

MINISTERING IN WORSHIP . . .

Presiding Elder ~ Jenny Tripses
Elders ~ Dave & Connie Sinn
Lay Reader ~
Greeters ~ Kathy Fenton & Connie Sinn
Acolyte ~ Natalie Woods
Deacons
 Chancel – Geraldine Runkle
 *Alice Jury
 Victoria Truelove & Oliver Truelove
 * = Head Deacon **(Please count attendance)**
Counters ~ Steve West & Ralph Tegg
Sunday School/Grades 1-8 ~ Cheryl Davis

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:
Hank Anderson, Interim Minister
Heather Woods, Coordinator of Music Ministries
Brian Woods, Organist
Mason Fitch, Digital Ministry Coordinator
Brandy Cox, Child-Care

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Calendar

TODAY
9:00 a.m. - Studies/Adult SS
10:30 a.m. - Worship Service (S)
11:45 a.m. - Outreach Meeting (105)
11:45 a.m. - Worship Meeting (110)
7:00 p.m. - Private Group (Landes) (110)

MONDAY

TUESDAY
10:30 a.m. - Faith and Justice Task Force (105)
1:15 p.m. - Christian Ed (110)

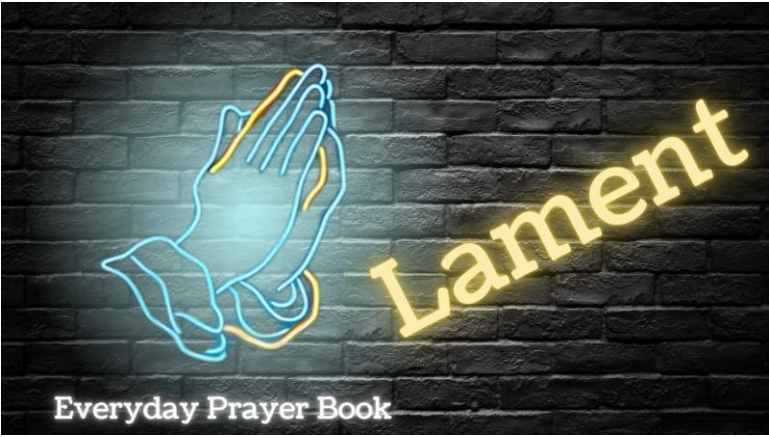
WEDNESDAY
10:30 a.m. - Bible Study (110)

THURSDAY
6:00 p.m. - Tasting Peoria (Off Site)

FRIDAY

SATURDAY
7:00 a.m. - Private Group (Landes) (110)

NEXT SUNDAY
9:00 a.m. - Studies/Adult SS
10:30 a.m. - Worship Service (S)
7:00 p.m. - Private Group (Landes) (110)



August 11, 2024

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Founded in 1845



Today's Meditation

Lament keeps us turning toward trust by giving us language to step into the wilderness between our painful reality and our hopeful longings.

– Mark Vroegop, *Dark Clouds, Deep Mercy*

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.

Blessing of the Backpacks & Teachers

Music for Meditation

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

A Moment of Silence

*Opening Hymn – *For the Beauty of the Earth*

#56

*Call to Worship

Leader: *I remember how I suffered and wandered.*

I remember how bitter my life was.

People: I remember it very well.

My spirit is very sad deep down inside me.

Leader: *But here is something else I remember.*

And it gives me hope.

People: The Lord loves us very much.

So we haven't been completely destroyed.

God's loving concern never fails.

Leader: *God's great love is new every morning.*

Lord, how faithful you are!

People: I say to myself, "The Lord is everything I will ever need. So I will put my hope in God."

*Opening Prayer

Leader: *Let us pray together...*

All: Gracious God we gather to praise you and to draw close in worship O God, from the beginning you have called your people into a relationship with you and each other. This connection can be both strong and tenuous. Meet us wherever we are, O Lord. Bring to our minds and

hearts the fullness of your presence and grace that we may honor you with our lives. This we pray in Jesus' name, who taught us to pray saying...Our Father...

(The Lord's prayer may be found in the hymnal #307)

*Glory Be to the Father (Gloria Patri)

#36

Scripture Reading – Psalm 13 NRSVue

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

Children's Message

Hannah Fitch

Special Music – *You Say* – Lauren Daigle

Natalie Woods

Message – *Everyday Prayerbook: Lament*

Deann Anderson

*Hymn of Commitment – *My Faith Looks Up to Thee*

#576

A Time of Prayer

Communion Hymn – *In the Garden*

#227

The Lord's Supper

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 offering in the plate on the communion table.)

*Doxology

#46

*Dedication of Offering

*Benediction

*Congregational Response –

He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought!

vss. 1,2 #545

*Postlude

- 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 are a church of prayer ~ There are prayer request forms in the pews. They can be put in the offering plate, hung on the prayer wall in 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.
 - Bible Study ~ Wednesday's at 10:30 a.m. with Hank. The study is on the Book of Mark.
 - Sunday Morning Study August ~ *How We Got the New Testament* is the title of the study for the first three weeks of August. We will take a quick look at some of the history behind the formation of the New Testament. The class is being led by Hank Anderson.
 - Tasting Peoria ~ August 15th at 6 p.m. We will be going to Smokin Notes BBQ, 400 Riverside Dr. East Peoria. Sign up at the information desk or online
 - Movie Night ~ August 23rd at 6 p.m. The movie is *On Golden Pond*. Sign up at the information desk or online.
 - Potluck ~ August 25th 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.
 - Book Club ~ August 26th at 6 p.m. The book is *My Antonia* by Willa Cather. We will meet at the home of Margaret Goulden, 133 Eastwood Dr. East Peoria. Sign up at the information desk or online.
 - Special Occasion Cards ~ Please check the board outside of the sanctuary on your way out of the Worship Service for Special Occasion Cards that need to be signed. Let Tim Dougherty know if someone needs to receive a card. Thank you!