

MINISTERING IN WORSHIP . . .

Presiding Elder ~ Jenny Tripses
Elders ~ Connie Sinn & Dave Sinn
Lay reader ~ Laura Cohen
Greeters ~ John & Marg Goulden
Acolyte ~ Natalie Woods
Deacons
 Chancel – Geraldine Runkle
 *Monica Hinrichs, Barb Turner & Debbie Presnell
* = Head Deacon **(Please count attendance)**
Counters ~ Steve West & Ralph Tegg

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)
7:00 p.m. – Private Group (Landes) (110)

MONDAY
6:00 p.m. – Peoria Players (FH)

TUESDAY – OFFICE CLOSED
6:00 p.m. – Peoria Players (FH)

WEDNESDAY
6:00 p.m. – Peoria Players (FH)

THURSDAY
6:00 p.m. – Peoria Players (FH)

FRIDAY
6:00 p.m. – Peoria Players (FH)

SATURDAY
7:00 a.m. – Private Group (Landes) (110)

NEXT SUNDAY – FATHER’S DAY
9:00 a.m. – Studies/Adult SS
10:30 a.m. – Worship Service (S)
7:00 p.m. – Private Group (Landes) (110)



July 02, 2023

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Founded in 1845



Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

10:30 a.m.

July 02, 2023

[†]indicates standing, if able

Today's Meditation

Then Jesus called the twelve together and gave them power and authority over all demons and to cure diseases, and he sent them out to proclaim the kingdom of God and to heal.

Luke 9:1-2 NRSV

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 – *America! America!* – Ward/Hughes

(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: What does God expect of the people of God?

**People: To love God with all our heart, and all our soul,
and all our mind, and all our strength,**

*Leader: Let us worship the God who expects much of us,
yet promises to be beside us every step of the way.*

Opening Prayer

Leader: Let us pray together...

**ALL: We will sing about the wonders of your love
forever, O God! We will tell everyone about your
faithfulness! We will declare that your love stands firm,
that your faithfulness is as enduring as the heavens
above! Blessed are those who know you as their God,
for they walk in the light of your presence! We pray this
in the name of the one who taught us to pray...Our
Father...**

(Word to The Lord's Prayer may be found in the hymnal-#307)

Scripture Readings – 1 Peter 4:7-11

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

Moment for the Children

Hannah Fitch

Special Music – *God Bless America* – Irving Berlin
Jerry Hornbacker

Message – *Our Mission*

Hank Anderson

[†]Hymn of Invitation – *Called As Partners in Christ's Service*
vss. 1,2,3 #453

A Time of Prayer

Communion Hymn – *Bread of the World in Mercy Broken*
#387

The Lord's Supper – *Communion Meditation on Bread of Life*
- Sherwin/Penfield

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

Offering Statement

Tithes and Offerings – *Reflection on America* - arr. Wagner
*(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 – *O Beautiful for Spacious Skies*
#720

[†]Postlude – *Recessional* – Wagner

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 your bulletin. They can be put in the offering plate, hung on the prayer wall in the east end of 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.
- Tasting Peoria ~ Will be at Bernardi's in Washington, July 20th at 6 p.m. Please sign up at the information desk.
- Peoria Chiefs ~ Faith and Family Night is on July 23rd at 6:30 p.m. If you would like to attend please sign up at the information desk.
- Movie Night ~ The movie will be Indiana Jones and the Dial of Destiny, July 28th at 7 p.m. Sign up at the information desk to attend.
- Fun in the Sun – Illinois Valley Cluster Picnic is August 19th from 12-5p.m. at Lake Wildwood, Varna IL. Deadline to RSVP is August 17th. Sign up at the information desk.