



We Welcome Our Guests to Ankeny First! At today's worship service we pray that you will sense a new and energized connection with the presence of God as we worship through singing, praying, learning, and experiencing together. We invite you to tear off the Connect Card, fill it out and drop it in the offering baskets.

Worshipping at Ankeny First

Adult Study General News

Children are always welcome in worship, and "Worship Bags" containing children's activities are available for them to use. Childcare is provided on Sunday mornings for infants and toddlers, as well as Sunday School for children ages 3 and up. Just ask an usher for assistance in finding the nursery or Sunday School rooms. A "Wee Care" Room is located in the balcony of the Uptown Sanctuary, so little ones can play while parents watch and listen to worship.

Special Needs At our Uptown location, large print hymnals and bulletins, and wireless hearing aids are available—ask an usher for assistance.

Fellowship You are all invited to Fellowship Time! **Uptown:** Between the three Sunday services in Fellowship Hall. **Faith Chapel:** Between both services. **Christian Life Center:** Between both services. **Spirit Alive:** Before worship.

Communion The first weekend of each month.

Worship

Uptown: 206 SW Walnut St ~ 964-4249
 Saturdays 5:00pm ~ Spirit Alive
 Sundays 8:30am ~ Traditional
 9:45am ~ Relaxed Contemporary
 11:00am ~ New Traditions
Christian Life Center: 710 NE 36th St ~ 289-9153
 Wednesdays 6:15pm ~ Casual
 Saturdays 7:15pm ~ "The Road"
 Sundays 9:00am & 10:45am ~ Contemporary
Faith Chapel: 7384 NW 16th St ~ 289-2171
 Sundays 9:00am ~ Traditional
 10:30am ~ Casual

Sunday School

Uptown:
 9:45: 3yr old –8th grade
 11:00: 3yr old –5th grade
 9:45: Seekers (adult)
 9:45: Alpha & Omega (adult)
 9:45: Disciple's Dojo (adult)
Christian Life Center:
 9:00: 3yr old –8th grade
 10:45: 3yr old –5th grade
Faith Chapel:
 10:30am ~ 3yr old-3rd grade

Nursery available at all Sunday services.

At Ankeny First, we are intentional in keeping our Membership covenant to uphold the United Methodist Church by our **PRAYERS, PRESENCE, GIFTS, SERVICE & WITNESS:**

PRAYERS: The following are some of our joys and concerns:

Hospitals: Lutheran: Dwight Brown, Don Pearson

Altar rose: In celebration of the birth of Stella Lynn Lorenz, daughter of Chris & Ashley Lorenz.

Sympathy to: ♦ Jen Charlson on the death of her grandfather on December 22.

PRESENCE: The following are attendance figures from last week & Christmas Eve:

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES:

Uptown: (Dec. 23)215 (3pm)349 (5pm)604 (7pm)399 (9pm)278 (11pm)119

Faith Chapel: (5pm)122 **CLC:** (Dec. 23) 81 (5pm)525 (7pm)309 Total = 3,001

Dec. 26/27 WORSHIP (The Road)45 (Sat)39 (8:30)110 (9:45)103 (11:00)98 (CLC-9:00)215 (CLC-10:45)136 (FC-9:00)37 (FC-10:30)12 Total = 795

GIFTS: Last week's offering for Christ's work here and around the world:

Operating Budget \$63,972.85 Capital Campaign \$10,304.83 Mission \$27,376.00 Other \$482.09
 Christmas Mission \$23,645.33

Find us on the web at www.AnkenyFirst.org.

2016 Offering Envelopes If you ordered 2016 offering envelopes, they are available to pick up at your "usual" worship location this weekend. Let us know if you can't locate them or have now decided you'd like to get them by calling 964.4249 or by indicating this on the clip boards.

2016 Uptown Altar Flowers You can now sign up for altar flowers for the new year. The sign up calendar is located on the bulletin board across from the main Uptown church office.

Alpha—Essentials of Christianity Looking for a way to make new connections? Mark your calendars for the launch of a new Alpha session with a "Come and See" event at the Christian Life Center on Wednesday, **January 13**. We will gather for a meal at 5:30. At Alpha, guests are invited to explore the Christian faith in a relaxed setting while making great connections to other guests and the Alpha team. Each week, enjoy a meal and a live talk by Pastor Scott Hibben followed by small group discussions. Alpha is for everyone! Come and check out Alpha on January 13!

New Session of Disciple 1 Bible Study Whether you are a new Christian, or have been a believer for many years, the Disciple Bible Study program is designed for everyone who wants to develop their understanding of the Bible and of what it means to be a Disciple of Jesus Christ. You are invited to join the latest Disciple 1 course Thursdays beginning **January 14** from 6:30-8:30pm at the CLC in room 106/107. Cost of book is \$40. Register at www.ankenyfirst.org/disciple-1.htm.

