

Ministering Today

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| Presiding Elder | Mason Fitch |
| Elders | Kevin Cheatham |
| | Steve West |
| Deacons | |
| Chancel Head | Lisa Cheatham |
| | Tim Dougherty |
| | Larry Weber |
| | Debbie Presnell |
| | Terrie Wronkiewicz |
| Lay Reader | Laura Cohen |
| Greeters | Frank Wheeler |
| | Kathleen Wheeler |
| Counters | Steve & Monica |
| | Hinrichs |
| Adult SS | Hank Anderson |
| Youth SS | Cheryl Davis |
| Preschool | Deann Anderson |

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

Staff

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| Hank Anderson | Interim Minister |
| Heather Woods | Music Ministry Coordinator |
| Brian Woods | Organist |
| Mason Fitch | Digital Ministry Coordinator |
| Brandy Cox | Child Care |
| Diane Pfoff | Office Manager |
| Lynn Hutton | Bookkeeper |
| Sung Kim | Custodian |

Calendar

Today

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| 9:00 am | Adult Studies |
| 10:30 am | Worship Service |
| 12:30 pm | Jubilate Ringers |
| 1:00 pm | Sanctuary Choir |
| 4:00 pm | Cluster Lenten Service Eureka CC |
| 7:00 pm | Private Group |

Monday

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| 7:00 pm | Administrative Board |
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Tuesday

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| 6:00 pm | PACC |
| 6:00 pm | Peoria Players |

Wednesday

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| 10:30 am | Bible Study |
| 5:00 pm | Dungeons & Dragons |
| 6:00 pm | Peoria Players |

Thursday

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| 6:00 pm | Peoria Players |
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Saturday

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| 7:00 am | Private Group |
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Next Sunday

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| 9:00 am | Adult Studies |
| 10:30 am | Worship Service |
| 12:00 pm | EOM Potluck |
| 12:30 pm | Jubilate Ringers |
| 1:00 pm | Sanctuary Choir |
| 4:00 pm | Cluster Lenten Service Glen Oak CC |
| 7:00 pm | Private Group |



March 16, 2025
10:30am

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Second Sunday in Lent

† indicates standing, if able

Today’s Meditation

For once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light. . .
-Ephesians 5:8 NRSV

†Fellowship of the Church

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

Music for Meditation

Woodland Peace - Grieg/Paxton

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

A Moment of Silence

†Opening Hymn

#552

Standing on the Promises

†Call to Worship

Leader: The Lord is our light and our salvation; whom shall we fear?

People: The Lord is the stronghold of life; of whom shall we be afraid?

Leader: We come now to worship with joy, and praise the Lord with music.

People: Teach us how to live, O Lord. Lead us along the right paths

Leader: We will wait patiently for the Lord. Yes, we will wait patiently for the Lord.

†Opening Prayer

Leader: Let us pray together...

All: We worship you, O God, with songs of praise. We worship you with words of prayer and with ears that listen for you to speak your saving truth into our lives. Grant us grace to live every moment changed by your glory—daring to live with hope and courage and love reflecting the life of Jesus, through whom your glory shines in the most unexpected ways. Bless this time of worship, O Lord, and all that we say and do. We pray this in the name of the one who taught us to pray. . .

The Lord’s Prayer may be found in the hymnal #307

†Lenten Response

#461

Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service vs 3

Scripture Reading

Galatians 3:23–26

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

Children’s Message

Mason Fitch

Special Music

Sanctuary Choir

Must Jesus Bear the Cross

arr. Joseph M. Martin

Sermon

Hank Anderson

Savior: The Power of the Cross

Setting Us Free

†Hymn of Commitment

#5

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

A Time of Prayer

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Communion Hymn

#413

Take Our Bread

The Lord’s Supper

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

Panis Angelicus - Franck/Leatherman

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.

Children of the Heavenly Father - arr. Lau

†Doxology

#46

†Dedication of Offering

†Benediction

†Congregational Response

#628

Precious Lord, Take My Hand vs 1

Postlude

Christ Is the Way, the Truth, the Life - Kendall

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 on the welcome table and you can also fill out the form on the church app. The paper forms can be put in the offering plate, or hand it directly to the pastor.
- Our sound system is equipped with a hearing assistance technology system. Please see someone in the tech booth for more information or to use.
- Sunday Morning Study ~ During the season of Lent, Hank is leading a study looking at some of the different ways that Christians have understood the Cross. You can still join in, just speak with Hank regarding the accompanying book.
- Bible Study ~ Wednesday’s at 10:30 a.m. with Hank. We are studying Paul’s Letter to the Romans. Please join us anytime!
- March Potluck ~ March 23rd 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.
- Movie Night ~ March 27th at 6 p.m. The movie is “The Shawshank Redemption”. Sign up at the info desk or in the app.
- Book Club ~ March 27th at 6 p.m. The book is “We Solve Murders” by Richard Osman. We will meet at the home of Elizabeth Carrico; please reach out to Elizabeth or the office for the address. Sign up at the info desk or in the app.
- Disciple Women ~ April 8th at 12 p.m. The group will be painting the pottery they made in February. Sign up at the information desk or in the app!
- Tasting Peoria ~ April 10th at 6 p.m. We will be going to Peoria Pizza Works, 3921 N Prospect Rd, Peoria Heights, IL 61616. Sign up at the info desk or in the app.