classrooms)

SATURDAY

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

NEXT SUNDAY

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October 2, 2022

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Founded in 1845



Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost
World Communion and Reconciliation Sunday
10:30 a.m. October 2, 2022

†indicates standing, if able

#419

Today's Meditation

God does not help those who help themselves; God helps those who know they can't help themselves. —Joyce Meyer

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 – Jesus, Bread of Life, I Pray Thee
—Cruger/Wagner

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

A Moment of Silence

[†]Gathering Praise – All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly

†Call to Worship

Leader: Come, let us celebrate the supper of the Lord.

People: Let us make a huge loaf of bread and let us bring abundant wine, as at the wedding in Cana.

Leader: Let the women not forget the salt. Let the men bring along the yeast.

People: Let many guests come, the lame, the blind, the poor.

Leader: Come quickly. Let us follow the recipe of the Lord.

People: All of us, let us knead the dough together with our hands. Let us see with joy how the bread grows.

Leader: Because today we celebrate the meeting with the Lord. Today we renew our commitment to the Kingdom.

People: Nobody will stay hungry, for all are invited to this feast!

[†]Opening Prayer

Leader: Let us pray together...

Gracious God, as the sun breaks over the horizon in every land and sea, Christians will be gathering with a single purpose...to break bread together and to give thanks for your endless love and faithfulness. As we enter this holy place, let us drink deeply from your cup of grace and, in turn, take your bread and cup to those in need of good news. In you we find our meaning and purpose. Hear us now as we offer to you the prayer your son taught us to pray, saying, Our Father...

(Words to *The Lord's Prayer* may be found in the hymnal – #307)

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

#36

Scripture Reading – Psalm 10:14-18

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Moment for the Children

Hannah Fitch

(Following the children's message, children ages 5 and up are welcome to meet their teacher, Jenny Tripses, at the front of the sanctuary to go to Sunday School.)

Anthem – Remember—arr. James Koerts Sanctuary Choir Message Karen Merrick

"Jesus Never Said That: God Helps Those Who Help Themselves"

[†]Hymn of Commitment words on screen *Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples*

A Time of Prayer



Communion Hymn words on screen We Come to This Table (vss. 1-3)—Carolyn Winfrey Gillette

Statement of World Communion

Prayer

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

Distribution of Elements

Mama Beyeke Chorale Community of Disciples in Congo

Words of Institution

Hymn - We Come to This Table (vs. 4) words on screen



Offering Statement

Tithes and Offerings – Since I Have Been Redeemed
— Excell/Smith

(If you are able, please come forward at this time to place your gift in the plate on the communion table.)

[†]Doxology #46

[†]Dedication of Offering

[†]Benediction

[†]Congregational Response

Be Known to Us in Breaking Bread

#398

[†]Postlude – *Majestic Voluntary in C*—Canales



- 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.
- October Sunday Study ~ Join us on Sunday mornings October 2nd - 23rd at 9:00 a.m. Roger Baker will lead us in a study of 1 John.