

MINISTERING IN WORSHIP . . .

Presiding Elder ~ Jenny Tripses  
Elders ~ Kevin Wolfe & Sandy Surface  
Lay Reader ~ Terrie Wronkiewicz  
Greeters ~ Jan Cusac & Peter Clausen  
Acolyte ~ Natalie Woods  
Deacons  
    Chancel – Monica Hinrichs  
            \*Steve Hinrichs  
            Laura Buckley & Katie Fitch  
\* = Head Deacon **(Please count attendance)**  
Counters ~ Steve West & Ralph Tegg  
Friends of Jesus ~ Jenny Tripses  
Sunday School/Grades 1-8 ~ Geraldine Runkle



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. - Vision Sunday Lunch & Conversation (FH)  
7:00 p.m. - Private Group (Landes) (110)
- MONDAY**
- TUESDAY**  
6:00 p.m. - PACC (S/L/N)  
6:30 p.m. - Cluster Meeting (Sunnyland)
- 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)
- NEXT SUNDAY**  
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)



February 25, 2024

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Founded in 1845



Today's Meditation

For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.  
- Ephesians 2:10 NIV

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 – *Amazing Grace* – arr. Jim Brickman  
(Please use the music and the moment of silence to prepare your hearts and minds for worship)

A Moment of Silence

\*Gathering Praise – *Rejoice, You Pure in Heart* #15

\*Call to Worship

Leader: *Lent calls us to faithful living, to trust the One who gives us life.*  
**People: Lent calls each of us to take up our cross, and to trust the One who bears it with us.**  
Leader: *Lent calls us to journey with God, as we grow in faith and commitment.*  
**People: Let us worship God, who walks with us, this and every day.**

\*Opening Prayer

Leader: *Let us pray together...*  
**ALL: God of Mercy and Grace, you come to us in Jesus of Nazareth to break down the dividing walls of hostility between us. You give us the ministry of reconciliation. You bless our lives with boundless love. Forgive us when we are selfish, and transform us by your spirit and word. May our worship be pleasing to you, and our lives renewed for the journey ahead. 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)

Scripture Reading – Jeremiah 29:10-14  
*This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.*

Moment for the Children Hannah Fitch

Anthem Jubilate Ringers  
*Have Thine Own Way, Lord* – Ron Mallory

For the Good of the Church Steve Peters

Message – *The Power of Vision* Hank Anderson

\*Hymn of Invitation – *Be Thou My Vision* vss. 1,2 #595

A Time of Prayer

Communion Hymn – *Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross* #587

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

Offering Statement

Tithes and Offerings – *Let There Be Peace on Earth*  
- arr. Carol Tornquist  
(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 – *Lead Me, Guide Me* #583

\*Postlude – *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*  
– arr. Oliver Holden

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.
- Illinois Valley Cluster Lenten Service ~ March 10<sup>th</sup> at 4 p.m. Dinner to follow. Please check the information desk to sign up for food and help needed.
- Tasting Peoria ~ March 21<sup>st</sup> at 6 p.m. We will be going to PO-Boys, 6736 Frostwood Pkwy, Peoria. Sign up at the information desk or online.
- Easter Brunch ~ March 31<sup>st</sup> 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 ~ Ties that Bind. April 13<sup>th</sup> at 9 a.m. The Rev. Petie Mclean will speak. Registration forms are available at the information desk. Some help is needed for this event please check the sign up on the information desk.