

Ministering Today

Presiding Elder	Roger Baker
Elders	Beth Smittkamp
	Linda Rex
Deacons	
Chancel	Lisa Cheatham
Head	Beth Reynolds
	Cody Cheatham
Lay Reader	Kate Spielman
Greeters	Debbie Presnell
	Geraldine Runkle
Counters	John & Lisa
	Best
Adult SS	Hank Anderson
Pre-K SS	Jenny Tripses
Elementary SS	Katie Fitch

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

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
Terrie Wronkiewicz	Custodian

Calendar

Today - Moravian Love Feast	
9:00 am	Studies/Adult SS
10:30 am	Worship Service
12:30 pm	Jubilate Ringers
1:00 pm	Sanctuary Choir
7:00 pm	Private Group

Monday	
6:00 pm	Peoria Players

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

Thursday	
6:00 pm	Movie Night
6:00 pm	Peoria Players

Friday	
5:30 pm	Tamil School

Saturday	
7:00 am	Private Group

Next Sunday - Cantata Sunday	
9:00 am	Studies/Adult SS
10:30 am	Worship Service
12:30 pm	Jubilate Ringers
1:00 pm	Sanctuary Choir
7:00 pm	Private Group



December 15, 2024
10:30am

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Third Sunday of Advent

† indicates standing, if able

Today’s Meditation

And (the angel) came to her and said, “Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you.” . . . Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God.
(Luke 1:28-30b)

†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

Minute for Mission Video

Music for Meditation -
Maddison Barnard, harp
Please use the music and the moment of silence to prepare your hearts and minds for worship.

A Moment of Silence

†Opening Hymn
Hark! the Herald Angels Sing #150

†Call to Worship
Leader: Seasons come and seasons go,
People: but our God endures forever.
Leader: Our faith and strength may ebb and flow,
People: but our God endures forever.
Leader: The world may struggle and fall into chaos,
People: but our God endures forever.
All: So let our souls magnify the Lord our God this day.

†Opening Prayer
Leader: Let us pray together...
All: O God, we will praise you as long as we live. We will not trust in the powerful of this world but will trust in you, the Creator of heaven and earth, the One who gives food to the hungry, the One who enacts justice for the oppressed. Our souls proclaim your greatness, O God, as we worship you in this place. 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

†Response
Blessed Be the God of Israel vs 1 #135

Scripture Reading Luke 1:26-25
This is the word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Advent Wreath Truelove Family
Reading & Litany on screen
Carol Response Light Shines Forth vs 3

Children’s Message Hannah Fitch

Special Music Jubilate Ringers
Gentle Mary Laid Her Child arr. Lloyd Larson

Reflection Hank Anderson
Come Let Us Adore Him:
Do Not Be Afraid

Moravian Love Feast Maddison Barnard, harp

†Hymn of Commitment
When God Is a Child vss 1&4 #132

A Time of Prayer
Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Communion Hymn
What Child Is This #162

The Lord’s Supper
All: Here we celebrate that all people are welcome at this table of God’s grace.
Song of Mary - Fischer/Wilson

Offering Statement

Tithes & Offerings
Maddison Barnard, harp
If you are able, please come forward at this time to place your offering in the plate in front of the communion table.

†Doxology on screen

†Dedication of Offering

†Benediction

†Congregational Response
There's a Song in the Air vs. 1 #159

Postlude
People, Look East - arr. Lau

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 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. 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.
- Christmas Eve - December 24th at 6 pm. Join us as we celebrate the arrival of the Christ Child. Invite your family and friends too! Afterwards, enjoy a cookie and punch reception in the lounge.
- Sunday Morning Study ~ December: Hank Anderson is leading a study called “Four Words of Advent”.
- Bible Study ~ Wednesday’s at 10:30 a.m. with Hank. We are studying the Book of Daniel.
- Disciple Women ~ January 14th at 12 p.m. More information to come. Sign up at the info desk or in the app.
- Tasting Peoria ~ January 9th at 6 p.m. We will be going to The Fieldhouse, 1200 W Main St, Peoria, IL 61606. Sign up at the info desk or in the app.
- Book Club ~ January 27th at 6 p.m. The book is “Project Hail Mary” by Andy Weir. We will meet at the home of Marilyn Wood; please reach out to Marilyn or the office for the address. Sign up at the info desk or in the app.
- Movie Night ~ December 19th at 6 p.m. The movie is “The Holiday”. Sign up at the info desk or in the app.
- January Potluck ~ January 26th 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.