Ministering Today

Presiding Elder	Dave Sinn
Elders	Linda Rex
	Beth Smittkamp
Deacons	
Chancel	Monica Hinrichs
Head	Steve Hinrichs
	Laura Buckley
	Adam Woods
Lay Reader	Kate Spielman
Greeters	Jake & Laura Cohen
Counters	Owen & Alice Jury
Adult SS	Hank Anderson
Pre-K SS	Jenny Tripses
Elementary SS	Connie Julien

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
Terrie Wronkiewicz	Custodian

Calendar

Today

9:00 am	Studies/Adult SS
10:30 am	Worship Service
11:45 am	Worship Meeting
12:30 pm	Jubilate Ringers
1:00 pm	Sanctuary Choir
2:00 pm	Peoria Players
7:00 pm	Private Group

Monday - OFFICE CLOSED

6:00 pm	Personnel Meeting
6:30 pm	Peoria Players

Tuesday

6:00 pm	PACC
6:30 pm	Peoria Players

Wednesday

10:30 am	Bible Study
2:00 pm	Cluster Refugee Project
6:30 pm	Peoria Players
7:00 pm	PACC Auditions

Thursday

6:30 pm	Peoria Players

Friday

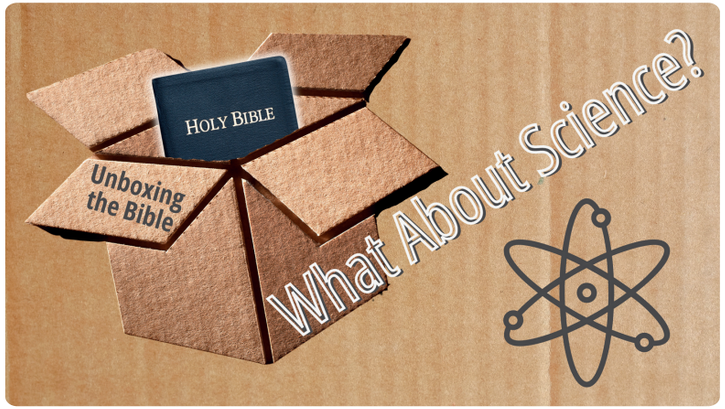
5:30 pm	Tamil School

Saturday

7:00 am	Private Group
10:30 am	MLT Meeting

Next Sunday

9:00 am	Studies/Adult SS
10:30 am	Worship Service
11:45 am	Outreach Meeting
12:30 pm	Jubilate Ringers
1:00 pm	Sanctuary Choir
1:30 pm	Peoria Players
7:00 pm	Private Group



October 13, 2024
10:30am

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Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost

† indicates standing, if able

Today's Meditation
I do not feel obliged to believe that the same God who has endowed us with senses, reason, and intellect has intended us to forego their use.
-Galileo Galilei

†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 Mission — Kathy Fenton

Music for Meditation -
Morning Song - Peterson
Please use the music and the moment of silence to prepare your hearts and minds for worship.

A Moment of Silence

†Opening Hymn
O Worship the King #17

†Call to Worship
Leader: O God, you give life to life!
People: Fill us and enliven us to be ambassadors of life divine.
Leader: All the world sings praise to God whose glory grows in all that breathes!
People: We sing to our Creator, who is unending, ageless, eternal and ever new.

†Opening Prayer
Leader: Let us pray together...
All: Almighty God, call us away from the distractions of the world to experience what You are doing now, in us, and through us, and in our world. Open us to a new awakening, a new beginning, where we look through the lens of the goodness of Your creation, experiencing all possibilities in You. We pray this in the name of Jesus, who leads us into life. And now we lift to you the prayer that Jesus taught us . . .
The Lord's Prayer may be found in the hymnal #307

†Vision Response
We Call Ourselves Disciples vs. 4 #357

Bible Celebration — Video

Scripture Reading — Genesis 1:1-5
This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Children's Message — Hannah Fitch

Special Music — Jubilate Ringers
Praise to the Lord arr. Dan R. Edwards

Sermon — Hank Anderson
Unboxing the Bible: *What About Science?*

†Hymn of Commitment
We Sing Your Mighty Power, O God #64

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

Communion Hymn
Seek Ye First #354

The Lord's Supper
All: Here we celebrate that all people are welcome at this table of God's grace.
Communion in Christ - Ritter

Offering Statement

Tithes & Offerings
Larghetto - Spencer/Kendall
If you are able, please come forward at this time to place your offering in the plate in front of the communion table.

†Doxology #46

†Dedication of Offering

†Benediction

†Congregational Response
Precious Lord, Take My Hand vs. 1 #628

Postlude - *Postlude in D* - Simper/Ryan

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.
- Bible Study ~ Wednesday's at 10:30 a.m. with Hank. We are studying the Book of Daniel.
- Sunday Morning Study ~ October: Pastor Hank is leading a study that goes along with his sermon series "Unboxing the Bible".
- Disciple Women ~ November 12th at 12 p.m. They will be hearing about South Side Mission. Bring a lunch and join us. Sign up at the info desk or in the app.
- Tasting Peoria ~ November 14th at 6 p.m. We will be going to the Burger Barge, 123 Meadow Ave, East Peoria, IL 61611. Sign up at the info desk or in the app.
- Book Club ~ October 28th at 6 p.m. The book is "The Testament" by John Grisham. We will meet at the home of Elizabeth Carrico, 1141 County Rd 1300 N, Metamora, IL 61548. Sign up at the info desk or in the app.
- Movie Night ~ October 24th at 6 p.m. The movie is "Little Women". Sign up at the info desk or in the app.
- Potluck ~ October 27th 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.
- Trunk or Treat ~ This annual event is always fun and such a great service to our community by providing a good meal and a safe place to trick or treat. If you are able to help in any way, please sign up on the app.