

THE PEORIA CHRISTIAN

HALLELUJAH!
What a Savior!

The Crucified and Risen Christ

From the euphoria surrounding Christ's triumphal entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday to the desolation of the lonely garden as he fully embraced God's plan and ensuing death;

From the genuine love conveyed to his faithful followers in the upper room to the loneliness experience in his final hours as those same followers rejected and abandoned him;

From the anger that filled the hearts of those who are now calling for his crucifixion (only hours after they hailed him as king) to the tender resignation of a Roman soldier that this indeed was the son of God...

All of this, and so much more... Within a single week!
-publisher

Come appreciate the events of Holy Week as sung by our Sanctuary Choir this Sunday.

This Sunday:

April 10, 2022
Palm Sunday

10:30 a.m.
Sanctuary Worship
Live Stream
Worship
~on Facebook

The Sanctuary Choir
will be presenting
"Hallelujah, What a
Savior!"
-various composers

Scripture
John 12:12-13

Service Opportunities



Easter Candy!! -No More Plastic Eggs

Thank you to all those who brought in plastic eggs for us to use for our annual Easter egg hunt and celebration. We have all of the plastic eggs that we need now. We are still looking for much more candy...individually wrapped, smaller in size, some chocolate and some non-chocolate. We will start filling eggs this Sunday and then all through the following week. If you can help fill eggs, please let Karen know.



Easter Lilies

We will be purchasing Easter lilies to grace our chancel for Easter Sunday morning. Please consider adopting a lily in honor or memory of someone or something. Fill out the form in the bulletin or call the church office. Each lily is \$10. You are welcome to take the lily home after worship on Easter Sunday.

Plan now to attend the Maundy Thursday Service

Mark your calendars for Thursday, April 7, at 6:30 p.m.

We will gather in the Fellowship Hall around tables for this service of scripture, symbol and song.



Volunteer Update!!

Thanks so much to all those who have responded to our volunteer needs for the Easter Celebration, the Easter Brunch and Vacation Bible School. We are still looking for:

Easter Celebration:

- Egg hiders (outside, from 10-10:20)

Easter Brunch

- set up tables
- decorate the tables
- bring orange juice
- help prepare Easter morning (we need one more)
- help during the breakfast (we need one more)
- clean up at 10:00 (we need one more)

Vacation Bible School

- leader for the opening and closing
- Preschool help
- crew leaders
- (Our learning station leaders are all covered...Yay!)
- Decorate chancel and lounge
- take down some decorations



Please note:

-The Easter Celebration is a go! We are close enough to having all our volunteer spots filled that we are comfortable saying this will happen.

-The Easter Brunch is also a go! We could use a few more hands but we can make this work.

-Vacation Bible School...we have quite a bit of help but we will need a few others for us to say we can offer this to our children and those in the community.



Palm Sunday Cluster Service

On April 10, 2022 at 6 PM, we will be joining together via Facebook for a shared Palm Sunday Worship Experience. Rev. Dr. Alex Ruth, Associate Regional Minister of Transformation, CCIW, will be our preacher for the evening. Rev. Hannah Fitch will provide a moment with the Cluster children. The rest of the service will be led by various members of Cluster churches. Information on how to participate in a special offering that will provide shoes for Afghan refugees will be provided. (see below) Communion will be shared so have elements ready so we may partake together. The link is <https://www.facebook.com/eurekacc/live>.

Special Offering

The Cluster Palm Sunday Service offering will be designated for "Shoes for Afghan Refugees." We are partnering with Union Christian Church in Franklin, IN, to provide shoes and socks for Afghan refugees who have received temporary refuge at Camp Atterbury while awaiting permanent resettlement across the U.S. Donations may be made online or by check payable to Illinois Valley Cluster, c/o Jane Cahill, Treasurer, 7 Heather Ct., Washington, IL 61571.

Church Life

Easter Offering

The Easter Offering, collected on April 10 & 17, 2022, supports several of the general ministries of the Christian Church. Your gift supports college students in leadership development programs, global mission partners, health and social service ministries, the formation of new congregations, support for pastors and chaplains, and so much more. Find envelopes in the pews or you may use Givelify.



Disciples Women

We will meet on Tuesday, April 12, at 12:00 noon. Susie Ryan will bring our casserole dishes back to be painted. Please join us, even if you have not started a bowl. We will have something for you to do. Please bring your own lunch. Dessert and drinks provided. Please sign up at the information desk.

