



**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:

**Sympathy to:** Chris, Kyle & Brittany Albaugh on the death of their husband/father Randy Albaugh, on March 21. ♦ Kimberly Peterson on the death of her father. ♦ Margo Lierman, Cherish Taylor, & Caiya Cox on the death of their mother/grandmother Gwen Swanson on March 26. ♦ Rex Kehoe on the death of his daughter, Amy, on March 27.

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

**WORSHIP:** (The Road)46 (Sat)46 (8:30)203 (9:45)129 (11:00)114  
 (CLC-9:00)281 (CLC-10:45)134 (FC-9:00)66 (FC-10:30)57 Total = 1,076

**SUNDAY SCHOOL** (Uptown)105 (FC)4 (CLC)179 Total = 288

**GIFTS:** Financial contributions YTD through Feb. 28:

Projected: \$327,045 Actual Received: \$311,514 Shortfall: (\$15,531)

**Find us on the web at [www.AnkenyFirst.org](http://www.AnkenyFirst.org).**

Lent Opportunities

**Maundy Thursday & Good Friday Services** Holy week is right around the corner. Join us for the following special services: **Maundy Thursday, April 13, 6:30pm at the Christian Life Center; Good Friday, April 14, 6:30pm at Uptown.**

**Keep the Candy & Plastic Eggs Coming!** 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 (find eggs at the CONNECT 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](mailto:Pat.Crownover@AnkenyFirst.org) or visit [www.AnkenyFirst.org](http://www.AnkenyFirst.org) to help.

**Prayer Vigil** This is a time when at least one person will be in constant prayer or contemplation from the end of our Good Friday worship service, April 14, until the beginning of our sunrise services on Easter morning, April 16. Please sign-up on-line <http://signup.com/go/cVY3dc>, by paper form available at each worship location, or contact [Jacque.Coulson@AnkenyFirst.org](mailto:Jacque.Coulson@AnkenyFirst.org).

**Order Your Easter Flowers Today!** If you would like to order an Easter flower to decorate our worship spaces on Easter Sunday in honor or memory of loved ones, please find and complete an envelope at the **CONNECT**. Please complete and return your order *no later than April 7*.

Adult Study

**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. Apr. 5: "What Is Darkness?" Apr. 12: "Die and Be Raised."

**Restored: Finding Redemption in Our Mess** In *Restored*, author Tom Berlin encourages us to reflect and meditate through our own brokenness, showing us that it is only when we focus on the cross as a place to surrender control that we can leave our mess and find true redemption. Join this new weekly Sunday School class beginning **April 9**, 9:45-10:45am in Uptown room 314. Books are available at the Uptown Connect for \$10. Leader: Randy Loomis.

Sports | Fitness

**Last Chance for TRX!** In our TRX Body Blast Class, you increase total-body flexibility, promote mobility and stability, and develop core strength. This class focuses on technique, flexibility, balance, and strength by developing basic foundational exercises through easy to follow progressions. All fitness levels are welcome. Class is limited to 8 participants. Two class options: Monday/Wednesday 6:45-7:15am or Monday/Wednesday 11:30-12:00pm. Cost is \$40. Runs **April 3- April 26**.

**Ankeny First Kids Soccer League** Registration is now open for our kids recreational 3v3 soccer league! Open to boys and girls 4 years old to 5<sup>th</sup> grade. Our pre-season clinic will be on Sun., **June 4**. Games will be held on Mon. and Tues. nights the weeks of June 5-27. Cost is \$20 prior to May 1; \$30 after. [www.ankenfirst.org/soccer.htm](http://www.ankenfirst.org/soccer.htm). If you are interested in volunteering to help with this league, please sign the CONNECT card or contact Traci Schermerhorn [traci@ankenfirst.org](mailto:traci@ankenfirst.org).

Youth

**Confirmation Meetings!** There will be two meetings this week for the parents of the upcoming confirmation class (current 7th & 8th graders): **April 4, and April 6**, 6:30pm in the Uptown Fellowship Hall. We will discuss changes to the program and requirements, as well as give you the opportunity to register.

**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) meets on Wednesday nights, 6:30-8:00pm at the CLC. If you have any questions regarding our youth ministry, please contact [Drew.Saforek@AnkenyFirst.org](mailto:Drew.Saforek@AnkenyFirst.org).

**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**

*The season of Lent brings special worship opportunities. Please sign up if you can help provide hospitality as an usher or greeter. I can serve as (select one or both):*

- Usher  Greeter
- Fri. Cantata Presentation (Apr. 7 at UPT)
- Sat. Cantata Presentation (Apr. 8 UPT)
- Maundy Thursday (Apr. 13 at the CLC)
- Good Friday (Apr. 14 UPT)
- I can help with the kids soccer league.
- I'd like more info on how my small group/committee can help with Agape Garden.
- I can help in the following ways at the annual Easter Egg Hunt:
  - Set-up  Tear-down  During event

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## Uptown Campus ~ Traditional Worship

**April 2, 2017 ~ 8:30am**

PRELUDE Praise Ringers

WELCOME / \*CONGREGATIONAL GREETING

\*CALL TO WORSHIP Worship Leader: Vicki Engh

\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN "Lift High the Cross" #159 vs. 1,3,4

\*OPENING PRAYER/WORDS OF PARDON & ASSURANCE

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

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HYMN OF REFLECTION "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" #298 vs. 1,3,4

SCRIPTURE John 19:28-30

SERMON "The Prayers of Jesus—Finished!"  
Rev. Scott Hibben

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

\*HYMN OF SENDING "Tis Finished! The Messiah Dies" #282 vs. 1-3

\*BENEDICTION / POSTLUDE

*\*Please stand if you are able.*

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**Ushers**—Mary Adkins, Melody Auten, Dorothy Barnhart, Rich & Nancy Degner, Allaire Jutting

**Organist:** Paul Van Ryswyk **Praise Ringers Director:** Elaine Oursler

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

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## Uptown ~ New Traditions Worship

**April 2, 2017 ~ 11:00am**

### PRELUDE

Praise Ringers

### WELCOME/\*CONGREGATIONAL GREETING

### \*PROCESSIONAL HYMN

"Lift High the Cross" #159 vs. 1,3,4

### \*PRAYER

### TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

### ANTHEM

"Use Me!"

[J. Orthel]

Celebration Chimes

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### \*DOXOLOGY

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### SONG OF REFLECTION

"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

#298 vs. 1,3,4

### SCRIPTURE

John 19:28-30

### SERMON

"The Prayers of Jesus—Finished!"

Rev. Scott Hibben

### SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

### \*SONG OF SENDING

"'Tis Finished! The Messiah Dies"

#282 vs. 1-3

### \*BENEDICTION / POSTLUDE

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*Ushers*—Lisa Keller, Mike Long, Connie Rohwedder, Jack & Rhonda Stewart

**Tech Support:** Brett Pike, Herb Wilson **Organist:** Paul Van Ryswyk

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"Victory In Jesus"

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PRELUDE

WELCOME

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

\*OPENING HYMN

"Gather Us In"

TFWS #2236

\*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

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#95

SERMON HYMN

"Were You There"

#288

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 27:50-56

SERMON

"It Is Finished"

Rev. Thom Bryant

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

\*HYMN OF DEDICATION "For the Bread Which You Have Broken" #615

\*BENEDICTION/BENEDICTION SONG

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