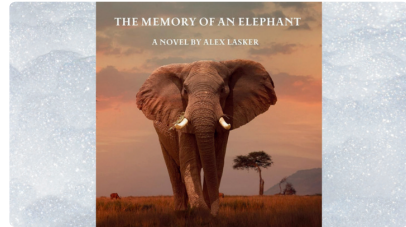


Don't Forget...

Office is **CLOSED** for Memorial Day
Cluster Meeting Tuesday @ 6:30pm
(Sunnyland)



Book Club
Thursday @ 6pm



Check out our full
calendar of events here



Please always check with the church office if you are
wanting to use the church building. Thank you!

The Ministry of Paying Attention

Remembering as Resistance

Memorial Day began as a day of public remembrance, not only for military service members, but as a way of grieving what war costs us all. The Church honors memory differently than the world does.

We remember not just to celebrate, but to tell the truth. We remember that:

- Some lives are honored loudly, and others not at all.
- Memorials often erase as much as they reveal.
- Remembering rightly means naming pain and power, not just patriotism.

Jesus said, “Do this in remembrance of me” and when we remember him, we remember all who were silenced, crucified, or cast aside by empires. Christian memory is public resistance. It says: This person mattered. This story is not erased. God remembers, and so do we.

This Week's Practice: Remember with Intention

- Light a candle for those who died — and for those never named.
- Learn about the original purpose of “Decoration Day,” especially among Black communities after the Civil War.
- Pray for peace in the present — not just the past.

Before You Go...

When we remember rightly, we resist forgetting what matters. Let memory make you tender. Let memory make you truthful. Let memory shape the kind of world you long for — one where no one is forgotten.



May 25, 2025
10:30am

First Christian Church



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Sixth Sunday of Easter

† indicates standing, if able

Today's Meditation

Let us all remember this: one cannot proclaim the Gospel of Jesus without the tangible witness of one's life.

-Pope Francis

†Fellowship of the Church

(Please sign in online or on the red pad in your pew)

Minute for Mission

Larry Weber

Music for Meditation

Fairest Lord Jesus - Gawthrop

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

A Moment of Silence

†Opening Hymn

#649

Give Thanks for Life

†Call to Worship

Leader: We come today to worship God.

People: O God, meet us in our questions and help us embrace your mystery.

Leader: We come to encounter the God who is greater than words can describe, and yet always present with us.

People: O God, surround us with your love, a love that offers us peace.

Leader: We come to give thanks to the God who created and sustains us.

People: O God, empower us to be your witnesses near by and far away,

All: and strengthen us that we might welcome others into the new life that comes from Jesus.

†Opening Prayer

Leader: Let us pray together...

All: Holy God, you are our eternal hope, our companion in life, our liberating power. Lead us in your mission, baptizing and teaching in your blessed name, so that all may come to know your love, your grace, and your peace. We pray this in the name of the One who sent us, Jesus Christ, who also taught us to pray. . .

The Lord's Prayer may be found in the hymnal #307

Scripture Reading

Matthew 28:16-20

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

Children's Message

Emily Williams

Special Music

Praise Team

In Christ Alone

Townend & Getty

Sermon

Mason Fitch

The Waiting: A Post-Resurrection Tour
Worldwide Tour

†Hymn of Commitment

#479

We Have Heard a Joyful Sound vss 1,3,4

A Time of Prayer

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Communion Hymn

#254

Breathe on Me, Breath of God

The Lord's Supper

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

Abide With Me - Monk/Gawthrop

Offering Statement

Tithes & Offerings

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

Voluntary in F - Lau

†Doxology

#46

†Dedication of Offering

†Benediction

†Congregational Response

#646

How Blest Are They Who Trust in Christ vs 1

Postlude

Rise Up and Serve the Lord - Walter/Harris

Ministering Today

Presiding Elder
Elders

Frank Wheeler
Beth Cox
Kevin Wolfe

Deacons

Chancel
Head

Geraldine Runkle
Joe Rex
Ange Bertucci
Cheryl Davis
Tom Davis

Lay Reader
Greeters

Connie Sinn
Terrie Wronkiewicz
Margaret Goulden

Counters

Mike & Laura
Buckley

Adult SS

Youth SS

Preschool

Frank Wheeler
Connie Julien
Linda Rex

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

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