You Are Invited!

Please be our guests. You are invited to come and enjoy the music as the Peoria Area Civic Chorale rehearses Tuesday, April 12, at 7:00 P.M. at First Christian Church. Refreshments will be served at 6:30 and following the open rehearsal. - Chere Peters and Mason Fitch



NEW SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY ON THE NEW TESTAMENT BOOK OF PHILIPPIANS TO BEGIN MAY 1

Rejoice in the Lord, always...

A five session look at Philippians is offered Sunday mornings, 9:00 a.m., in May. Randy Williams is very excited to be guiding the class. It will meet in the Conference Room during Sunday School time looking at what was Paul worried about, why he wrote the letter,

what trump cards did he play and what does Paul suggest for our living today. (Rev. Williams is a retired Disciples minister.)

All you need is your Bible; and you are encouraged to have read through this 4-chapter letter a few times before the first session.

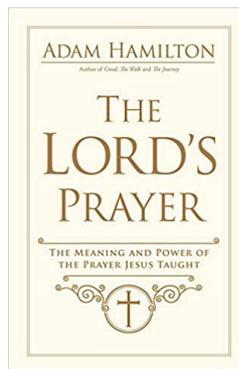
Please sign up at the information desk if you plan to participate in this study.

NEW MID-WEEK STUDY: THE LORD'S PRAYER

Karen will be offering a new mid-week study based on Adam Hamilton's book, *The Lord's Prayer: The Meaning and Power of the Prayer Jesus Taught*. It is a six-week study, Thursday mornings at 10:00, and will begin May 5. (There will be no class on May 26th....Karen will be on vacation.)

As Hamilton says, "no other prayer is more important to Christians than this prayer. It is the Lord's prayer... The prayer he taught us to pray. There are a host of other prayers we overhear Jesus praying in the gospels. But only with this prayer does Jesus say, "Pray like this."

We know this prayer. We say it every Sunday. We find our own meanings in the phrases. But it is always in danger of becoming rote. Let us consider what Adam Hamilton can teach us as we go deeper into the Lord's prayer. Please sign up at the information desk. Books have been ordered.



Reminders



Movie Night

Come From Away tells the incredible true story of 7,000 passengers, who were on their way to different parts of America when the tragedy of 9/11 struck. As the American air space closed, 38 planes were grounded in the Newfoundland community of Gander, Canada. The story is told through music, and it is one of the most moving shows I (Mason) have seen in quite some time. Come watch with us on April 22nd at 7pm.



Tasting Peoria

Join us as we revisit an old favorite: the Rhythm Kitchen! We're going this Thursday, April 7th at 6pm. The food is some of the best in Peoria, and so is the company!



Newsletter Deadline

Please have your article(s) turned in to the church office by 12:00 noon on Monday to be included in that week's newsletter. Thank you!



Food Pantry

In April, our donations are going to St. Thomas Church. Any non-perishable items are much needed and appreciated. Thank you!

BIRTHDAYS

BARBARA TURNER 04/16
MONICA HINRICHS 04/17

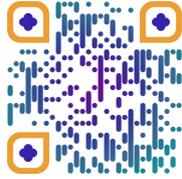
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This Week

Tues 04/05	6pm PACC Rehearsal
Thurs 04/07	10am Genesis Study 6pm Tasting Peoria
Fri 04/08	6pm Tamil School
Sat 04/09	7am Private Group
Sun 04/10	9am Sunday School 10:30am Worship 12:30pm Jubilate Ringers 1pm Sanctuary Choir 6pm Palm Sunday Cluster Service 7pm Private Group
Mon 04/11	5pm Tae Kwon Do Class 5:30pm Worship Team 6:30pm Personnel
Tues 04/12	12pm Disciples Women 6pm PACC Guest Night 6:30pm CST Rehearsal

Serving Schedule

Presiding Elder:	Beth Cox
Elders:	Carmen Nicoll Sandy Surface
Lay Reader:	Liz White
Acolyte:	Natalie Woods
Greeters:	Jake & Laura Cohen
Counters:	Mike & Laura Buckley
Deacons	
Chancel:	Laura Cohen
Head:	Jake Cohen Cheryl Davis Tom Davis Darren Woods