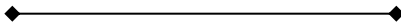


MINISTERING IN WORSHIP . . .

Presiding Elder ~ Jenny Tripses
Elders ~ Dave & Connie Sinn
Layreader ~ Terrie Wronkiewicz
Greeters ~ Jan Cusac/Pete Clausen
Acolyte ~ Natalie Woods
Deacons
 Chancel – Laura Cohen
 *Tim Dougherty, Laura Buckley, Alice Jury, Monica Hinrichs
* = Head Deacon **(Please count attendance)**
Counters ~ Jim & Beth Smittkamp



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

- 9:00 a.m. – Studies/Adult SS
- 10:30 a.m. – The Rev. Karen Merrick preaching
- 7:00-9:00 p.m. – Private Group (Landes)

MONDAY

- 5:00 p.m. – Tae Kwon Do Class (classroom)

TUESDAY

- 1:00 p.m. – Faith in Justice Task Force

WEDNESDAY

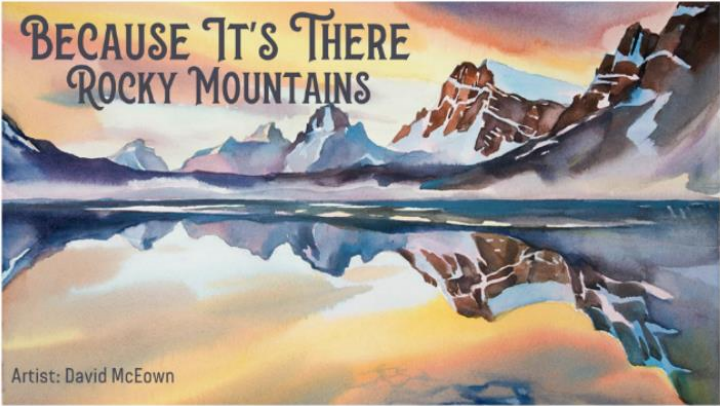
- 7:00 p.m. – Great Lakes Green Chalice Book Club (Zoom)

SATURDAY

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

NEXT SUNDAY

- 9:00 a.m. – Studies/Adult SS
- 10:30 a.m. – Rev. Clayton Summers will be our guest preacher. Clayton is the Camp Manager at Camp Walter Scott.
- 7:00-9:00 p.m. – Private Group (Landes)



July 17, 2022

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Founded in 1845



Today's Meditation

One day I asked God to move the mountain ahead of me, but he said no because he wanted me to experience the joy of being on a mountaintop. —Unknown

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

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

A Moment of Silence

^{*}Gathering Praise – *Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above* #6

^{*}Call to Worship

Leader: Welcome to worship!

People: We come seeking healing and hope.

Leader: You have come to the right place. God awaits you.

People: We come seeking to make sense of the week we have just had.

Leader: God gives us new perspectives...God invites us to see with kingdom eyes.

People: Praise be to the God who takes us to new heights to give us clear views.

^{*}Opening Prayer

Leader: Let us pray together...

Lord of life and hope, we gather this day seeking nourishment for our souls and healing for our spirits. We pray for mountaintop clarity that we can see your Spirit at work around us and find our path to love and serve you. This we ask in the name of your son, who 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 – Deuteronomy 34:1-12

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, Becky Sisk, at the front of the sanctuary to go to Sunday School.)

Special Music – *Open the Eyes of My Heart*

—arr. Michael Lawrence

Euphonium Trio: Ange Bertucci, Larry Weber, Adam Woods

Message – *Because It's There: The Rocky Mountains*

Karen Merrick

^{*}Hymn of Commitment – *When, in Awe of God's Creation* #688

A Time of Prayer

Communion Hymn – *Loving Lord, as Now We Gather* #427

The Lord's Supper

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

Offering Statement

Tithes and Offerings

(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

Go, My Children, with My Blessing (vs. 1)

#431

^{*}Postlude

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.
- August Sunday Study – Historical Evidence for the Christian Faith ~ Ilene Tegg will be leading the study Sunday mornings in August at 9:00 a.m. Please sign up at the information desk.
- Tasting Peoria ~ We are going to experience Peoria's own Broadway Lounge on Wednesday, July 27, at 6:00 p.m. Meet up with the group to enjoy naan (an Asian flatbread) pizza, or a bread bowl pasta, and singing wait staff! Sign up at the information desk.
- Movie Night ~ Join us on Friday, July 29, at 7:00 p.m. for the movie, "The Peanut Butter Falcon". Sign up at the information desk.
- Mission Dash 5K ~ Join the Cluster on Saturday, August 13, at 10:00 a.m. on the Rock Island Trail to walk for creation. **Registration forms and more information are available on the information desk.**
- Illinois Valley Cluster "Fun in the Sun" Sunday Old Fashion Potluck ~ August 21, 3:00-5:30 p.m. at Lake Wildwood (Beach 1) in Varna, IL. Fried chicken, drinks and dinnerware are provided. Please bring a side dish to share. Swim at the pool or beach, fishing also available. **This is an RSVP ONLY event.** Please sign up at the information desk by **August 18.**