

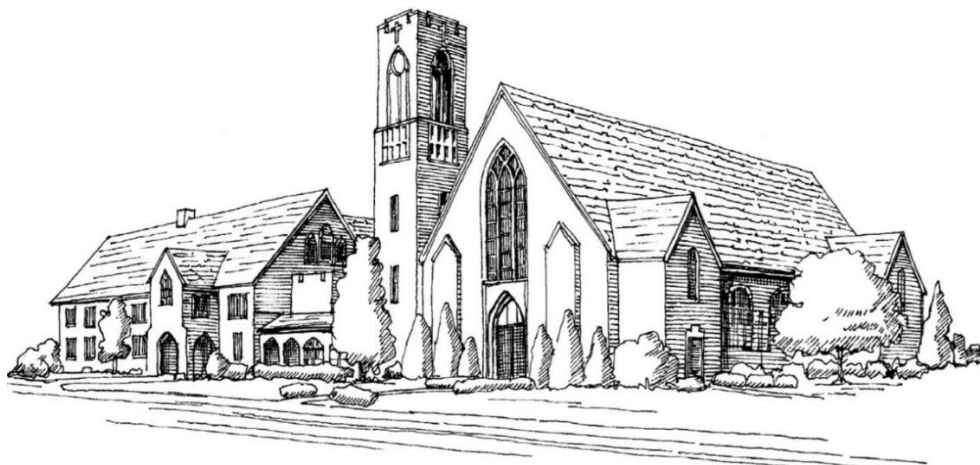


First Federated Church of Peoria

Making disciples through Worship, Teaching, Fellowship, and Missions

10 am, Sunday August 23rd, 2026

John Nyman, Liturgists



* Please Stand, If Able

Welcome

"CHECK IN" using your favorite social media prior to service @ffcpeoria or #ffcpeoria
Remember to LIKE, FOLLOW and SHARE our Facebook and YouTube pages
Silence your devices during service

Pew Friendship Pads

Use the pads to sign-in, update your contact information, request a call or visit and sign up for special events.

Guests, share your contact information on our Pew Friendship Pads, we'd love to keep in touch.

Children's Worship Bags

Children's Worship bags containing quiet activities, are available in the front & back of the sanctuary by the ushers' stands. Children who are attending worship in the sanctuary are invited to borrow one of these bags.

Childcare Nursery

Nursery facilities are available for your infant or small child during our 10 am worship each Sunday. The nursery is located next to the Chapel.

Please Silence Cell Phones

Sunday School

Provided each week during 10 am worship

Preschoolers - 8th grade: Visit the chapel for announcements, offering, and are led to their classrooms for lessons and activities, ending at apx. 11 am.

9th - 12th grades: Senior High students remain in worship Sunday mornings. They gather at various times throughout the week for lessons, activities, and fellowship events. Schedule varies during summer months.

Questions?

Look for the Red "Ask Me" nametags of our Hospitality Team, or our ushers, staff members, or visit our information tables in the Narthex of the Sanctuary or Chapel

Pastoral Care

Contact us to pass along a prayer request, announce a birth, share a health update, news of a hospitalization, or let us know a loved one has completed this part of life.

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Or email sbarch@ffcpeoria.com

Emergency Contact Cards are available at Welcome Tables

LIFE OF THE CHURCH

PRELUDE

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

by Bruce Greer

INTROIT

My Life Flows On

No. 619, Chalice Hymnal

CALL TO WORSHIP¹

Liturgist

Responsive

One: If it had not been the Lord who was on our side—let the people now say

All: If it had not been the Lord who was on our side, when our enemies attacked us,.

One: The flood would have swept us away, the torrent would have gone over us;

All: We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the fowlers; our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth. Let us worship God!!

* OPENING HYMN

God of Grace, God of Glory

No. 72, Chalice Hymnal

TIME WITH THE GROWING CHURCH

*Children of all ages are invited to come forward for a children's message.
Following the Children's Message all children are invited to Sunday school.
Parents are welcome to accompany hesitant children.
Visitors are welcome!
Sunday school classrooms ~ second floor*

GATHERING HYMN

Let Them Come

(Children please come forward during the "Gathering Hymn")

***Let them come, let them come, let the children come to me.
I have time, I have time, said the Savior tenderly.
Let them come, let them come, please don't send them away.
I have time, let them come, let them stay.***

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Jessica Sheley

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Unison

Our Father, Who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

DEPARTING HYMN

Praise Him, Praise Him, All Ye Little Children

(Please remain seated and sing this hymn for the children as they leave the Sanctuary for Sunday school.)

