

MINISTERING IN WORSHIP . . .

Presiding Elder ~ Steve West
Elders ~ Dave & Connie Sinn
Lay Reader ~ Becky Sisk
Greeters ~ Beth Cox & Kate Spielman
Acolyte ~ Natalie Woods
Deacons
 Chancel – Geraldine Runkle
 *Alice Jury
 Barb Turner & Adam Woods
* = Head Deacon **(Please count attendance)**
Counters ~ Mike & Laura Buckley
Friends of Jesus/Preschool Sunday School ~ Linda Rex
Sunday School/Grades 1-8 ~ Laura Buckley



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)
11:45 a.m. - Elders Meeting
12:30 p.m. - Jubilate Ringers (S)
1:00 p.m. - Sanctuary Choir (S)
2:00 p.m. - Wedding Reception/Fitch (FH/L)
7:00 p.m. - Private Group (Landes) (110)
- MONDAY**
6:30 p.m. - Peoria Players (FH)
- TUESDAY**
6:00 p.m. - PACC Rehearsal (S/N/FH)
6:30 p.m. - Peoria Players (FH)
- WEDNESDAY**
10:30 a.m. - Bible Study (110)
6:30 p.m. - Peoria Players (FH)
- THURSDAY**
6:30 p.m. - Peoria Players (FH)
- FRIDAY**
6:00 p.m. - Tamil School (Classrooms)
- SATURDAY**
7:00 a.m. - Private Group (Landes) (110)
10:00 a.m. - Blessing of the Pets (Outside)
- NEXT SUNDAY – RECONCILIATION SUNDAY**
9:00 a.m. - Studies/Adult SS
10:30 a.m. - Worship Service (S)
12:30 p.m. - Jubilate Ringers (S)
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October 1, 2023

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Founded in 1845



Today’s Meditation

So many of our dreams at first seem impossible, then they seem improbable, and then, when we summon the will, they soon become inevitable.
– Christopher Reeve

Fellowship of the Church

(Please register on pads at end of each pew.)
We want to extend a special welcome to our first-time visitors. You are invited to stop at the Visitor’s Table before you leave to receive more information about our church and a little something extra.

Minute for Mission

Video

Music for Meditation – *Communion Meditations* – arr. Smith

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

A Moment of Silence

*Gathering Praise – *All Who Hunger Gather Gladly*

#419

*Call to Worship

Leader: We have come together as one.
People: One people, gathered in the name of the one God.
Leader: We will worship together as one.
People: One community, giving praise and honor to the Righteous One.
Leader: One people, giving witness to the power of One.

Opening Prayer

Leader: Let us pray together...
ALL: Almighty God, as we gather in this place to worship you, we know that all around the world, people everywhere gather to be your church. Pour out your Spirit upon your church universal, that all who gather in your name and all who praise you may feel your presence, know your will, and have the courage to carry out your calling. 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 Readings – Joel 2:28-29

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

Moment for the Children

Hannah Fitch

Anthem – *One Communion* – Parker/Lantz

Sanctuary Choir

Mission Highlight

EPIC

Message – *Dreams and Visions*

Hank Anderson

*Hymn of Invitation – *Open My Eyes, That I May See*

vss. 1,2 #586

A Time of Prayer

Communion Hymn – *One Bread, One Body*

#393

The Lord’s Supper – *Let Us Break Bread Together*

- Hayes/Gaspard

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

Offering Statement

Tithes and Offerings – *Reflection* - Uppercue

(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 –

Be Known to Us in Breaking Bread

#398

*Postlude – *From All That Dwell below the Skies* – arr. Wells

- 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 with the bread sealed in clear plastic on top of the foil lid for the juice. 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 ~ Hank is leading the Bible Study on Wednesday’s through November 15th. For the next two weeks class will meet at 10:30 a.m. only. The study is on the “The Gospel According to Mark”.
 - Blessing of the Pets ~ October 7th at 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. Bring your pet to church. Hank or one of the Elders will give the blessing.
 - Sunday Morning Study ~ Beginning October 8th at 9 a.m. Frank Wheeler & Becky Sisk will lead the class on, The Apostle Paul, Part 2. Sign up at the information desk.
 - Disciple Women ~ October 10th at 12 p.m. Will be bagging candy for Halloween to donate to some of our local missions. If you are able to help by donating candy for this project please bring it to the church and leave it in the container outside the office door. We need the candy by Sunday, October 8. Thank you so much.
 - Blessing Bracelet ~ October 10th at 6 p.m. Dana Powers will host the making of the blessing bracelet. The cost is \$8 per person. Sign up at the information desk if you would like to attend.
 - Tasting Peoria ~ October 19th at 6 p.m. at Kelleher’s Irish Pub and Eatery. 619 Southwest Water St. Peoria. Sign up at the information desk if you would like to attend.
 - Movie Night ~ October 27th at 7 p.m. The Movie is Indiana Jones and the Dial of Destiny. Please sign up at the information desk if you would like to attend.
 - Book Club ~ October 30th at 7 p.m. at Margaret Goulden’s home: 133 Eastwood Dr, East Peoria. The book is “The Extraordinary Life of Sam Hell” by Robert Dugoni. Refreshments and snacks provided. Sign up at the information desk if you would like to attend.