

Don't Forget...

Elders Meeting **TODAY** after worship



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

Faith at Home

Faith at the Table

Give us this day our daily bread. – Matthew 6:11

The table is one of the most ordinary places in your home, and one of the holiest.

Jesus did so much ministry at tables:

- He ate with tax collectors and sinners.
- He blessed bread with his friends.
- He used meals to heal, shame, restore dignity, and show what the kingdom of God looked like.

At the table, people were seen.
At the table, no one was invisible.

In a world of fast food, busy schedules, and screens everywhere, we often forget that sharing a meal is a spiritual act. It's not just about the food; it's about the presence.

And for the Church, paying attention at the table means asking: *Who has a place here? Who doesn't? What kind of world are we creating with our hospitality?*

This Week's Practice: Make the Table Sacred

- Pick one meal this week, and slow it down. Sit, bless the food, and eat with intention.
- Invite someone to join you who might not often be invited, or imagine what it would look like to do so.
- As you eat, name where you saw God that day.

Before You Go...

The table isn't just where we feed our bodies, it's where we remember who we are. So set it with love. Serve with joy. And know that when you pay attention, even lunch can become liturgy.



June 1, 2025
10:30am

First Christian Church



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Seventh Sunday of Easter

† indicates standing, if able

Today’s Meditation

On Ascension Day, we are called to “go up”—to find higher ground—not to escape Earth’s crises, but to gain a vision and mission that is larger than ourselves or our communities.

-Bruce Epperly

†Fellowship of the Church
(Please sign in online or on the red pad in your pew)

Minute for Mission video

Music for Meditation
Scriptural Reflection: Matthew 11:28 - Groden
Please use the music and the moment of silence to prepare your hearts and minds for worship.

A Moment of Silence

†Opening Hymn #618
How Firm a Foundation

†Call to Worship
Leader: O Lord, open my lips.
People: And my mouth shall proclaim your praise.
Leader: The mountains and the hills shall break forth into singing.
People: And all the trees of the forest shall clap their hands.
Leader: Behold, our Sovereign Lord is coming to reign forever.
People: Alleluia! Alleluia!

†Opening Prayer
Leader: Let us pray together...
All: God of light and truth, you are beyond our grasp or understanding. Before the brightness of your presence, the angels veil their faces. With lowly reverence and adoring love, we acclaim your glory and sing your praise, for you have shown us your truth and love in Jesus Christ our Savior, who taught us to pray...Our Father...

†Vision Response #668
For the Healing of the Nations vs 4

Scripture Reading Acts 1:6-11
This is the word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Children’s Message Hannah Fitch

Graduate Recognition
Clara Truelove
Oliver Truelove
Victoria Truelove
Adam Woods
Jake Buckley
Logan Hlnrichs

Special Music Adam Woods, tuba
Holy Manna arr. Anne Krentz

Sermon Hank Anderson
The Waiting: A Post-Resurrection Tour
The Grand Finale

†Hymn of Commitment #233
Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

A Time of Prayer
Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Communion Hymn #321
Break Thou the Bread of Life

The Lord’s Supper
All: Here we celebrate that all people are welcome at this table of God’s grace.
Meditation - Simper/Ryan

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.
Aria - Simper/Ryan

†Doxology #46

†Dedication of Offering

†Benediction

†Congregational Response #558
Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us vs 1

Postlude
All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name - Holden/Birchwood

Ministering Today

Presiding Elder Kevin Wolfe
Elders Chere Peters
Jenny Tripses

Deacons Beth Reynolds
Chancel Laura Buckley
Head Victoria Truelove
Oliver Truelove
Dana Powers

Lay Reader Larry Weber
Greeters Judy Leeper
Monica Hinrichs
Counters Jim & Beth
Smittkamp
Adult SS Frank Wheeler
Youth SS Kathleen Wheeler
Preschool Jenny Tripses

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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