



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: Iowa City: Gabrielle Collins **Lutheran:** Tom Towers **Mercy:** Mary Ann Ash
Discharged: Lynne Boldt, Terry Holdridge

Sympathy to: Darlene Nash on the death of her son, Dan, on March 2.

Baptism: (Uptown 11:00) Lucas Benjamin Howe, son of Jon & Laura Howe.

PRESENCE: The following are attendance figures from last week:

WORSHIP: (The Road)46 (Sat)51 (8:30)190 (9:45)151 (11:00)136
 (CLC-9:00)229 (CLC-10:45)241 (FC-9:00)53 (FC-10:30)18 Total = 1,115

SUNDAY SCHOOL (Uptown)88 (FC)3 (CLC)200 Total = 291

Ash Wednesday: 342

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

Operating Bdgt. \$45,859.51 Cap. Campaign \$7,488.50 Mission \$3,940.00

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

Lent Opportunities

Lenten Call to Worship and Prayer Many people commented that the Ash Wednesday service was wonderful because people from all sites gathered together in worship. We have another opportunity for you to do just that. On Thursday, **March 23** at 6:30pm at our Uptown location, we will have a worship service with a variety of types and styles of music with a focus on prayer. Jesus asked his disciples to pray with him. As disciples of Jesus, we are called to pray too—for ourselves, for our church, for those in need, for the world in which we live. Come join us for a time of worship and prayer.

Bishop Laurie Haller Extends An Invitation during Lent to receive daily devotions, written by lay and clergy from the Iowa Conference. You can also join Bishop Laurie for a Wednesday Bible study at 12:05pm either in person at the Conference Center in Des Moines or by livestream. Visit iaumc.org for more information.

It's Time Again for Candy & Plastic Eggs! Our annual Easter Egg Hunt for ages 2 years through 4th grade, is Saturday, **April 15**, at the Prairie Ridge Aquatic Center at 10:30am. To make this community-wide event a success, it takes a team of servants and generosity! We need: Individually wrapped candy, help filling eggs (there will be an egg filling party on March 28, or take eggs and fill on your schedule), set-up and tear-down volunteers on April 15, and volunteers to manage kids/eggs that day. Contact Pat.Crownover@AnkenyFirst.org or visit www.AnkenyFirst.org to help.

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, 6:00-7:30pm, in the Uptown Lounge. Books are available for \$10 on the first night. Leader: Pastor Angie Loomis

Prayer Vigil This is a time when at least one person will be in constant prayer or contemplation from the end of our Holy Week Musical on Good Friday, April 14, until the beginning of our sunrise services on Easter morning, April 16. Please sign-up on-line <http://signup.com/go/cWY3dc> or on paper forms available at each worship location to participate, or you can contact Jacque.Coulson@AnkenyFirst.org and she will help you find a time that works in your schedule.

Lenten Cantata Each year, our church's worship arts ministry presents a Holy Week musical that combine the talents of over 100 singers, instrumentalists, actors and support personnel to reenact dramatic moments from Jesus' life and crucifixion. This year we will present Theodore DuBois' Lenten cantata, "The Seven Last Words of Christ," on Friday & Saturday, **April 7 & 8** at 7:00pm, and on Sunday, **April 9** at 8:30 & 11:00am in the Uptown Sanctuary. Invite your friends and neighbors to join you for this powerful presentation!

40 Days of Prayer We still have envelopes available containing the names of multiple church families that you can pray for through Lent. Hold them in prayer as part of your individual or family devotions during Lent and then share your identity with them during Holy Week, starting April 9. Many past participants share the sense of oneness and belonging this practice brings to them during the Lenten season.

Families

Vacation Bible School & Mini-Missions Registration is now open! Evening VBS will be **June 18-22**, 6:00-8:30pm. Morning VBS and Mini-Missions will be **June 19-June 23**, 9:00am-12:00pm. We need volunteers too. Sign up on-line today!

Register for UM Summer Camps All Ankeny First kids receive a church scholarship of 35% (up to \$125) for camp. We understand that camp can be expensive, so again this year we have created sponsorships to help reduce the cost even further. Thanks to everyone who has contributed, we can now assist even more kids! Please contact Rhonda.Garcia@AnkenyFirst.org, 964.4249 to find out about partial and full scholarships. If you'd like to offer a scholarship, find a form at The Connect.

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 _____

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Ministry Opportunities

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Uptown Campus ~ Traditional Worship

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*CALL TO WORSHIP Worship Leader: Melody Webb

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN "Blessed Assurance" #369

*OPENING PRAYER/WORDS OF PARDON & ASSURANCE

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

*PRAISE

PRAYER

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS (10:45)

CHILDREN'S TIME

OFFERING OF OURSELVES

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 23:32-34

SERMON

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Uptown ~ Spirit Alive
March 11, 2017 ~ 5:00pm

WELCOME/*CONGREGATIONAL GREETING

*SONGS OF PRAISE "Blessed Assurance"
"Your Grace Is Enough"

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

*DOXOLOGY
PRAYERS/THE LORD'S PRAYER
RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBER

SONG OF REFLECTION "There Is a Fountain"

SCRIPTURE Luke 19:1-10, 23:43

SERMON The Prayers of Jesus—Salvation & Relationship"
Rev. Angie Loomis

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*BENEDICTION

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Worship Team: Cindy Litchfield, Julie Quick-Alcorn, Sara Tourte, Paul Van Ryswyk

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PRELUDE

INTROIT "Do, Lord, Remember Me" [arr. Averre] Bells of Faith

WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP

***OPENING HYMN** "How Great Thou Art" #77

*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 "They'll Know We Are Christians" [arr. Wagner] Bells of Faith

***DOXOLOGY / PRAYER OF DEDICATION** #95

SERMON HYMN "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" #384

SCRIPTURE Luke 23:39-43

SERMON "The Promise of Paradise" Rev. Thom Bryant

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*BENEDICTION/BENEDICTION SONG

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