

Don't Forget...

Elder's Meeting
NEXT SUNDAY 8/10 right after worship



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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!

Finishing Well

Praise the Lord!

I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.
2 Timothy 4:7

There's a particular kind of grace that comes with finishing something well. Not just crossing the finish line, but looking back with honesty, releasing what's been done with peace, and making room for what's next.

That's the work of faith, too.

Transitions are holy ground. They ask us to hold the tension between gratitude and goodbye. They invite us to bless what has been, not because it was perfect, but because it was faithful.

Today, we give thanks for a season of steady leadership, for words that shaped us, and for a pastor who showed up with kindness, care, and courage. This is not just the end of a chapter. It's a sacred pause before the next story begins.

A good finish is not an ending. It's a benediction.

This Week's Practice: Honor the Finish

- Take time this week to reflect on a season in your life that's ending, or has ended. What did it give you? What can you release?
- Write a note of thanks to someone who helped you grow, even for a little while.
- Practice blessing your own past. It brought you here.

Before You Go...

When someone finishes their work with love, the echo of that love lingers. Let us carry that echo forward with deep gratitude, open hands, and hearts ready for what's next.



August 3, 2025
10:30am

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† indicates standing, if able

The only constant in life is change.

-Heraclitus

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

Prelude on "St. Crispin" - Elvey/Pascazio

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

A Moment of Silence

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

Leader: Come, let us worship God today, for God is great –

People: God has blessed us with life, with faith, and with community.

Leader: Come, let us worship God today, for God is good –

People: God forgives us, and encourages us, and loves us.

Leader: Come, let us worship God today –

People: Because we are God's people.

Leader: Come, let us worship God.

Leader: Let us pray together...

All: O God, thank you for bringing us together as your people. We take this opportunity to praise you for who you are and for all the blessings that you offer to us. As this community of faith continues its journey, we pray for your wisdom and direction. In this time of transition, we place ourselves and this church into your hands trusting for your provision. May all that we say and do, not only during this time of worship, but at all times bring you glory and honor. May all people see you through our witness. We pray this in the name of the One who taught us to pray. . .

We Call Ourselves Disciples vs 4

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

Emily Williams

Let the Peace of God Reign

Darlene Zschech

Moses to Joshua

God of Grace and God of Glory vss 1,4, & 5

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Take Our Bread

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

He Leadeth Me, O Blessed Thought - arr. McConnell

If you are able, please come forward at this time to place your offering in the plate in front of the communion table.

Voluntary on "Beach Spring" - Krug/White

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Take My life vs 1

Fanfare in G - Dixon

Roger Baker
Connie Julien
Jenny Tripses

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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