



## 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 -7th 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 -7th grade

10:45: 3yr old -7th grade

**Faith Chapel:**

10:30: 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:** **Bridges:** Carl Barnes, Bettie Bennett **Kavanagh House:** Al Van Kley **VA:** Jerry Weiss

**Methodist:** Jeanne Dempster **Mill Pond:** Laura Swearingen **Discharged:** Janet Metzger

**Altar Rose: (CLC)** In celebration of the birth of Tristan James Dickinson, son of Aaron & Katie Dickinson, and grandson of Greg & Kathy Dickinson. **(Uptown)** In celebration of the birth of Samuel Dean Luttgeharm, son of Kyle & Jennifer Luttgeharm on Dec. 27.

**Sympathy to:** Greg Winchester on the death of his aunt, Donna Loth on Dec. 21. ♦ Michelle King on the death of her father, Dick King on Dec. 21. ♦ Marilyn Brinkmeyer on the death her uncle Don on Dec. 23. ♦ Bob Johnson on the death of his brother Carroll. ♦ Cheryl Weisheit on the death of her brother, Craig Reynolds on Dec. 25.

**Baptism: (8:30)** Jordy Colcol Marzu, son of Jon & Jen Marzu.

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

**CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES:**

**Uptown:** (Dec. 20)121 (3pm)441 (5pm)540 (7pm)364 (9pm)216

**Faith Chapel:** (5pm)102 **CLC:** (5pm)605 (7pm)246 (9pm)131 Total = 2,766

**Dec. 24 Morning WORSHIP:** (Uptown 9:00)246 (CLC 9:00)267 (Faith Chapel 9:00)46 Total = 584

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

Operating Budget \$45,652.10 Cap. Campaign \$27,897.23 Mission \$32,224.13

Small Groups | Connect

**Invitation to the Old Testament** Have you wanted to read the Bible but didn't know where to start? Consider joining this new video-based small group, beginning Wednesday, **January 10** from 7:00-8:00pm in JC's Café. This group will explore the Old Testament in 8 weeks. Come for engaging conversation and connection. Books (\$16) available for purchase on the first night. Contact Rhonda Alessio with questions. ([Rhonda.Alessio@AnkenyFirst.org](mailto:Rhonda.Alessio@AnkenyFirst.org) or 515-964-4249)

**New Year Covenant Facebook Group** What is your New Year's resolution? Does your resolution include adding intentional time with God through prayer and reading the Bible? Do you need a group to help you stay accountable? A new Facebook group is forming to help keep you focused on your relationship with God, others, and yourself. If interested, contact Lindsay Drake [Lindsay.Drake@AnkenyFirst.org](mailto:Lindsay.Drake@AnkenyFirst.org) to be added to the private Facebook Group beginning **January 8**.

**Sunday Night Small Group** *Traveling Light: Releasing the Burdens You Never Intended* to Bear by Max Lucado—Join this small group on Sunday nights from 5:30-6:30pm in the CLC library beginning **Jan. 14**. Books (\$10) available at the Connect. Leader: Kate Pauly ([k8pauly@gmail.com](mailto:k8pauly@gmail.com))

**Christianity's Family Tree** Explore 8 distinct denominations of Christianity's family tree in this 8-week study, beginning **January 7**. This group meets at 9:45am in Uptown room 314. Books (\$10) available at the Uptown Connect for purchase. Leader: Randy Loomis ([loomo1@aol.com](mailto:loomo1@aol.com))

**Wesley Challenge** Strive for a deeper connection with God, Self and Others during this 3-week challenge of John Wesley's 21 questions. These questions are designed to bring renew your passion and discover a deeper commitment to God, while practicing the discipline of daily devotion and prayer. This group begins **January 22** from 6:30-7:30 in CLC Room 106/107. Books (\$10) available at the Connect. Leader: Cherry Marsden ([clmarsden55@gmail.com](mailto:clmarsden55@gmail.com))

**"Missing You" Ministry** In a large church, it can sometimes be difficult to realize when one of our church family who attends regularly is missing unexpectedly. Unfortunately, in the past we have learned only afterwards that some of those people needed our help or support. For that reason, we will begin using a feature of our database system that tracks attendance based on who signs the CONNECT card. If you normally sign the Connect card, but miss signing for a few weeks, you will receive a card saying we missed you. If you don't normally sign a CONNECT card, please consider doing so, to help us know that you are present and active in our church body. We hope this caring touch conveys the message that every one of you is important to us!

