

MINISTERING IN WORSHIP . . .
Presiding Elder ~ Kevin Cheatham
Elders ~ Mike Buckley & Becky Sisk
Lay Reader ~ Connie Sinn
Greeters ~ Carney Lewis
Acolyte ~ Natalie Woods
Deacons
 Chancel – Joe Rex
 *Tim Dougherty
Dana Powers, Lorie Mansfield & Laura Buckley
* = Head Deacon **(Please count attendance)**
Counters ~ Steve & Monica Hinrichs
Friends of Jesus ~ Jenny Tripses
Sunday School/Grades 1-8 ~ Laura Cohen



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. - EOM Potluck (FH)
7:00 p.m. - Private Group (Landes) (110)
- MONDAY**
6:00 p.m. - PACC (S/L/N)
- TUESDAY**
- WEDNESDAY**
10:30 a.m. - Bible Study (110)
6:30 p.m. - Transition Team Meeting (105)
- THURSDAY**
- FRIDAY – OFFICE CLOSED**
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
10:00 a.m. - Outreach Committee (110)
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)

JAMES: LIVING FAITH

BOASTING ABOUT
TOMORROW

April 28, 2024

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Founded in 1845



Today's Meditation

I will remember the deeds of the Lord; yes, I will remember your miracles of long ago. I will consider all your works and meditate on all your mighty deeds. - Psalm 77:11-12 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 – *Since I Have Been Redeemed*
- Excell/Smith
(Please use the music and the moment of silence to prepare your hearts and minds for worship)

A Moment of Silence

*Opening Hymn – *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name* #91

*Call to Worship
Leader: *We worship the God who inhabits our world.*
People: We need not to look up to find God, we need only to look around within ourselves, beyond ourselves, into the eyes of another.
Leader: *We need not listen for a distant thunder to find God:*
People: We need only listen to the music of life, the words of children, the questions of the curious, the rhythm of a heartbeat.
Leader: *We worship the God who inhabits our world.*

*Opening Prayer
Leader: *Let us pray together...*
ALL: For all the blessings of this life, we give thanks to You, Creator God. For families, friends, colleagues, neighbors, and strangers, who nurture us, that your love may grow within us. May your love be like a seed, taking root and growing strong. 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 – James 4:13-15
This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Children's Message Hannah Fitch

Jubilate Ringers – *I Sing the Mighty Power of God*
– arr. Lloyd Larson

Sermon - James: Living Faith – *Boasting About Tomorrow*
Hank Anderson

*Hymn of Invitation – *Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee*
vss. 1,2,4 #102

A Time of Prayer

Communion Hymn – *Just a Closer Walk with Thee*
vss. 1,2 #557

The Lord's Supper – *Christ, the Life of All the Living*
- arr. Wilson
All: “Here we celebrate that all people are welcome at this table of God’s grace.”

Offering Statement

Tithes and Offerings – *Just a Closer Walk with Thee*
- arr. Denton
(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 – *Take My Life* vs. 1 #609

*Postlude – *Majestic Postlude* - Williams

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.
- Book Club ~ April 30th at 6 p.m. We will meet at the home of Sandy Surface, 643 Mickel Parkway, Washington. The book is *Prodigal Summer* by Barbara Kingsolver. Snacks and refreshments provided. Sign up at the information desk or online.
- Sunday Morning Study ~ *Outrageous Jesus* is the title of the study for May. We will focus on understanding how Jesus formulated his ministry in response to the culture and politics of his day. Becky Sisk will lead the class.
- Disciple Women ~ May 14th at noon. Susie Ryan will once again join the group to complete our ceramic mugs. Sign up at the information desk or online.
- Tasting Peoria ~ May 18th at 8 a.m. We will be going to Le Peep for breakfast. Sign up at the information desk or online.