

MINISTERING IN WORSHIP . . .
Presiding Elder ~ Dave Sinn
Elders ~ Roger & Vickie Baker
Lay Reader ~ Becky Sisk
Greeters ~ Debra Kreps & Shirley Fuchs
Acolyte ~ Natalie Woods
Deacons
 Chancel – Laura Cohen
 *Jake Cohen
 Terrie Wronkiewicz, Tom Davis & Cheryl Davis
 * = Head Deacon **(Please count attendance)**
Counters ~ Jim & Beth Smittkamp
Friends of Jesus ~ Linda Rex
Sunday School/Grades 1-8 ~ Chere Peters



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
12:30 p.m. - Jubilate Ringers (S)
1:00 p.m. - Sanctuary Choir (S)
7:00 p.m. - Private Group (Landes) (110)
- MONDAY**
- TUESDAY**
- WEDNESDAY**
10:30 a.m. - Bible Study (110)
- THURSDAY**
- FRIDAY**
10:30 a.m. - Montessori School Mother's Day (FH)
6:00 p.m. - Peoria International Choir Rehearsal (S)
6:00 p.m. - Tamil School (Classrooms/FH)
- SATURDAY**
7:00 a.m. - Private Group (Landes) (110)
5:00 p.m. - Peoria International Choir Concert (S/L)
- NEXT SUNDAY – MOTHER'S DAY**
9:00 a.m. - Studies/Adult SS
10:30 a.m. - Worship Service (S)
12:30 p.m. - Jubilate Ringers (S)
1:00 p.m. - Sanctuary Choir (S)
7:00 p.m. - Private Group (Landes) (110)

**PATIENCE
&
ENDURANCE**

May 05, 2024

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Founded in 1845



Today's Meditation

And let us run with endurance the race God has set before us. We do this by keeping our eyes on Jesus.

– Hebrews 12:1b-2a NLT

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.

Camp Ambassador

Abby Logan

Music for Meditation – *My Lord, What a Morning!*

– arr. Hancock

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

A Moment of Silence

*Opening Hymn – *Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!*

#4

*Call to Worship

Leader: Holy God, in reverent awe, we come to worship you!

People: We gather to honor and glorify God's almighty name.

Leader: Righteous God, we rejoice as we come to worship you!

People: We gather to celebrate God's power over the forces of evil and death.

Leader: Faithful God, with thankfulness, we come to worship you!

People: We gather to sing praises to the God in whom we trust. Amen

*Opening Prayer

Leader: Let us pray together...

ALL: Holy God, may we hear your voice as we come together this day to worship. Through the trials and turbulence of this life, make us steady, may your hands hold strong the fragile and weak. Help us to grow in our faith and commitment to you. May we follow you, and may we love as you love. We pray this in the name of the One who taught us to pray... Our Father...

(The Lord's prayer may be found in the hymnal #307)

*Glory Be to the Father (Gloria Patri)

#36

Scripture Reading – James 5:7-11

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

Children's Message

Hannah Fitch

Sanctuary Choir – *Always and Forever* – Boersma/Hayes

Sermon - James: Living Faith – *Patience and Endurance*

Hank Anderson

*Hymn of Invitation – He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought!

vss. 1,2 #545

A Time of Prayer

Communion Hymn – *In This Very Room*

#295

The Lord's Supper – *Be Thou My Vision* – arr. Wood

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

Offering Statement

Tithes and Offerings – *He is the Way, the Truth, and the Light*

- arr. Wagner

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

*Doxology

#46

*Dedication of Offering

*Benediction

*Congregational Response – *This is the Day*

#286

*Postlude – *Voluntary in C* – Zundel/Ryan

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 ~ Wednesday Morning Bible Study at 10:30 a.m. with Hank. The study is on the Book of Mark.
- Sunday Morning Study ~ *Outrageous Jesus* is the study for May. We will focus on understanding how Jesus formulated his ministry in response to the culture and politics of his day. Becky Sisk will lead the class.
- Disciple Women ~ May 14th at noon. Susie Ryan will once again join the group to complete our ceramic mugs. Sign up at the information desk or online.
- Tasting Peoria ~ May 18th at 8 a.m. We will be going to Le Peep for breakfast. Sign up at the information desk or online.
- Movie Night ~ May 24th at 7 p.m. The movie is *The African Queen*. Sign up at the information desk or online.
- Book Club ~ May 28th at 6 p.m. The book is *Killers of the Flower Moon* by David Grann. We will be meeting at the home of Marilyn Wood, 4713 W Lynnhurst Dr. Peoria. Snacks and refreshments provided. Sign up at the information desk or online.

American Red Cross ~ Blood Drive has been cancelled at this time.