Praise Him, praise Him, all ye little children,

God is love, God is love:

Praise Him, praise Him, all ye little children,

God is love, God is love

CONFESSIOAL LITANY²

CALL TO CONFESSION

Liturgist

We seek the will of God, but still find ourselves conformed to this world, instead of being transformed into God's image. Let us seek forgiveness for the ways we have turned away from justice and mercy.

CONFESSION

Unison

Liturgist

Almighty God, when faced with earthly powers that seem overwhelming, we crumble. We fear this world. We fear losing our status, our stability, our station more than we fear you. Forgive our shortcomings and teach us to trust in you when we take a risk for what we know is right.

*(In silence, let us continue our prayer time as we confess our sins to God
and reflect for a moment)*

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Rev. Ed Wegele

One: If God was not on our side, we could not stand in the judgment.

***All: But God is with us, steadfast and faithful, as we seek to live in peace.
In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God!***

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Rev. Ed Wegele

I invite us to stand as able as we join together to state what we believe as we remember the Apostles Creed:

APOSTLES CREED

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

* GLORIA PATRI

Unison

No. 35, Chalice Hymnal

***Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.***

Amen. Amen.

RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP

Liturgist

We are asking everyone to register their presence at this time. Fellowship pads are started by the person nearest the center aisle, passed down the pew to each person or family to sign the pad and then return back to the center aisle. Note the names of those near you and greet them after service.

MIDDLE HYMN

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending No. 606, Chalice Hymnal

INVITATION TO SHARE OUR GIFTS

Liturgist

Let us present with joy our offerings of commitment and support for the work of Christ's church.

OFFERTORY

Concerto Mvt. II ~ Romance

by Ronald Binge

Chrisitan Sauder, saxophone and Michael Miles, piano

* DOXOLOGY

Unison

No. 46, Chalice Hymnal

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him all creatures here below.

Praise Him above, ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Amen.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION²

Liturgist

Responsive

One: Please be seated and join me in our prayer of dedication.

All: Merciful and gracious God, you abound in steadfast love and faithfulness. With gratitude, we bring our gifts to you. Bless these gifts and bless our lives that together we may share your mercy and grace for the world you dearly love. Amen.

SCRIPTURE

Liturgist

Galatians 1:11-24

I want you to know, brothers and sisters, that the gospel I preached is not of human origin. I did not receive it from any man, nor was I taught it; rather, I received it by revelation from Jesus Christ.

For you have heard of my previous way of life in Judaism, how intensely I persecuted the church of God and tried to destroy it. I was advancing in Judaism beyond many of my own age among my people and was extremely zealous for the traditions of my fathers. But when God, who set me apart from my mother's womb and called me by his grace,

was pleased to reveal his Son in me so that I might preach him among the Gentiles, my immediate response was not to consult any human being. I did not go up to Jerusalem to see those who were apostles before I was, but I went into Arabia. Later I returned to Damascus.

Then after three years, I went up to Jerusalem to get acquainted with Cephas[a] and stayed with him fifteen days. I saw none of the other apostles - only James, the Lord's brother. I assure you before God that what I am writing you is no lie.

Then I went to Syria and Cilicia. I was personally unknown to the churches of Judea that are in Christ. They only heard the report: "The man who formerly persecuted us is now preaching the faith he once tried to destroy." And they praised God because of me.

SCRIPTURE RESPONSE Responsive

One: This is the Word of God for the People of God.

All: Thanks Be to God

ANTHEM *Chanson et Passepied* by Jeanine Rueff
Chrisitan Sauder, saxophone and Michael Miles, piano

MESSAGE "Glorify God" Rev. Ed Wegele

PRAYER OF THE DAY²

Unison

Son of God, Son of Man, you offered your body on the cross. Help us to offer our bodies as a living sacrifice of thanksgiving, that we may be transformed and reformed by your word, in the name of our Sovereign Lord, Christ Jesus. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN *Gracious Spirit, Dwell with Me*, verses 1, 2, & 5

No. 266, Chalice Hymnal

*** BENEDICTION**

* RESPONSE



* POSTLUDE

Festive Postlude on Nicaea (Holy, Holy, Holy)

By John S Dixon

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Our Mission

Making disciples through . . .

Worship, as we praise and glorify God;

Teaching, as we explore what it means to be a follower of Jesus;

Fellowship, as we love and care for one another;

Missions, as we embody God's love in the world around us.

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