

MINISTERING IN WORSHIP . . .

Presiding Elder ~ Mason Fitch
Elders ~ Chere Peters & Jenny Tripses
Lay Reader ~ Becky Sisk
Greeters ~ Connie Julien & Judy Leeper
Acolyte ~ Natalie Woods

Deacons
Chancel – Geraldine Runkle
*Alice Jury
Tim Dougherty, Terrie Wronkiewicz & Nick Wronkiewicz
* = Head Deacon **(Please count attendance)**

Counters ~ John & Lisa Best
Sunday School/Grades 1-8 ~ Laura Buckley

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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, Social Media 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)
12:00 p.m. - Elders Meeting
7:00 p.m. - Private Group (Landes) (110)

MONDAY
6:00 p.m. - Peoria Players (FH)

TUESDAY
6:00 p.m. - Peoria Players (FH)

WEDNESDAY – NO BIBLE STUDY THIS WEEK
6:00 p.m. - Peoria Players (FH)

THURSDAY
6:00 p.m. - Peoria Players (FH)

FRIDAY

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)
12:45 p.m. - Outreach Meeting (110)
7:00 p.m. - Private Group (Landes) (110)



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FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Founded in 1845



Today's Meditation

I raise up my voice – not so I can shout, but so those without a voice can be heard...we cannot succeed when half of us are held back.

– Malala Yousafzai

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 – *Andantino* - Berge
(Please use the music and the moment of silence to prepare your hearts and minds for worship)

A Moment of Silence

^{*}Opening Hymn – *How Firm a Foundation* #618

^{*}Call to Worship
Leader: Come, like Sister Miriam, leading the Hebrew people out of bondage with tambourines and dance.
People: We come to our God with praise!
Leader: Come, like Sister Martha, running through the dark with courage, proclaiming that Jesus is God!
People: We come to our God with our doubt and our faith.
Leader: Come, like Sister Esther, whose bravery saved the Jewish people
People: We come to our God with great thanks!

^{*}Opening Prayer
Leader: Let us pray together...
All: We thank You for the women in Your church whose voices are often overlooked. Bless their faith, strength, and commitment, even when unrecognized. Empower those who teach, preach, and lead with Your wisdom. May we honor their contributions and open our hearts to their voices. Bless those who serve quietly, sustaining our communities, and grant them the recognition they deserve. Strengthen the prophets and visionaries among us to pursue justice and mercy, even when met with resistance. Help us value and uplift all voices in the church, acknowledging their vital role in Your work. This we ask as we pray... Our Father...
(The Lord's prayer may be found in the hymnal #307)

^{*}Glory Be to the Father (Gloria Patri) #36

Scripture Reading – Judges 4:4-9

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

Children's Message Hannah Fitch

Special Music – *Ride the Chariot* Barbershop Quartet

Message – Prophetic: *Into the Hands of a Women* Mason Fitch

^{*}Hymn of Invitation – *Called as Partners in Christ's Service* #453

A Time of Prayer

Communion Hymn – *Gather Us In* vss. 1,3 #284

The Lord's Supper – *Elevation* - Guilmant
All: “Here we celebrate that all people are welcome at this table of God's grace.”

Offering Statement

Tithes and Offerings – *Reassurance* - traditional
(If you are able, please come forward at this time to place your offering in the plate on the communion table.)

^{*}Doxology (Words on Screen)
Thomas Ken 1674, alt; Music: Louis Bourgois, 1551

^{*}Dedication of Offering

^{*}Benediction

^{*}Congregational Response – *Let the Whole Creation Cry* vs. 3 #21

^{*}Postlude – *The Church's One Foundation* - Wesley

- 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 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 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 ~ **There will be no Bible Study this week.**
 - Sunday Morning Study ~ June & July. We will be studying Paul's Ministry in Macedonia and Ephesus and how he encouraged the new Christians in their struggles with the social, religious, economic and political dynamics of the Roman and Jewish world. The class will be led by Frank Wheeler.
 - Tasting Peoria ~ June 20th at 6p.m. We will be going to Agatucci's on University. Please sign up at the information desk or online.
 - Movie Night ~ June 28th at 7 p.m. The movie is *The African Queen*. Sign up at the information desk or online.
 - Book Fair ~ June 30th following the Worship Service. Bring in your used books to donate and place them on table in the Fellowship Hall. There will also be a freewill donation taken during the Book Fair. Funds raised will go to Look It's My Book.
 - Potluck ~ June 30th 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.
 - Summer Music ~ If you would like to participate in the Summer Music there is a signup on Heather's door or online.