

MINISTERING IN WORSHIP . . .

Presiding Elder ~ Roger Baker  
Elders ~ Kevin Cheatham & Steve West  
Lay Reader ~ Connie Sinn  
Greeters ~ John & Margaret Goulden  
Acolyte ~ Natalie Woods  
Deacons  
    Chancel – Laura Cohen  
            \*Jake Cohen  
            Debbie Presnell & Laura Cohen  
    \* = Head Deacon **(Please count attendance)**  
Counters ~ Mike & Laura Buckley  
Sunday School/Grades 1-8 ~ Geraldine Runkle

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, Digital Ministry 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)  
11:45 p.m. - Outreach Meeting (110)  
7:00 p.m. - Private Group (Landes) (110)
- MONDAY**  
7:00 p.m. - Administrative Board (110)
- TUESDAY**  
6:00 p.m. - Peoria Players (FH)
- WEDNESDAY**  
10:30 p.m. - Bible Study (110)  
6:00 p.m. - Peoria Players (FH)
- THURSDAY**  
6:00 p.m. - Peoria Players (FH)  
6:00 p.m. - Tasting Peoria (Off Site)
- FRIDAY**  
6:00 p.m. - Peoria Players (FH)
- 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)  
7:00 p.m. - Private Group (Landes) (110)

We have been told that Carle Hospital will begin releasing church parishioners' information again in about a month. You will have to let them know your church when admitted or they will not have the information on file when we call.



July 14, 2024

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Founded in 1845



Today's Meditation

*Righteousness and justice are the foundation of your throne;  
steadfast love and faithfulness go before you.*

- Psalm 89:14

Fellowship of the Church  
*(Please sign in online or on the red pad in your pew)*  
We want to extend a special welcome to our first-time visitors. You are invited to stop at the Greeter's Table before you leave to receive more information about our church.

Music for Meditation – *Am I a Soldier of the Cross?*  
– Arne/ Williamson  
*(Please use the music and the moment of silence to  
prepare your hearts and minds for worship)*

A Moment of Silence

<sup>†</sup>Opening Hymn – *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* #25

<sup>†</sup>Call to Worship  
*Leader: We will give thanks to you, O Lord, among the  
peoples;*  
**People: We will sing praises to you among the nations.**  
*Leader: For your steadfast love is as high as the heavens;*  
**People: Your faithfulness extends to the clouds.**  
*Leader: Be exalted, O God, above the heavens.*  
**People: Let your glory be over all the earth.**

<sup>†</sup>Opening Prayer  
*Leader: Let us pray together...*  
**All: How blessed are we, O God, for you have  
revealed yourself to us in Jesus – the human face of your  
love. You equip us for our journey through life and beyond,  
by breathing new and everlasting life into our very beings,  
through the gift of the Holy Spirit. May this time of worship  
reveal our thanksgiving and our wonder that you should so  
care for us. This we pray through Jesus, who taught us to  
pray...Our Father...**  
(The Lord's prayer may be found in the hymnal #307)

<sup>†</sup>Glory Be to the Father (Gloria Patri) #36

Scripture Reading – Micah 6:1-8  
*This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.*

Children's Message Hannah Fitch

Special Music Vocal Trio  
Cindy Bridges, Ange Bertucci & Mason Fitch  
*Light of Glory* – Martin/Angerman

Sermon – Prophetic: *What Does the Lord Require?*  
Hank Anderson

<sup>†</sup>Hymn of Commitment – *Jesus, I Have Promised*  
vss. 1,3 #612

A Time of Prayer

Communion Hymn – *Breathe on Me, Breath of God*  
vss. 1,2 #254

The Lord's Supper – *Meditation* – Simper/Ryan  
**All: "Here we celebrate that all people are welcome at  
this table of God's grace."**

Offering Statement

Tithes and Offerings – *Didn't My Lord Deliver Daniel?*  
– Hayes/Gaspard  
*(If you are able, please come forward at this time to place your  
offering in the plate on the communion table.)*

<sup>†</sup>Doxology #46

<sup>†</sup>Dedication of Offering

<sup>†</sup>Benediction

<sup>†</sup>Congregational Response – *What a Friend We Have in Jesus*  
vs. 1 #585

<sup>†</sup>Postlude – *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*  
– Shrubsole/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.
- 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.
- Bible Study ~ Wednesday's at 10:30 a.m. with Hank. The study is on the Book of Mark.
- Sunday Morning Study ~ June & July. We are studying Paul's Ministry in Macedonia and Ephesus. The class is led by Frank Wheeler.
- Tasting Peoria ~ July 18<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m. We will be going to BLACK BAND Distillery, 1000 SW Adams St. Please sign up at the information desk or online.
- Book Club ~ July 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6 p.m. The book is *The First Lady* by Marie Benedict & Victoria Christopher Murray. We will meet at the home of Tim Dougherty, 201 W Ridgemont Rd. Peoria. Sign up at the information desk or online.
- Movie Night ~ July 26th at 6 p.m. The movie is *The Greatest Showman*. Sign up at the information desk or online.
- Potluck ~ July 28<sup>th</sup> after the Worship Service. Sign up at the information desk or online if you can help with prep and/or cleanup. Bring your own tableware to reduce waste.
- *How We Got the New Testament* is the title of a study that Hank Anderson will lead on Sunday mornings during the first three weeks of August. During this class, we will take a quick overlook of some of the history behind the formation of the New Testament. The class is open to anyone who would like to participate.