



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: John Torrents **Discharged:** Rena Crawford, Lisa Stamper
Sympathy to: Friends and family of Harold Dowden on his death on Feb. 2.
Baptism: (Uptown 9:45) James Robert Merrill, son of Ben & Nicole Merrill.

PRESENCE: The following are attendance figures from last week:

WORSHIP: (The Road)54 (Sat)60 (8:30)193 (9:45)181 (11:00)126
 (CLC-9:00)238 (CLC-10:45)104 (FC-9:00)42 (FC-10:30)26 Total = 1,024

SUNDAY SCHOOL (Uptown)106 (FC)3 (CLC)110 Total = 219

GIFTS: Last week's offering for Christ's work here and around the world:
 Operating Budget \$51,026.64 Cap. Campaign \$10,980.65 Mission \$4,959.00

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

Adult Study | Connection

"Chew On This" Lunch & Learn Giving You Something to Talk About—Human Trafficking, **February 15**. You are invited to connect with others interested in the topics of social justice in our community. This month, we will continue our conversation around human trafficking while focusing on legislation and advocacy. We meet over the lunch hour every third Wednesday of the month, 12:10-12:50pm at 612 Locust Ave. in the Iowa Homeless Youth Center's conference room. For more information and to reserve your lunch, visit our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/chewonthisdsm/>. Lunch is \$10 catered by *In The Bag*. Hosted by area UMCs. Questions? Contact Lindsay.Drake@AnkenyFirst.org.

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. 15: Solidarity with the Crucified—Immigration; Feb. 22: Preparing for More; Mar. 1: *No group*—Ash Wednesday.

Financial Peace University Financial Peace University (FPU) teaches God's way of handling money. Through video teaching, class discussions and interactive small group activities, FPU presents biblical, practical steps to reach your financial goals. 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**, 5:00-6:30pm, Lounge. Register: AnkenyFirst.org/financial-peace-university.htm.

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 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. Questions? Phil Sherman, pj.sherm@gmail.com or 515.249.4631.

Do You Know Anyone Experiencing Depression Or Anxiety? Beginning March 2, we are offering two 8-week courses to help alleviate symptoms of depression or anxiety by encouraging, learning, and supporting healthy responses of body, mind, and spirit to stress. An informational meeting will be held at Neveln Community Center, 406 SW School St. on Thursday, **March 2, 6:30-8:00pm** to learn more before committing fully. There is a \$5 fee to cover the cost of materials. For further information or questions, contact Jacque Coulson at 964-4249, or Jacque.Coulson@AnkenyFirst.org.

Women's Bingo Night! The Women's Ministry Team invites all you ladies for a BINGO night, Friday, **March 3**, 6:30-8:30pm, at the Christian Life Center. This is a free event where you simply get to relax and have fun, enjoy fellowship and light refreshments, and maybe even win some prizes! If you are able, we are asking you to bring a donation of feminine products for a mission focus (tampons, sanitary pads, deodorant, and razors). Invite your girl friends! Call 515.964.4249 by Mar. 1 if you would like to reserve childcare. Questions about the event? Contact Jenny Neighbour, 515.954.6837 or neighbour.jenny@gmail.com.

Vacation Bible School Dates Mark your calendars! Evening VBS will be **June 18-22**, 6:00-8:30pm. Morning VBS will be **June 19-June 23**, 9:00am-12:00pm.

Children

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.

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 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.)
- I would like to volunteer to assist with childcare for the Adoption/Foster Support Group at the CLC on 1st Mondays. (Please include your email on reverse side of this card.)

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Uptown Campus ~ Traditional Worship

February 12, 2017 ~ 8:30am

PRELUDE Instruments of Peace

WELCOME / *CONGREGATIONAL GREETING

***CALL TO WORSHIP** Worship Leader: Don Miller

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN** "Love Divine" #384

***OPENING PRAYER/WORDS OF PARDON & ASSURANCE**

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

ANTHEM "Let There Be Peace on Earth" [Miller/Jackson] Don Miller

OFFERING OUR PRAYERS, PRESENCE, GIFTS, SERVICE & WITNESS

OFFERTORY Instruments of Peace / *DOXOLOGY

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE / THE LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN OF REFLECTION "Take Time to Be Holy" #395 vs. 1-3

SCRIPTURE | Peter 3:15

SERMON "Why Are We Here—What Does It Look Like...?"

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***BENEDICTION / POSTLUDE**

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Uptown ~ Relaxed Contemporary Worship February 12, 2017 ~ 9:45am

*PRAISE SONGS

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SERMON

"Why Are We Here—What Does It Look Like...?"

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Christian Life Center Contemporary Worship February 12, 2017 ~ 9:00am & 10:45am

*PRAISE

PRAYER

SPECIAL MUSIC (9:00)

"My Heart, Your Home" Kids of the Kingdom

CHILDREN'S TIME

OFFERING OF OURSELVES

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 9:23-27; 1 John 5:1-5

SERMON

"Why are we here...to be winners?"

Rev. John Wagner

*CLOSING SONG

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WELCOME/*CONGREGATIONAL GREETING

*SONGS OF PRAISE "I Will Follow"
"Here I Am to Worship"

OFFERING OUR PRAYERS, PRESENCE, GIFTS, SERVICE & WITNESS
OFFERTORY Scott Marler

*DOXOLOGY

PRAYERS/THE LORD'S PRAYER

SONG OF REFLECTION "10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)"

SCRIPTURE I Peter 3:15

SERMON "Why Are We Here—What Does It Look Like...?"
Rev. Scott Hibben

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*BENEDICTION

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PRELUDE

INTROIT

"Spirit of the Living God"

Bells of Faith

WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP

*OPENING HYMN

"Joyful, Joyful We adore Thee"

#89

*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, CELEBRATIONS & CONCERNS

OFFERTORY

"Jesus Shall Reign"

Bells of Faith

*DOXOLOGY / PRAYER OF DEDICATION

#95

SERMON HYMN

"All Creatures of Our God and King"

#62

SCRIPTURE

Genesis 1:24-31

SERMON

"Why Do We Desire to Be 'Winners'?" Rev. Thom Bryant

*HYMN OF DEDICATION

"Victory in Jesus"

#370

*BENEDICTION/BENEDICTION SONG

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