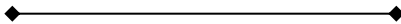


MINISTERING IN WORSHIP . . .

Presiding Elder ~ Dave Sinn
Elders ~ Pat Grate/Becky Sisk
Layreader ~ Becky Sisk
Greeters ~ Geraldine Runkle/Deborah Springhart-West
Acolyte ~ Natalie Woods
Deacons
 Chancel – Jim Smittkamp
 *Alice Jury, Joe Rex
* = Head Deacon (**Please count attendance**)
Counters ~ Jim & Beth Smittkamp



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:
The Rev. Karen Merrick, Pastor
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. – David Sinn will be preaching
- 12:00 p.m. – End-of-the-Month Potluck (FH). Please join us for good food and fellowship!
- 7:00-9:00 p.m. – Private Group (Landes)

MONDAY

- 5:00 p.m. – Tae Kwon Do Class (classroom)

TUESDAY

- 6:00-7:45 p.m. – PACC Rehearsal (110)
- 6:00-9:30 p.m. – PACC Rehearsal (S)

THURSDAY

- 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. – Montessori Teachers' Workshop (Lower Level)
- 6:00-8:30 p.m. – Community Children's Theatre (Ulrich) (FH)

FRIDAY

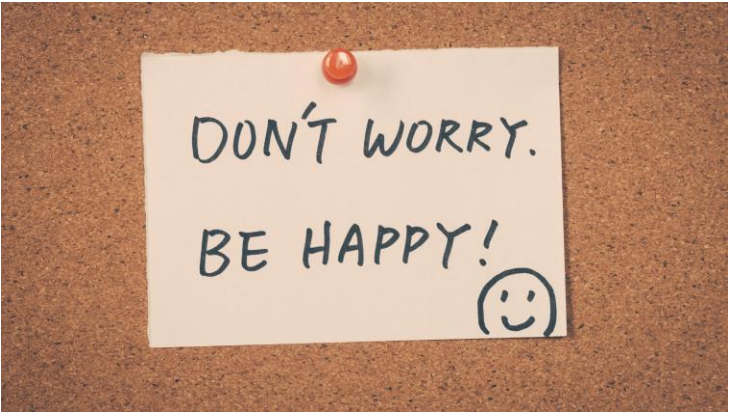
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- 6:00-9:30 p.m. – Community Children's Theatre (Ulrich) (FH)

SATURDAY

- 7:00-9:00 a.m. – Private Group (Landes) (110)
- 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. – Community Children's Theatre (Ulrich) (FH)

NEXT SUNDAY

- 9:00 a.m. – Studies/Adult SS
- 10:30 a.m. – Rev. Dr. Alex Ruth will be our guest preacher. Alex is Associate Regional Minister of Transformation, CCIW.
- 7:00-9:00 p.m. – Private Group (Landes)



August 28, 2022

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Founded in 1845



Today's Meditation
*There is no exercise better for the heart than reaching down
and lifting people up.* —John Holmes

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 – *Be Thou My Vision*—arr. Wood
(Please use the music and the moment of silence to prepare your hearts and minds for worship.)

A Moment of Silence

*Gathering Praise – *Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!* #4

*Call to Worship
Leader: Come into this place of peace
People: And let its silence heal your spirit.
Leader: Come into this place of memory
People: And let its history warm your soul.
Leader: Come into this place of prophecy and power
People: And let its vision change your heart.

*Opening Prayer
Leader: Let us pray together ...
Loving God, we thank you for our lives and for the gift of this new day filled with possibility. Keep us hopeful in the face of disappointment. Keep us open in the face of limitations. Keep us steadfast in the face of challenges. Keep us light-hearted in the face of gloom. Keep us humble in the face of success. Keep us loving in the face of evil. Keep us unsettled in the face of privilege. Keep us close to one another in the face of disagreement. Keep us always and forever close to your heart. This we ask in the name of the one who taught us to pray, singing... Our Father...
The Lord's Prayer – #307

Scripture Readings – Ecclesiastes 3:12
Colossians 3:15-17
This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Moment for the Children Hannah Fitch
(Following the children's message, children ages 5 and up are welcome to meet their teacher, Laura Cohen, at the front of the sanctuary to go to Sunday School.)

Special Music – *He Touched Me*—arr. Jim Curnow
Larry Weber, Euphonium Solo

Message – *Don't Worry. Be Happy!* David Sinn

*Hymn of Commitment – *There's Within My Heart a Melody* #550

A Time of Prayer

Communion Hymn – *Sweet Hour of Prayer!* #570

The Lord's Supper – *Jesus, I Come*—Stebbins/Smith
All: "Here we celebrate that all people are welcome at this table of God's grace."

Offering Statement

Tithes and Offerings – *Have Thine Own Way, Lord*
—Stebbins/Curnow
(If you are able, please come forward at this time to place your gift in the plate on the communion table.)

*Doxology #46

*Dedication of Offering

*Benediction

*Congregational Response – *Blest Be the Tie That Binds* #433

*Postlude – *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*
—Holden/Birchwood

TODAY'S ANNOUNCEMENTS (Weekly Calendar on back)

- This morning we welcome our guest speaker, David Sinn, to the pulpit.
- 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.
- September Sunday Study ~ The Book of James – the Old Testament Book of Proverbs Dressed Up in New Testament Clothes! Join us in September when we will cover the book of James. We will discuss the balance between faith and works as well as a number of instructions from James on how to live a Christian life. Becky Sisk will be leading the study Sunday mornings at 9:00. Please sign up at the information desk.
- Outreach Collection ~ The Center for Prevention of Abuse has a need for some particular items. Please check the list of items on the information desk. Outreach will be collecting these items until September 11th.
- Music Rehearsals begin on Sunday, September 11. Jubilate Ringers 12:30-1:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir 1:00-2:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. Everyone is welcome!
- Disciples Women ~ We will gather at 12:00 noon on Tuesday, September 13. Our speaker comes to us from CEFCU. Bring your own lunch; dessert and drinks provided. Please sign up at the information desk.
- Tasting Peoria ~ Breakfast is back at The Fox Pub! On Saturday, September 24, at 9:00 a.m. we will be enjoying the Fox's full English breakfast. Please sign up at the information desk.