

Ministering Today

Presiding Elder	Steve West
Elders	Kathleen Wheeler
	Frank Wheeler
Deacons	
Chancel Head	Monica Hinrichs
	Steve Hinrichs
	Jan Cusac
	Cheryl Davis
	Tom Davis
Lay Reader	Terrie Wronkiewicz
Greeters	Pete Clausen
	Jan Cusac
Counters	Steve West
	Ralph Tegg
Adult SS	Deann Anderson
Youth SS	Laura Buckley
Preschool	Deann Anderson

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

Staff

Hank Anderson	Interim Minister
Heather Woods	Music Ministry Coordinator
Brian Woods	Organist
Mason Fitch	Digital Ministry Coordinator
Brandy Cox	Child Care
Diane Pfoff	Office Manager
Lynn Hutton	Bookkeeper
Sung Kim	Custodian

Calendar

Today	
9:00 am	Adult Studies
10:30 am	Worship Service
12:30 pm	Jubilate Ringers
1:00 pm	Sanctuary Choir
7:00 pm	Private Group
Monday	
7:00 pm	Administrative Board
Tuesday	
6:00 pm	PACC
6:00 pm	Peoria Players
Wednesday	
10:30 am	Bible Study
5:00 pm	Dungeons & Dragons
6:00 pm	Peoria Players
Thursday	
6:00 pm	Book Club
6:00 pm	Peoria Players
Friday	
5:30 pm	Tamil
Saturday	
7:00 am	Private Group
Next Sunday	
9:00 am	Adult Studies
10:30 am	Worship Service
12:00 pm	Potluck
12:30 pm	Jubilate Ringers
1:00 pm	Sanctuary Choir
7:00 pm	Private Group



February 16, 2025
10:30am

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Sixth Sunday After Epiphany
† indicates standing, if able

Today’s Meditation

Thought is the blossom; language the bud; action the fruit behind it.

-Ralph Waldo Emerson

†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

Minute For MissionVideo

Music for Meditation
Aria - Sergisson
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: It is good to praise the LORD and make music to your name, O Most High,
People: To proclaim your love in the morning and your faithfulness at night.
Leader: For you make us glad by your deeds, O LORD;
People: We sing for joy at the works of your hands.
Leader: And stand before you with thanksgiving.
People: Let us join in the worship of the Lord our God

†Opening Prayer
Leader: Let us pray together...
O God, we come before you to celebrate your grace and your love. We pray that You will bless this service so that it may help to make us the people you want us to be. We ask for your guidance and wisdom not only during this time of worship but also every day of our lives. We pray that You will work through us to shape this world so that it may become the place you created it to be. We offer this prayer to you now in the name of the One who taught us to pray. . .
The Lord’s Prayer may be found in the hymnal #307

†Vision Response
We Call Our Selves Disciples vs 4#357

Scripture Reading
Luke 6:43-45
This is the word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Children’s Message
Hannah Fitch

Special Music
The Place of Prayer
Sanctuary Choir
arr. James Koerts

Sermon
Hank Anderson
Luke: Stories That Transform
Producing Ripe Fruit

†Hymn of Commitment
I Would Be True#608

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

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

The Lord’s Supper
All: Here we celebrate that all people are welcome at this table of God’s grace.
In Quiet Faith - arr. Broughton

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.
I Am Thine, O Lord - Doane/Prentiss

†Doxology#46

†Dedication of Offering

†Benediction

†Congregational Response
Trust and Obey vs. 3#556

Postlude
Andante Maestoso - Corelli/Price

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 and you can also fill out the form on the church app. The paper forms can be put in the offering plate, or hand it 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.

• Sunday Morning Study ~ During the season of Lent, Hank will be leading a study looking at some of the different ways that Christians have understood the Cross. There is a book to along with this study, and the cost is \$10. If the cost is an issue, however, talk to Hank. Please sign up at the information desk or in the app

• Bible Study ~ Wednesday’s at 10:30 a.m. with Hank. We are studying Paul’s Letter to the Romans. Please join us anytime!

• Book Club ~ February 20th at 6 p.m. The book is “The Little Liar” by Mitch Albom. We will meet at the home of Margaret Goulden; please reach out to Margaret or the office for the address. Sign up at the info desk or in the app.

• February Potluck ~ February 23rd 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.

• Movie Night ~ February 27th at 6 p.m. The movie is “To Kill a Mockingbird”. Sign up at the info desk or in the app.

• Disciple Women ~ March 11th at 12 p.m. The group will be doing chair yoga with Melissa Wyeneth. Sign up at the information desk or in the app!

• Tasting Peoria ~ March 13th at 6 p.m. We will be going to Kelleher’s Irish Pub, 619 Southwest Water Street, Peoria, IL 61602. Sign up at the info desk or in the app.