

MINISTERING IN WORSHIP . . .
Presiding Elder ~ Frank Wheeler
Elders ~ Mason Fitch & Kevin Wolfe
Lay Reader ~ Becky Sisk
Greeters ~ John & Margaret Goulden
Acolyte ~ Natalie Woods
Deacons
 Chancel – Laura Cohen
 *Jake Cohen
 Debbie Presnell
 * = Head Deacon **(Please count attendance)**
Counters ~ Owen & Alice Jury
Sunday School/Grades 1-8 ~ Becky Sisk

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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, Digital Ministry 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)
1:30 p.m. - Peoria Players (FH)
7:00 p.m. - Private Group (Landes) (110)
- MONDAY**
5:00 p.m. - Worship Meeting (110)
6:00 p.m. - Peoria Players (FH)
6:00 p.m. - Personnel Meeting (105)
- TUESDAY**
6:00 p.m. - Peoria Players (FH)
6:30 p.m. - Transition Team (110)
- WEDNESDAY**
10:30 p.m. - Bible Study (110)
1:30 p.m. – Christian Ed (105)
6:00 p.m. - Peoria Players (FH)
- THURSDAY**
6:00 p.m. - Peoria Players (FH)
- FRIDAY**
- SATURDAY**
7:00 a.m. - Private Group (Landes) (110)
9:30 a.m. - 2025 Ministry Planning Meeting (110)
- NEXT SUNDAY**
9:00 a.m. - Studies/Adult SS
10:30 a.m. - Worship Service (S)
11:45 p.m. - Outreach Meeting (110)
7:00 p.m. - Private Group (Landes) (110)

We have been told that Carle Hospital will begin releasing church parishioners' information again in about a month. You will have to let them know your church when admitted or they will not have the information on file when we call.



July 07, 2024

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Founded in 1845



Today's Meditation

By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things.

- Galatians 5:22-23 NRSV

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 – God Leads Us Along

– Young/Leatherman

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

A Moment of Silence

*Opening Hymn – My Hope Is Built

#537

*Call to Worship

Leader: Return to the Lord your God.

People: for God is gracious.

Leader: Confess to the Lord your God,

People: for God is merciful.

Leader: Praise the Lord your God,

People: for God abounds in steadfast love.

Leader: Worship the Lord your God

All: Together, we will worship God!

*Opening Prayer

Leader: Let us pray together...

All: We will bless you, O God, for your wise teaching guides our days and centers our minds at night. You are always present with us. Therefore, we will not live in fear, or abandon our calling, for your presence surrounds us wherever we go. We lift this time of worship to you, O God, 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 Reading – Joel 2:12-13

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

Children's Message

Hannah Fitch

Special Music

This Little Light of Mine

Sax Quartet

Sermon – Prophetic: Return to Me

Hank Anderson

*Hymn of Commitment – How Great Thou Art

vss. 1,4 #33

A Time of Prayer

Communion Hymn – My Faith Looks Up to Thee

vss. 1,2 #576

The Lord's Supper – Nearer, My God, to Thee – Mason/Lau

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

Offering Statement

Tithes and Offerings – Andante – Jackson/Cooman

(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 – Trust and Obey

vs. 3 #556

*Postlude – Sing Praise - Smith

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's at 10:30 a.m. with Hank. The study is on the Book of Mark.
- Sunday Morning Study ~ June & July. We are studying Paul's Ministry in Macedonia and Ephesus. The class is led by Frank Wheeler.
- VBS ~ July 7th – 11th at Glen Oak Christian Church. Some help is needed with supper that will be served before Bible School from 3 p.m. until 5:30 p.m. Sign up at the information desk if you can help.
- Tasting Peoria ~ July 18th at 6 p.m. We will be going to BLACK BAND Distillery, 1000 SW Adams St. Please sign up at the information desk or online.
- Book Club ~ July 23rd at 6 p.m. The book is *The First Lady* by Marie Benedict & Victoria Christopher Murray. We will meet at the home of Tim Dougherty, 201 W Ridgemont Rd. Peoria. Sign up at the information desk or online.
- Movie Night ~ July 26th at 6 p.m. The movie is *The Greatest Showman*. Sign up at the information desk or online.
- Potluck ~ July 28th after the Worship Service. Sign up at the information desk or online if you can help with prep and/or cleanup. Bring your own tableware to reduce waste.