Financial Peace University We all need a plan for our money and Financial Peace University (FPU) is that plan! It teaches God's way of handling money. Through video teaching, class discussions and interactive small group activities, FPU presents biblical, practical steps to get from where you are to where you've dreamed you could be. The 2016 FPU classes will be held:

- Thursdays, January 21-March 17 at the Christian Life Center from 6:30-8:00pm
- Sundays, February 14 - April 17 in the Uptown Lounge from 5:00-6:30pm

Please visit the church website or contact [Lindsay Drake](mailto:Lindsay.Drake@AnkenyFirst.org) with any questions.
All-Church Study of "Tough Questions" To go along with the Tough Questions sermon series, small groups are forming to consider the difficult questions we have about our faith. Groups will be using the book *Ask: Faith Questions in a Skeptical Age*. Books can be purchased for \$10 on Sunday mornings at the Connect or in the Uptown office during normal business hours. No registration required. Childcare is available upon request. Questions? Lindsay.Drake@AnkenyFirst.org.

- **Tuesday Night Group:** Tuesdays beginning January 5; Faith Chapel Fellowship Hall (first night meet in the Sanctuary) 7:00-8:00pm; Contact: Thom.Bryant@AnkenyFirst.org.
- **Downtown Study Group:** Wednesdays at 12:00 noon beginning January 6; Downtown Des Moines Public Library, 2nd Floor, Study Rm. #1; Contact: Erin Peterson, elpjrp23@hotmail.com.
- **Wednesday Night Small Group:** Wednesdays starting January 6; Uptown Room 310, 6:45-8:00pm; Contact: Rhonda.Garcia@AnkenyFirst.org.
- **Disciple's Dojo Adult Sunday School Class:** Sundays beginning January 3; Uptown Room 310, 9:45-10:45am; Contact: Melody.Webb@AnkenyFirst.org.
- **Seekers Adult Sunday School Class:** Sundays beginning January 3; Uptown Room 314, 9:45-10:45am; Contact: Gene Lavender, gelavend@aol.com.
- **Sunday CLC Study Group:** Sundays beginning January 3; CLC Room 109, 10:15-11:15am; Contact: Cinnamon.Stroud@AnkenyFirst.org.

Prayer Requests

- Please keep this confidential to pastors and church staff only.
- Please put this on our public prayer chain.

- I would like to speak with a pastor or someone from our Christian Care Ministry about this request.

Hospital Notices

Name _____

Hospital _____

Date _____

Ministry Opportunities

- I would like to help with childcare during the support group meetings for foster and adoptive families.
- I would like more information about the new session of Disciple 1 Bible Study.
- I would like more information about the new session of Alpha.
- I would like more information about the new session of Financial Peace Univ.
- I would like more information about groups for the all-church study of "Tough Questions."

More announcements on reverse side.

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Uptown Campus ~ Traditional Worship January 3, 2016 ~ 8:30am

PRELUDE

WELCOME / *CONGREGATIONAL GREETING

*CALL TO WORSHIP Worship Leader: Vicki Eng

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN "O Worship the King" #73 vs. 1, 2, 4, 5

*OPENING PRAYER/WORDS OF PARDON & ASSURANCE

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*HYMN OF SENDING "God Hath Spoken by the Prophets" #108

*BENEDICTION / POSTLUDE

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Uptown ~ Relaxed Contemporary Worship January 3, 2016 ~ 9:45am

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Christian Life Center Contemporary Worship January 3, 2016 ~ 9:00am & 10:45am

*PRAISE

PRAYER

CHILDREN'S TIME

OFFERING OF OURSELVES

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 5:17-19; 2 Timothy 3:14-17; (1 Peter 3:15)

SERMON

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Uptown ~ Spirit Alive
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WELCOME/*CONGREGATIONAL GREETING

***SING PRAISE TO GOD** "Ancient of Days"
"Your Grace Is Enough"

OFFERING OUR PRAYERS, PRESENCE, GIFTS, SERVICE & WITNESS

PRAYERS/THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY

SONG OF REFLECTION "Thy Word"

SCRIPTURE Mark 12:24

SERMON "Tough Questions—Can the Bible Be Trusted?"

Rev. Scott Hibben

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

***SENDING SONG** "God Hath Spoken By the Prophets"

***BENEDICTION**

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Faith Chapel ~ Traditional Worship

January 3, 2016 ~9:00am

PRELUDE

WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP

*OPENING HYMN

"Gather Us In"

TFWS #2236

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*WORDS OF PARDON AND ASSURANCE

*OUR RESPONSE

"Glory Be to the Father"

#70

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE ~JOYS & CONCERNS

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY & PRAYER OF DEDICATION

#95

SERMON HYMN

"Be Thou My Vision"

#451

SCRIPTURE READING

2 Timothy 3:14-17

SERMON

"Can We Really Trust the Bible?" Rev. Thom Bryant

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

*CLOSING SONG

"One Bread, One Body"

#620

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OPENING SONG

PRAYERS

OFFERING

CONVERSATIONAL MESSAGE

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