



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

Nursery available at all Sunday services.

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

Adult Study | Connection

LENT STUDIES FORMING

Sacred Rhythms We were created to be in relationship with God. Have you been longing or yearning for a closer relationship with Jesus Christ? If so, this study will help you develop the practices that will draw you closer to God. Wednesdays, beginning **March 8**, 6:00-7:30pm, in the Uptown Lounge. Books are available for \$10 on the first night. Leader: Pastor Angie Loomis

Final Words From The Cross: Sermon Series Small Group Despite the serious effort and increased pain required for Jesus to speak as he hung on the cross, Jesus spoke seven "final words"—statements that have much to teach us about Jesus, his Father, and ourselves. Follow along with the sermon series this Lent by joining in. Books—at the Connect for \$10. Thursday nights: Beginning **March 2**, Uptown Room 313, 6:30-8:00pm. Leader Ron Riggins. Monday nights: Beginning **March 6**, CLC Room 105, 6:30-7:30pm. Leader: Lindsay Drake

24 Hours That Changed the World No single event in human history has received more attention than the suffering and crucifixion of Jesus of Nazareth. Join this study and follow Jesus to the cross. This group meets in the Faith Chapel Fellowship Hall, 9:30-11:00am beginning **February 28**. Books are \$10 and can be picked up at the first session. There is no need to pre-register. Contact Colleen Mooi 689.6087 with questions.

Work of the People Wed. nights, 6:30-7:30pm in JC's Cafe. 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. Mar. 1: *No group*—Ash Wednesday; Mar. 8: *Feel What You Feel—Being Real*; Mar. 15: *Embodying "The Way"*.

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 orientation meeting will be held for both courses at Neveln Community Center, room 118, 406 SW School St. on Thurs., **March 2, 6:30-8:00pm**. Cost is \$5 for materials. Questions? Jacque.Coulson@AnkenyFirst.org.

Griefshare This 12-week support group for those grieving the loss of a loved one will begin Tuesday, **February 28**, 6:30-8:00pm, Uptown Chapel. (Subsequent weeks will meet in room 317.) Each session uses a video seminar that features biblical teachings on grief, as well as real life stories of people who experience losses like yours. There is no cost for this course unless you wish to purchase an optional workbook, which will be available during the class. To sign up, visit our website or contact Jacque.Coulson@AnkenyFirst.org 964.4249.

Youth

Weekly Schedule for Ignite & Spark Ignite (for grades 9-12) meets on Sunday nights, 7:00-9:00pm at the CLC. **Spark** (for grades 6-8) will NOT meet this Wednesday, March 1, but youth and parents are encouraged to attend our Ash Wednesday service at Uptown at 6:30pm.

Mission

March Mission of the Month: De-Clutter Your Life Most of us could use some de-cluttering in our lives—our closets and cupboards are overflowing, our minds are constantly bombarded and our hearts and calendars are crowded. As we begin Lent, you are invited to de-clutter your life! Watch for full details next week, but start thinking about de-cluttering your cupboards, de-cluttering your mind by reducing screen time, and de-cluttering your heart by getting rid of negative thinking.

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 am interested in ways to read with children in our community. (Please include your email on reverse side of this card.)

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

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Uptown Campus ~ Traditional Worship February 26, 2017 ~ 8:30am

PRELUDE

WELCOME / *CONGREGATIONAL GREETING

*CALL TO WORSHIP Worship Leader: Melody Webb

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN "Come, Christians, Join to Sing" #158

*OPENING PRAYER/WORDS OF PARDON & ASSURANCE

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ANTHEM

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SCRIPTURE Matthew 4:18-22, 16:13-20

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Christian Life Center Contemporary Worship February 26, 2017 ~ 9:00am & 10:45am

*PRAISE

PRAYER

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM (9:00 & 10:45)

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SCRIPTURE READING

John 15:12-16; Hebrews 10:19-25

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- WELCOME*/CONGREGATIONAL GREETING**
- *PROCESSIONAL HYMN** "Come, Christians, Join to Sing" #158
- *PRAYER / SONG OF PRAISE** "Shout to the North"
- ANTHEM** "As Long As I Have Breath" [Hitt/Tealy] Little Cherubs
- TIME WITH THE CHILDREN**
- OFFERING OUR PRAYERS, PRESENCE, GIFTS, SERVICE & WITNESS**
- OFFERTORY**
- *DOXOLOGY**
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