Fitness

**Adult Volleyball** A new session of adult volleyball will begin on Thursday, **January 25**. This 8-week co-ed league is for adults 18+. We offer recreational and competitive divisions to accommodate all skill levels. Sign up individually or as a team. Space is limited so register soon! [www.ankenyfirst.org/volleyball.htm](http://www.ankenyfirst.org/volleyball.htm)

**Start Smart** is a program for boys and girls (ages 3-5) that teaches the basic motor skills necessary to play organized sports. The program focuses on teaching children and their parents basic sports mechanics without the threat of competition or the fear of getting hurt. This program begins Tues., **Jan. 9** at 6:30pm. Cost is \$20 for this six week program. [www.ankenyfirst.org/start-smart.htm](http://www.ankenyfirst.org/start-smart.htm)

**Little Ones Open Gym** Bring your little ones to the CLC gym on Tuesday mornings to burn off energy! Toys are out and music is playing from 9:30-10:30am on Tuesday mornings. A Bible story is also part of open gym time. No need to pre-register—just show up for the fun. Open Gym starts back up on Tuesday, **January 9**.

## 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 \_\_\_\_\_

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## Uptown Campus ~ Traditional Worship December 31, 2017 ~ 8:30am

PRELUDE Paul Van Ryswyk

WELCOME / \*CONGREGATIONAL GREETING

\*CALL TO WORSHIP \*PROCESSIONAL HYMN "Once In Royal David's City" #250

\*OPENING PRAYER

\*WORDS OF PARDON & ASSURANCE "Gloria Patri" #71

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

ANTHEM "Mary, Did You Know?" Men's Vocal Group

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\*DOXOLOGY / \*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE / THE LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN OF REFLECTION "That Boy Child of Mary" #241 vs. 1,2,5,6

SCRIPTURE Luke 2:22-40

SERMON "Faith Made Flesh" Rev. Angie Loomis

\*HYMN OF SENDING "Go, Tell It on the Mountain" #251

\*BENEDICTION / RESPONSE "Now Let Your Servant Go"

POSTLUDE Paul Van Ryswyk

*\*Please stand in body or spirit.*

Today's Worship Helpers are listed below:

Worship Hosts: Greeters—Betty Arnold, Lory & Mary Johnson

Ushers: Darrel Krei, Jim & Peter Dengler

Organist: Paul Van Wyswyk Tech Support: Steve Fravel, Thomas Webb Song Leader: Melody Webb

Men's Group Director: Don Miller Men's Group Accompanist: Betty Babcock

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\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN "Once In Royal David's City" #250

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

ANTHEM "Mary, Did You Know?" Men's Vocal Group

OFFERING OUR PRAYERS, PRESENCE, GIFTS, SERVICE & WITNESS

OFFERTORY Paul Van Ryswyk

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SONG OF REFLECTION "That Boy Child of Mary" #241 vs. 1,2,5,6

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Worship Hosts: Greeters—Lowell & Mary Smith, Del & Milagros Stevens

Ushers: Mike Long, Kerry Jo Ostring, Tara Ramsey, Connie Rohwedder

Tech Support: Brett Pike, Avonda Row Organist: Paul Van Ryswyk Song Leader: Melody Webb

Men's Group Director: Don Miller Men's Group Accompanist: Betty Babcock

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**Uptown ~ Spirit Alive  
December 30, 2017 ~ 5:00pm**

### WELCOME/\*CONGREGATIONAL GREETING

**\*SONGS OF PRAISE** "Once In Royal Davids City"

"Here I Am to Worship (with O Come, All Ye Faithful)"

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PRELUDE

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

\*OPENING HYMN "Joy to the World" #246

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

\*WORDS OF PARDON AND ASSURANCE

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

\*PASSING OF THE PEACE

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\*HYMN OF DEDICATION "We Are the Church" #558

\*BENEDICTION/BENEDICTION SONG

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