

Throughout the Church...

Worship Meeting - TODAY

Personnel Meeting - Monday @ 6pm

Disciple Women - Tuesday @ 12pm

Christian Ed Meeting - Tuesday @ 1:30pm

Justice Through Faith - Tuesday @ 2:30pm

Bible Study - Wednesday @ 10:30am

MLT Meeting - Wednesday @ 6:30pm

Tasting Peoria - Thursday @ 6pm

Missions & Service Meeting - Sunday @ 12pm



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calendar of events here**

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

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

Radical Welcome, Restless Hearts

*For the Son of Man came to seek out and to save the lost.
Luke 19:10*

Zacchaeus wasn't anyone's idea of holy. He had taken advantage of people, built wealth on the backs of others, and lived in the tension between power and isolation. Yet when Jesus passed through town, something in him stirred. He wanted to see. To belong. To start again.

And Jesus noticed. He didn't call him down to shame him, he called him down to dinner. That's what divine love looks like: it interrupts, invites, and insists that transformation is possible.

But make no mistake - it's also uncomfortable. The welcome of Jesus reaches into the places we'd rather avoid. It draws near to the sinner, the skeptic, and the scandalized. It tells us that no one is too far gone, and no one is done growing.

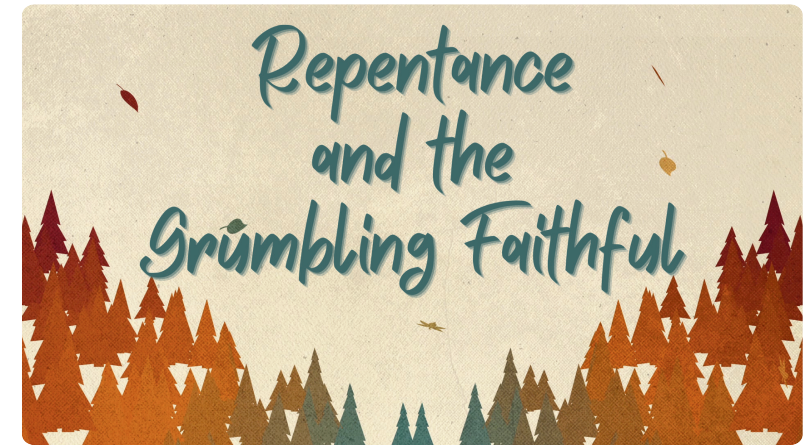
The radical part of grace isn't that God welcomes us; it's that we're expected to do the same. To see those who are trying to change. To make room for those reaching for a more faithful life, even when they don't yet have it all figured out.

This Week's Practice: Seeing and Welcoming

- Notice who might be "up in a tree" in your life - curious, cautious, wanting connection.
- Offer an invitation that costs you a little comfort: a meal, a conversation, a seat beside you.
- Pray each day: *God, help me welcome the change You're working in others, and in me.*

Before You Go...

Jesus didn't wait for Zacchaeus to get it all right. He simply said, "I'm coming to your house today." Maybe that's what grace still sounds like. An invitation to come down and start again.



**November 9, 2025
10:30am**

First Christian Church



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Today's Meditation

Love your enemy - it will scare the hell out of them.

- Mark Twain

†Please Stand If You Are Able

Fellowship of the Church

Music for Meditation & A Moment of Silence
Abide With Me - Monk/Wood

†Call to Worship

One: We stand on the mountain waiting for God to speak. First comes a wind, a mighty and unseen force which shakes us and knocks us to the ground. Surely, this power to overcome, that is God!

Many: But God does not speak in the whirlwind.

One: Then comes an earthquake, a terrible rumbling and crumbling beneath our feet that teaches us to kneel and cower. Surely, this power to subdue, that is God!

Many: But God does not speak in the earthquake.

One: Then comes the fire, a terrible breathing dragon that licks our faces and burns our eyes and makes us turn away and run. Surely, this power to terrify, that is God!

Many: But God does not speak in the fire.

One: Then comes silence, stillness, peace. Finally, we hear God's voice. It asks us only one thing, "Why are you here?"

Many: We answer, 'To find our way home.'

†Opening Hymn #725
God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand

†Opening Prayer
Leader: Let us pray together...

All: God of mercy and grace, receive our praises and forgive our occasional grumbles. Sometimes selfishness stands between us and the gospel good news. Remind us to be gracious because you are gracious, and to celebrate the blessings of others because your hand is at work in their life too. We know as your people, O God, our blessings come as we bless others. This is the way of Christ, your beloved son, who taught us to pray by saying... Our Father/Creator...

†Vision Response #357
We Call Ourselves Disciples vs 4

Scripture Reading Luke 19:1-10
This is the word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Children's Message Rev. Emily Williams

Special Music Sanctuary Choir
A Tribute to the Armed Services arr. Lloyd Larson

Sermon Rev. Adam Bradley
Repentance & the Grumbling Faithful

†Hymn of Commitment #546
Amazing Grace

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

Communion Hymn #576
My Faith Looks Up to Thee vss 1-2

The Lord's Supper
All: Here we celebrate that all people are welcome at this table of God's grace.
Give Us Hearts to Love Like Thee - Shea

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.
Offertory on "Kedron" - Smith

†Doxology #46

†Dedication of Offering

†Benediction

†Congregational Response #705
Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory vs 1

Postlude
I Sing the Mighty Power of God - Hayes/Wagner



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Ministering Today

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| Elders | Kevin Cheatham Steve West |
| Deacons | |
| Chancel Head | Kelsey Reynolds John Best Jan Cusac Ange Bertucci Cody Cheatham |
| Lay Reader | Larry Weber |
| Acolyte | Natalie Woods |
| Greeters | Ralph & Ilene Tegg |
| Counters | Jim & Beth Smittkamp |
| Adult SS | Frank Wheeler |
| Youth SS | Laura Buckley |
| Preschool | Chere Peters |

Staff

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|-------------------|----------------------------|
| Rev. Adam Bradley | Lead Pastor |
| Rev. Mason Fitch | Pastor |
| Heather Woods | Music Ministry Coordinator |
| Brian Woods | Organist |
| Brandy Cox | Child Care |
| Diane Pfoff | Office Manager |
| Lynn Hutton | Bookkeeper |
| Sung Kim | Custodian |