

MINISTERING IN WORSHIP . . .
Presiding Elder ~ Mike Buckley
Elders ~ Kevin Cheatham & Steve West
Lay Reader ~ Kathy Fenton
Greeters ~ Ralph & Ilene Tegg
Acolyte ~ Natalie Woods
Deacons
 Chancel – Joe Rex
 *Laura Buckley
 John Best, Oliver Truelove & Victoria Truelove
* = Head Deacon **(Please count attendance)**
Counters ~ Mike & Laura Buckley
Friends of Jesus ~ Chere Peters
Sunday School/Grades 1-8 ~ Kathleen Wheeler



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)
7:00 p.m. - Private Group (Landes) (110)
- MONDAY**
5:30 p.m. - Worship Meeting (110)
6:30 p.m. - Personnel Meeting (105)
- TUESDAY**
10:30 p.m. - Faith and Justice Task Force
12:00 p.m. - Disciple Women (110)
5:30 p.m. - PACC Rehearsal (S/N/FH)
6:30 p.m. - Transitions Team (105)
- WEDNESDAY**
10:30 a.m. - Bible Study (110)
- THURSDAY**
6:00 p.m. - Tasting Peoria (Off Site)
- FRIDAY**
6:00 p.m. - Tamil School (Classrooms)
7:00 p.m. - Movie Night (S)
- 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)



November 12, 2023

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Founded in 1845



Today’s Meditation
You become like what you worship
- N.T. Wright

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.

Music for Meditation – *A Remembrance* – Dixon
(Please use the music and the moment of silence to prepare your hearts and minds for worship.)

A Moment of Silence

*Gathering Praise – *God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand*
#725

*Call to Worship
Leader: Great is our God, and worthy of praise!
People: God’s goodness knows no limit;
Leader: God’s grace is boundless!
People: Move among us now, O God, as we worship together;
Leader: May your Spirit guide and inspire our thoughts and actions
People: As we spend this time in your presence.

Opening Prayer
Leader: Let us pray together...
ALL: Holy One, long ago you sent your Spirit to abide among us and guide us to a future of goodness and hope. Today, we come seeking your truth, your justice, your kindness. O God, we know you are with us this morning. May we be open to your presence and welcome you into our midst. 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 – Romans 12:1-18
This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Moment for the Children Hannah Fitch

Anthem – Sanctuary Choir
A Tribute to the Armed Services – arr. Lloyd Larson

Message – Change Your Mind Rick Hamilton

*Hymn of Invitation – *I Am thine, O Lord* vss. 1,2,4 #601

A Time of Prayer

Communion Hymn – *O Beautiful for Spacious Skies* #720

The Lord’s Supper –
God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens – arr. Wood
All: “Here we celebrate that all people are welcome at this table of God’s grace.”

Offering Statement

Tithes and Offerings – *A Song of Hope* – Ryan
(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 – *Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory*
vs. 1 #705

*Postlude – *Rigaudon* – Purcell/Peterson

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 mornings at 10:30 a.m. The study is on the “The Gospel According to Mark”.
- Sunday Morning Study ~ Jenny Tripses will be leading the class in November on “The Spirit of Ukraine.” Please sign up at the information desk if you would like to attend.
- Stuff a Bus Food Drive ~ Ends November 29th. This is to help provide food for the pantry at the Friendship House. They serve an average of 150,000 meals a year. Please check the information desk for a list of food items needed and fill the box.
- Disciple Women ~ November 14th at 12p.m. Rev. Parra will be speaking on the spirituality of Native Americans. Sign up at the information desk.
- Tasting Peoria ~ November 16th at 6 p.m. at the Lariat Steak House, 2232 W Glen, Peoria. If you would like to attend sign up at the information desk.
- Movie Night ~ November 17th at 7 p.m. The movie is “*Singing in the Rain*.” Sign up at the information desk if you would like to attend.
- Book Club ~ November 27th at 7 p.m. at Margaret Goulden’s home: 133 Eastwood Dr, East Peoria. The book is “*The Thursday Murder Club*” by Richard Osman. Refreshments and snacks provided. Sign up at the information desk if you would like to attend.
- Coats for Kids ~ We are partnering again with the Salvation Arm to collect gently used or new coats, hats, gloves, mittens and scarves for children of all ages and adults. This will go through January. Please fill the barrel by the information desk.