



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.

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 Resources Uptown & Faith Chapel: Large print hymnals and bulletins, and wireless hearing aids and wheelchairs. CLC: Wheelchairs.

Fellowship All invited to Fellowship Time! **Uptown:** Between our three Sunday services in Fellowship Hall. **Faith Chapel:** Between both services. **Christian Life Center:** Between both services. **Spirit Alive:** Before Sat. worship.

Communion The first weekend of each month. Healing oil is also available in the Uptown Chapel after communion.

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**
 Saturdays 7:15pm ~ "The Road"
 Sundays 9:00am & 10:45am ~ Contemporary
Faith Chapel: 7384 NW 16th St ~ **964-4249**
 Sundays 9:00am ~ Traditional
 10:30am ~ Casual

Sunday School

Uptown:
 9:45: 3yr old -7th grade
 11:00: 3yr old -5th grade
 9:45: Seekers (adult) Rm 314
 9:45: Alpha & Omega (adult) Lounge
 9:45: Disciple's Dojo (adult) Rm 310
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.

Our Mission:

To be an open and inviting community of faith through which God grows deeply committed Christians.

Our Vision:

Reach WITH the love of Christ.
 Grow IN the love of Christ.
 Serve THROUGH the love of Christ.

3 Locations | 9 Worship Services | 1 Congregation United in Christ

UPTOWN CAMPUS: 206 SW Walnut Street
FAITH CHAPEL: 7384 NW 16th Street
CHRISTIAN LIFE CENTER: 710 NE 36th Street

Want more information about Ankeny First?

Online: www.AnkenyFirst.org

In Person: Visit our information centers (referred to as "The Connect") at all locations in the gathering space or by asking a host.



General News & Information

Pizza With the Pastors Come get to know the pastors and others new to the church, and enjoy some fellowship and a pizza lunch Sunday, **January 29**, after worship in the Uptown Family Center (206 SW Walnut St.) at 12:15pm. Reservations are not necessary (but helpful) by calling 515.964.4249. Children welcome!

Worship @First Wherever You Are If you find yourself away from home, home sick, or in a winter/summer home and unable to worship with your faith community, consider worshipping with your Ankeny First family online! We currently LIVE STREAM three worship services: 8:30am Uptown; 10:45am CLC; & our 7:15pm Saturday service at The Road. You simply click on the "Live Stream Worship" icon on our church website homepage to connect you to this live streaming option. Stay connected, find community, and worship as often as you can.

Connect@First APP! Share your church connection with friends, stay connected to news, or listen to sermon podcasts from your phone/tablet with the new Connect@First App. Download the app today from the iTunes or Android store. It's free, and will become a great way to get specific news about church opportunities.

Christmas Day Worship We will have two worship services on Christmas Day—a 9:00am traditional service at Uptown (206 SW Walnut), and a 9:30am contemporary service at the Christian Life Center (710 NE 36th St.). Join us!

Christmas Day Potluck Celebrate the birth of our Savior at **10:45am at the Christian Life Center** (710 NE 36th St.) on Christmas Day with your church family! Some will come because they enjoy sharing this holiday with our church community. Some will come because potlucks are always a great time. Some will come because family is too far away to celebrate this year. Some will come because they feel alone. ALL WILL LEAVE with the knowledge that God has brought us together to celebrate His Son. Breakfast casseroles and table service will be provided. If you are able, please bring a side dish to share. We look forward to wishing you a Merry Christmas at the potluck!

If You Are a First Time Guest, we encourage you to stop at our Connect information center and take a welcome bag home with you this evening. Merry Christmas and thanks for celebrating with us.

New Year Fitness Options for Everyone! A variety of fitness class options will be available after the first of the year at the Christian Life Center. Chose from early morning HIIT (High Intensity Interval Training) sessions, evening drop-in fitness classes, Seniors Exercising Together, Refit (cardio dance) and more. Specific details and registration are available on our website, www.AnkenyFirst.org/sports. Classes start as early as January 3.

Adult Volleyball Keep active during these cold months by joining our adult volleyball league. A new 8-week session begins Thursday, February 2. Recreational and Competitive divisions are offered to accommodate all skill levels. Cost is \$20 and childcare is provided. Register on our website at www.AnkenyFirst.org/volleyball.htm.

Little Ones Open Gym Bring your little ones to the CLC gym on Tuesday mornings to burn off energy! Toys are out and music is playing from 9:30-10:30am on Tuesday mornings. A Bible story time is also part of open gym time. No need to pre-register – just show up for some fun. Open Gym starts back up on Tuesday, **January 10**.

Sports & Fitness

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 _____

I'm interested in:

- Adult Small Groups
- Children's Activities
- Sports & Fitness
- Youth Activities (grades 6th-12th)
- Music
 - Children
 - Adults
 - Youth
- Technical Arts (Sound/Video)
- Worship Support (Usher/Greeter)
- Volunteer & Mission Opportunities
- Support Groups
- Having a pastor contact me.

A staff member will contact you soon to discuss your interests, and to help you get involved!

More announcements on reverse side.

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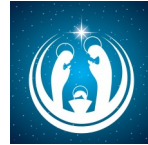
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*HYMN OF PRAISE "O Come, All Ye Faithful" #234 vs. 1,3,6

*CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES

Brian, Brandy, Olivia & Abbi Boulting

"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" #240 vs. 1

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OFFERTORY "Be Born In Me (Mary)" [Herms/Nordeman] Lauren Wilken

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"Ave Maria" [Bach/Gounod] Lindsay Drake

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"Joy to the World" #256 vs. 1,2,4

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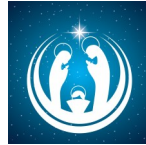
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PRELUDE The children of our church share their music.
WELCOME Rev. Scott Hibben
***CONGREGATIONAL CAROL** "O Come, All Ye Faithful" #234 vs. 1,3
LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT AND THE CHRIST CANDLES
Matt, Jodi, Ryan, Dylan & Blake Bybee
CHRISTMAS PRAYER Rev. Angie Loomis
SPECIAL MUSIC "Born Is the King" Little Cherubs & Kids of the Kingdom
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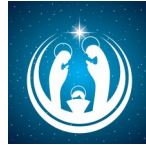
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LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

Patrick, Renee, Shayla, Riley & Alayna Cullen

"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" #240 vs. 1

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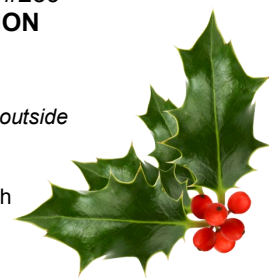
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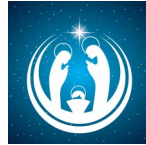
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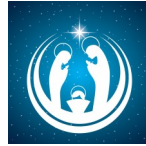
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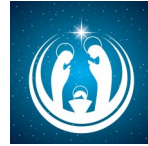
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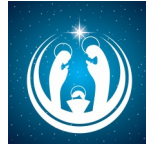
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LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES

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MEDITATION

"Waiting Here for You"
- an empty manger -

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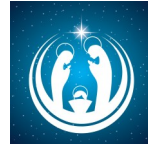
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*ACTS OF PRAISE & ADORATION

*HYMN OF PRAISE "Joy to the World" #246

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THE ARRIVAL OF THE MAGI Matthew 2:1-2, 9-11

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