

MINISTERING IN WORSHIP . . .
Presiding Elder ~ Steve West
Elders ~ Carmen Nicoll & Sandy Surface
Lay Reader ~ Kate Spielman
Greeters ~ Aldine Allen & Shirley Fuchs
Acolyte ~ Natalie Woods
Deacons
 Chancel – Laura Cohen
 *Jake Cohen
 Terrie Wronkiewicz, Tom Davis & Cheryl Davis
 * = Head Deacon **(Please count attendance)**
Counters ~ Steve West & Ralph Tegg
Sunday School/Grades 1-8 ~ Kathleen Wheeler

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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, Social Media Coordinator
Brandy Cox, Child-Care

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| Calendar | |
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| TODAY – Mother’s Day | |
| 9:00 a.m. - Studies/Adult SS | |
| 10:30 a.m. - Worship Service (S) | |
| 7:00 p.m. - Private Group (Landes) (110) | |
| MONDAY | |
| 6:00 p.m. - Personnel Meeting (105) | |
| TUESDAY | |
| 10:30 a.m. - Faith and Justice Task Force | |
| 12:00 p.m. - Disciple Women (110) | |
| WEDNESDAY | |
| 10:30 a.m. - Bible Study (110) | |
| 6:30 p.m. - Transition Team (105) | |
| THURSDAY | |
| FRIDAY | |
| 6:00 p.m. - Tamil School (Classrooms/FH) | |
| SATURDAY | |
| 7:00 a.m. - Private Group (Landes) (110) | |
| 8:00 a.m. - Tasting Peoria (Off Site) | |
| 10:30 a.m. - MLT Meeting | |
| NEXT SUNDAY | |
| 9:00 a.m. - Studies/Adult SS | |
| 10:30 a.m. - Worship Service (S) | |
| 7:00 p.m. - Private Group (Landes) (110) | |



May 12, 2024

Seventh Sunday of Easter
Mother's Day

10:30 a.m. May 12, 2024
**indicates standing, if able*

Today's Meditation
What you do in your house is worth as much as if you did it up in heaven for our Lord God.
-Martin Luther

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.

Mother's Day Tribute

Music for Meditation – *Hope* - Benedict
(Please use the music and the moment of silence to prepare your hearts and minds for worship)

A Moment of Silence

*Opening Hymn – *Come, Christians, Join to Sing* #90

*Call to Worship
Leader: God is very near to us.
People: We come together to praise God who lives and dwells among us.
Leader: Bring your songs and your praises and let the Spirit of God be heard in this place!
All: Praise be to God! Alleluia! Amen.

*Opening Prayer
Leader: Let us pray together...
All: Gracious God, we lift our hearts in praise, for you are worthy. You are our faithful Lord, who has promised to be with us always. Draw us close to yourself, O Lord, for we need your strength and guidance so that we can live as your beloved people in the world. This we pray in the name of Jesus, who taught us to pray saying... Our Father...
(The Lord's prayer may be found in the hymnal #307)

*Glory Be to the Father (Gloria Patri) #36

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

Children's Message Hannah Fitch

Jubilate Ringers – *My Jesus, I Love Thee* – arr. Lloyd Larson

For the Good of the Church Jenny Tripses

Doreen & God Deann & Hank Anderson
(Adapted from a skit by Dave McClellan entitled: *Ed & God*)

*Hymn of Invitation – *Take My Life* vss. 1,2,5,6 #609

A Time of Prayer

Communion Hymn – *I Come with Joy* vss. 1-4 #420

The Lord's Supper – *Come, O Jesus, Savior Mine* - Cherubini
All: "Here we celebrate that all people are welcome at this table of God's grace."

Mission for Minute

Offering Statement

Tithes and Offerings – *Contemplation* - Nordman
(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 – *I Come with Joy* vs. 5 #420

*Postlude – *Blest Be His Name* - Lester

TODAY'S ANNOUNCEMENTS (Weekly Calendar on back)

- Communion Elements ~ For those who feel they need :12-17an 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 ~ *Outrageous Jesus* is the class for May. The focus will be 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.
- Movie Night ~ May 24th at 7 p.m. The movie is *The African Queen*. Sign up at the information desk or online.
- Book Club ~ May 28th at 6 p.m. The book is *Killers of the Flower Moon* by David Grann. We will be meeting at the home of Marilyn Wood, 4713 W Lynnhurst Dr. Peoria. Snacks and refreshments provided. Sign up at the information desk or online.
- Book Fair ~ June 30th following Worship. Bring in your used books to donate and place them in the Fellowship Hall. There will also be a freewill donation taken during the Book Fair. Funds raised will go to Look It's My Book.