

MINISTERING IN WORSHIP . . .

Presiding Elder ~ Mason Fitch
Elders ~ Carmen Nicoll & Sandy Surface
Lay Reader ~ Liz White
Greeters ~ Debbie Presnell & Geraldine Runkle
Acolyte ~ Natalie Woods
Deacons
 Chancel – Lisa Cheatham
 *John Best
 Barb Turner & Kyle Cheatham
* = Head Deacon **(Please count attendance)**
Counters ~ John & Lisa Best
Friends of Jesus ~ Chere Peters
Sunday School/Grades 1-8 ~ Cheryl Davis



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)
12:30 p.m. - Jubilate Ringers (S)
1:00 p.m. - Sanctuary Choir (S)
4:00 p.m. - Cluster Lenten Service (S) (FH)
7:00 p.m. - Private Group (Landes) (110)
- MONDAY**
5:30 p.m. - Worship Meeting (105)
6:30 p.m. - Personnel Meeting (105)
- TUESDAY**
10:30 a.m. - Faith and Justice Task Force
12:30 p.m. - Disciple Women (110)
6:00 p.m. - PACC (S/L/N)
- WEDNESDAY**
10:30 a.m. - Bible Study (110)
6:30 p.m. - Transition Team (105)
- THURSDAY**
- FRIDAY**
6:00 p.m. - Tamil School (Classrooms/FH)
- SATURDAY**
7:00 a.m. - Private Group (Landes) (110)
10:30 a.m. - MLT Meeting
- NEXT SUNDAY**
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)



March 10, 2024

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Founded in 1845



Today’s Meditation

We shall live in peace, we shall live in peace, we shall live in peace someday! Oh, deep in my heart I do believe we shall live in peace some day! – from “We Shall Overcome”, vs. 6

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 – *All Creatures of Our God and King*

– arr. Harris

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

A Moment of Silence

**Gathering Praise – All Creatures of Our God and King* #22

**Call to Worship*

Leader: In the darkest valley,

People: at the banquet table;

Leader: in the hard work of life,

People: at the moments of ease;

Leader: in our day-to-day reality,

People: at times set aside-

Leader: like this time, now-

People: for worship, for listening, for paying attention;

Leader: with every step we take:

People: goodness and mercy follow us;

All: and our cups overflow.

**Opening Prayer*

Leader: Let us pray together...

ALL: O God, as we begin this time of worship, take from me the tension that makes peace impossible. Take from me the fears that do not allow me to venture. Take from me the worries that blind my sight. Take from me the distress that hides your joy. Help me to know that I am with you, that I am in your care, and that I am in your 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 – Luke 19:37-44

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

Moment for the Children

Hannah Fitch

Anthem

Jubilate Ringers

Were You There? – arr. Douglas E. Wagner

Message – *Giving Up Enemies*

Hank Anderson

**Hymn of Invitation – Lead On, O Cloud of Presence*

vss. 1,3 #633

A Time of Prayer

Communion Hymn – *Surely the Presence of the Lord*

#263

The Lord’s Supper – *Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us*

- Bradbury/Hughes

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

Offering Statement

Tithes and Offerings – *How Lovely Are Thy Dwellings*

- Liddle/Peterson

(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 –*

God, Be with You Till We Meet Again vs.1 #434

**Postlude – All People That on Earth Do Dwell*

- Bourgeois/Hughes

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 ~ Deann Anderson is leading the class during February and March on “*Inspired: Slaying Giants, Walking on Water, and Loving the Bible Again*” by Rachel Held Evans.
- Disciple Women ~ March 12th at 12 p.m. Guest speaker Vickie Lober. The program is on Peoria. Bring a lunch and join. Sign up at the information desk or online.
- Tasting Peoria ~ March 21st at 6 p.m. We will be going to PO-Boys, 6736 Frostwood Pkwy, Peoria. Sign up at the information desk or online.
- Movie Night ~ March 22nd at 7 p.m. The movie is *This Beautiful Fantastic*. Sign up at the information desk or online.
- Easter Celebration ~ March 30th at 10 a.m. We will have story time, Easter egg hunt and refreshments. Check the information desk for help needed with this event or go online.
- Easter Brunch ~ March 31st at 8 a.m. We need a few food items and help with setup and cleanup. Please check the information desk sign up or online.
- Regional Disciple Women Event ~ April 13th at 9 a.m. The Ties that Bind with guest speaker Rev. Petie Mclean. We will be quilting. Registration forms are available at the information desk. Some help is needed for this event please check the information desk.