# **Ministering Today**

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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

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# Calendar

#### Today - Hope! Cantata

9:00 am Studies/Adult SS 10:30 am Worship Service 12:30 pm Jubilate Ringers 1:00 pm Sanctuary Choir 7:00 pm Private Group

Monday

6:30 pm Christmas Big Band

**Tuesday - Christmas Eve** 

6:00 pm Christmas Eve Worship

Wednesday - Merry Christmas!

Saturday

7:00 am Private Group

Next Sunday - Worship in the Fellowship Hall

9:00 am Responders Class10:30 am Worship Service7:00 pm Private Group





December 22, 2024 10:30am

# First Christian Church



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#### Fourth Sunday of Advent

+ indicates standing, if able

### **Today's Meditation**

Sing to the Lord, for he has done wonderful things. Make known God's praise around the world. Isaiah 12:5 NLT

†Fellowship of the Church

(Please sign in online or on the red pad in your pew)

Music for Meditation O Come, All Ye Faithful arr. Smith

A Moment of Silence

†Opening Hymn O Come, All Ye Faithful

†Call to Worship

Leader: Sing to the Lord, for God has done

wonderful things.

People: Make known God's praise around the world.

Leader: Let all the people shout God's praise with joy!

People: For great is the Holy One of Israel who lives among us

†Opening Prayer

Children's Message

Leader: Let us pray together...

All: God of our Highest Joy, we come to you this day as your servants, gathered to worship you and you alone. As we continue this Advent journey, help us to focus on you and the coming of your son, Jesus. Amidst the commercials, the cooking, and the company, help us to remember the true meaning of this season: that you would come to us in the flesh and forever live among us. Gracious God, may the joy we find not be a commodity to be hoarded but a gift to be shared. We thank you for your presence among us, your creation around us, and your providence within us as we continue this blessed journey. We pray this in the name of the One who taught us to pray...

The Lord's Prayer may be found in the hymnal #307

†Response Blessed Be the God of Israel vs 1 #135

Scripture Reading Isaiah 12:2-6

This is the word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Advent Wreath Reading & Litany Carol Response Mike Buckley & Chris Frauenhoffer on screen Light Shines Forth vs 4

Communion Hymn Emmanuel, Emmanuel #134

The Lord's Supper Still, Still, Still arr. Mansfield All: Here we celebrate that all people are welcome at this table of God's grace.

Offering Meditation & Dedication

Tithes & Offerings

arr. Wagner

Toccatina on "God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen" If you are able, please come forward at this time to place your offering in the plate in front of the communion table.

†Doxology

#145

on screen

A Time of Prayer

# Hope! A Christmas Celebration

Composed & Arranged by Joel Raney Orchestrated by Ed Hogan

Director: Heather Woods Technology: Mason Fitch, Debra Kreps, Brian Woods Narrator: Frank Wheeler

#### **Musical Numbers**

- 1. Rejoice and Sing
- 2. Hope of the World, Emmanuel
- 3. Heavenly Peace

Natalie Woods, soloist

- 4. Worship the Newborn King
- 5. O Holy Night
- 6. Hope Is Born
- 7. Rejoice and Sing (Reprise)

#### <u>Soprano</u>

Deann Anderson Cindy Bridges Cheryl Davis Alice Jury Deborah Springhart-West Ange Bertucci Laura Buckley Connie Julien Natalie Woods

Alto

<u>Tenor</u>

Jonathan Enderle Dave Sinn Steve West Adam Woods Darren Woods <u>Bass</u>

Jerry Hornbacker Noel Thomas Larry Weber

+Benediction

Hannah Fitch

†Sending Forth How Great Our Joy! vs. 4 #170 Postlude Lift Up Your Heads, O Mighty Gates arr. Ritter

## 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.
- Christmas Eve December 24th at 6 pm. Join us as we celebrate the arrival of the Christ Child. Invite your family and friends too! Afterwards, enjoy a cookie and punch reception in the lounge.
- Sunday Morning Study ~ January: Randy Williams will be leading the class on the book of Ephesians.
- Bible Study ~ No study for the next two weeks. We will resume on January 8th. Wednesday's at 10:30 a.m. with Hank. We are studying the Book of Daniel.
- Disciple Women ~ January 14th at 12 p.m. More information to come. Sign up at the info desk or in the app.
- Tasting Peoria ~ January 9th at 6 p.m. We will be going to The Fieldhouse, 1200 W Main St, Peoria, IL 61606. Sign up at the info desk or in the app.
- Book Club ~ January 27th at 6 p.m. The book is "Project Hail Mary" by Andy Weir. We will meet at the home of Marilyn Wood; please reach out to Marilyn or the office for the address. Sign up at the info desk or in the app.
- Movie Night ~ January 23rd at 6 p.m. The movie is "Wonder Woman". Sign up at the info desk or in the app.
- January Potluck ~ January 26th 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.