



**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

**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, wireless hearing aids, and wheelchairs. CLC: Wheelchairs.

**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. 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 315  
 9:45: Alpha & Omega (adult) Lounge  
 9:45: Disciple's Dojo (adult) Rm 310  
 9:45: Sunday School (adult) Rm 314  
**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:** Mercy: Lisa Stamper, John Torrents **Mercy West:** Rena Crawford

**Altar Flowers:** In loving memory of Daryl Turner.

**Sympathy to:** Cindi Roberts on the death of her sister on Jan. 24. ♦ Gary Van Cleave & Beth Aswegan on the death of their aunt, Lilian Jensen.

**PRESENCE:** The following are attendance figures from last week:

**WORSHIP:** (The Road) (Sat)42 (8:30)169 (9:45)149 (11:00)104  
 (CLC-9:00)292 (CLC-10:45)149 (FC-9:00)50 (FC-10:30)29 Total = 1,056

**SUNDAY SCHOOL** (Uptown)71 (FC)4 (CLC)185 Total = 260

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

Operating Budget \$22,328.46 Cap. Campaign \$2,367.23 Mission \$2,910.55 Memorial \$125

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Adult Study | Connection

**Work of the People** Wed. nights, 6:30-7:30pm in JC's Cafe. Are you looking for a group to casually discuss current events and how your faith relates to the world around us? Each week, you are invited for a short film from *Work of the People* about current event topics, followed by conversation. This is a come-when-you-can group. Leaders: Rhonda Garcia & Brian DePrez. Feb. 8: Distorted Bible Filters; Feb. 15: Solidarity with the Crucified—Immigration; Feb. 22: Preparing for More; Mar. 1: *No group* – Ash Wednesday Service.

**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. This plan will show you how to get rid of debt, manage your money, spend and save wisely, and so much more. Uptown: **2/12 - 4/9** from 5:00-6:30pm Lounge. Register at [AnkenyFirst.org/financial-peace-university.htm](http://AnkenyFirst.org/financial-peace-university.htm).

**Young Adults Group** It's vital that young adults in our church get to know each other. So on the first Tuesday of every month, the young adults from our church will be meeting at Tanners in Ankeny (on N. Ankeny Blvd.) 6:00pm-8:00pm just to hang out. Attendance isn't mandatory; you don't have to stay the whole time; there aren't any books or readings you need to complete prior to arrival; you don't have to be single, married, have kids, not have kids, etc. Worship, small groups, supportive communities of faith, and missional service groups all become more effective when we get to know the people around us. The next meeting is on Tuesday, **February 7**.

**Ankeny First Singles Ministry Team** encourages all Christian singles over 30 to join us for fellowship and fun on the third Saturday of every month. We will be meeting from 7:00-10:00pm Saturday, **February 18**, at JC's Café, located just west of the main Uptown building. Bring your favorite snack to share! Please contact the office at 964.4249 with questions.

**Ankeny First Men's Group** The Ankeny First Saturday morning Men's Group will be hosting Chris Williams on **February 18**, at 8:30am in the Uptown Lounge. Chris is the publisher for [CycloneFanic.com](http://CycloneFanic.com) and a member of Ankeny First. Coffee and a light breakfast will be provided. The Men's Group meets on the third Saturday of each month. Contact Phil Sherman, [pj.sherm@gmail.com](mailto:pj.sherm@gmail.com) or 515.249.4631, if you are interested in more information.

Mission

**A Social Issues Ministry Team Is Forming** Will you join us? The first meeting is scheduled for Thursday, **February 16**, at the Uptown location in Room 314. We will examine some issues and discuss how United Methodists might participate in solutions. Sign the CONNECT card if you are interested.

**Malawi Partnership of Hope** In the summer of 2017, our "Partnership of Hope" team will travel to Malawi, Africa for two weeks of intentional mission. We will worship in new churches, celebrate clean water, learn about local struggles and successes, visit agricultural training and aid centers, and remind each other about God's unfailing love. Those on our 2017 team are: LuAnn and Amanda Barnes, Craig Miller, Sue and Cassie Smith, Jim, Angie and Nick Thornton, Pastor Angie Loomis, and trip leader, Len Pallas. There is a Go Fund Me page set up (<https://www.gofundme.com/malawipartnership-of-hope-2017>) to raise money to help offset the costs of this trip. This trip is equally meaningful for those traveling and those receiving the warm greetings in Africa. The team is very grateful for your donations toward their trip. Any excess money that is raised will go toward mission projects on this trip and/or future trips.

**Prayer Requests**

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

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

**Congregational Care**

We always want to know how we can reach out to individuals that need our care. If you know of someone we've missed, please let us know.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Info. \_\_\_\_\_

**Hospital Notices**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Hospital \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Ministry Opportunities**

- I am interested in participating in the Palm Sunday Cantata (Apr. 7, 8, & 9):

- Singer  Actor  Tech Crew
- Instrument \_\_\_\_\_
- Set Build  Costumes

- I would like to help with the upcoming Family Promise week at Faith Chapel (Feb. 26-Mar.6).

- I am interested in joining the Social Issues Ministry Team. (Please include your email on reverse side of this card.)

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## Uptown Campus ~ Traditional Worship

**February 5, 2017 ~ 8:30am**

PRELUDE Praise Ringers

WELCOME / \*CONGREGATIONAL GREETING

\*CALL TO WORSHIP Worship Leader: Melody Webb

\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN "We Are Called"

\*OPENING PRAYER/WORDS OF PARDON & ASSURANCE

ANTHEM "True Light" [Keith Hampton] Chancel Choir

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

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OFFERTORY / \*DOXOLOGY

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE / THE LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN OF REFLECTION "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light" #206

SCRIPTURE Luke 8:22-25

SERMON "Why Are We Here—Why Even Try?"

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\*HYMN OF SENDING "I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me"

\*BENEDICTION / POSTLUDE

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Today's Worship Helpers are listed below:

**Worship Hosts:** Betty Ann Arnold, Terry & Veda Bergeson, Anne Butler, Lois Lamansky,

Terry McAnally, Bob & Kay Schweers **Organist:** Paul Van Ryswyk

**Acolytes:** Confirmation Students **Tech Support:** Steve Fravel, Kent Kiefer

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**Praise Ringers Director:** Elaine Oursler

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OFFERTORY

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PRELUDE

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\*WORDS OF PARDON AND ASSURANCE

\*OUR RESPONSE "Glory Be to the Father" #70

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