

## MINISTERING IN WORSHIP . . .

Presiding Elder ~ Kevin Cheatham

Elders ~ Kevin Cheatham/Steve West

Layreader ~ Becky Sisk

Greeters ~ Carney Lewis/Geraldine Runkle

Acolyte ~ Natalie Woods

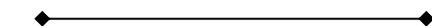
Deacons

Chancel – Lisa Cheatham

\*Lisa Cheatham, Adam Woods, Oliver Truelove,  
Victoria Truelove

\* = 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. – Choir Cantata ~ *No Greater Love*
- 11:45 a.m. – Elders Meeting (110)
- 12:30 p.m. – Jubilate Ringers (S)
- 1:00 p.m. – Sanctuary Choir (S)
- 7:00-9:00 p.m. – Private Group (Landes) (110)

### MONDAY

- 5:00 p.m. – Tae Kwon Do Class

### TUESDAY

- 10:00 a.m. – Adam Hamilton DVD Lenten Study (110)
- 6:00-9:30 p.m. – PACC Rehearsal (S/110)

### THURSDAY *Maundy Thursday*

- 6:30 p.m. – Maundy Thursday Worship Service ~  
“Table Talk” (S)

### FRIDAY *Good Friday*

### SATURDAY *Holy Saturday*

- 7:00-9:00 a.m. – Private Group (Landes) (110)
- 10:00 a.m. – Easter Celebration and Egg Hunt  
(Building & Grounds)

### NEXT SUNDAY *Easter Sunday*

- 8:30-10:00 a.m. – Easter Brunch (FH)
- 10:30 a.m. – Easter Worship and Celebration
- 7:00-9:00 p.m. – Private Group (Landes) (110)



**April 2, 2023**

**FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH**

*Founded in 1845*



10:30 a.m.

Palm Sunday

April 2, 2023

† indicates standing, if able

Today's Meditation

Jesus is not looking for fans; he is looking for followers.

—Tony Evans

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.

A Minute for Mission ~ Easter Offering (video)

Music for Meditation – Hosanna, Loud Hosanna—Uppercue

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

A Moment of Silence

†Call to Worship / Gospel Reading – Mark 11:1-10

Leader: When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples and said to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.'" They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, some of the bystanders said to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?" They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting...

**People: Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David! Hosanna in the highest heaven!**

†Gathering Praise – All Glory, Laud, and Honor

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Moment for the Children

A Time of Prayer

Choir Cantata

**"No Greater Love"**

Created by: Lloyd Larson  
Orchestrated by: Ed Hogan

Director: Heather Woods

Technology: Mason Fitch and Brian Woods

Narrators: Rev. Karen Merrick and Rev. Randy Williams

**Musical Numbers**

1. Sing Hosanna to the King!

2. Remember Me

The Lord's Supper

Meditation on "Wondrous Love"—Curtis

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

Offering Statement

Tithes and Offerings

(If you are able, please come forward at this time to place your gift in the plate on the communion table.)

Dedication of Offering

3. Alone in the Garden He Prays

4. Betrayed, Rejected, Condemned

5. Surely He Has Borne Our Grievs

6. There Is No Greater Love

**Soprano**

Cindy Bridges  
Cheryl Davis  
Connie Sinn  
Deborah West

**Tenor**

Dave Sinn  
Steve West

**Alto**

Ange Bertucci  
Laura Buckley  
Lexy Buckley  
Natalie Woods

**Bass**

Jerry Hornbacker  
Larry Weber  
Adam Woods

Hannah Fitch

†Benediction

†Congregational Response

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Hosanna, Loud Hosanna (vs. 3)

†Postlude – The Festive Trumpet—Glyncannon



**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 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.
- Easter Lilies ~ If you would like to order a Lily to decorate the chancel on Easter, please use the order form in today's worship bulletin.
- Maundy Thursday ~ Please plan to attend the Maundy Thursday service on Thursday, April 6, at 6:30 p.m. ~ "Table Talk"
- Easter Celebration & Egg Hunt ~ Please join us on Saturday, April 8, at 10:00 a.m. for our Easter Celebration & Egg Hunt. Hear the Easter Story – Hunt for eggs – and back inside for refreshments.
- Easter Sunday, April 9 ~ Please join us for Easter Brunch, 8:30-10:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Easter Worship and Celebration will follow at 10:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary.