



**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 -8th grade  
10:45: 3yr old -8th 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:** Taylor House Hospice: Jeanne Dempster **Edgewater Rehab:** Mary Doyle  
**St. Joseph's (Kansas City, MO):** Pat McCollaugh **Discharged:** Wayne Abuhl, Joan Hoard, Craig Gaumer, Roger Spahr

**Baptism: (CLC 9:00)** Elodie Blythe Jones, daughter of Chase & Megan Jones. **(UPT 9:45)** Cooper Wilson Buck, son of Nate & Megan Buck, grandson of Dan & Becky Buck. ♦ John Daniel Podlesak, son of Nick & Mary Podlesak, also grandson of Dan & Becky Buck.

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

**WORSHIP:** (The Road)39 (SA)36 (8:30)142 (9:45)124 (11:00)115  
(CLC-9:00)278 (CLC-10:45)134 (FC-9:00)42 (FC-10:30)134 Total = 921

**SUNDAY SCHOOL** (Uptown)88 (FC)6 (CLC)174 Total = 268

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

Operating Budget \$38,353.57 Cap. Campaign \$10,780.00 Mission \$2,868.45

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Mission | Serve

**10:45 CLC Worship Assistance Needed** We are looking for ushers, greeters, and communion servers at our CLC 10:45 service. If you'd like to serve in this way, indicate your interest on the CONNECT card.

**Today is Disability Awareness Sunday** Disability Awareness Sunday celebrates "the gifts and graces of persons with disabilities and calls the Church and society to full inclusion of persons with disabilities in the community." 100% of the money received provides grants to local churches which will assist in removing architectural and attitudinal barriers to accessibility. Indicate "Disability Awareness Sunday" in your check memo if you decide to provide a gift to this offering.

**Adult Mission Trip Set for April** The past 11 years, an Ankeny First mission team has traveled to a disaster location and spent a week doing recovery work. This year's trip is scheduled for the last week in April. We will leave Saturday, April 21 and return Sunday, April 29. Our team will be helping in Houston, TX, following the flooding and damage from Hurricane Harvey this past year. If you are interested in being part of the team, please contact Connie Ruths at [boco1mato@q.com](mailto:boco1mato@q.com) or call 515.360.4365.

**Ingathering School Bag Work Day** We will be collecting cut and sewn school bags, cutting, sharing fabric, and planning for the year's work with all willing servants on Monday, **February 19**, 1:00-3:00pm in the Uptown Family Center. Come join us! Questions? Call Darlene Churchman, 965-3359, or email [LDC813@q.com](mailto:LDC813@q.com).

General News

**Stay Informed: Iowa Conference Legislative Advocacy Team** As an Iowa United Methodist, would you like faith-based information about such topics as water quality, Medicaid and mental health services, immigration policy, opioid addiction, and state taxes? The Iowa Conference Legislative Advocacy Team tracks these issues, and more, in order to inform state legislators about positions the UMC has officially taken regarding them. To get action email alerts send an email to Brian Carter ([briancar@dwx.com](mailto:briancar@dwx.com)). For more information, visit [www.iaumc/advocacy](http://www.iaumc/advocacy).

**Our Nurseries Are In Need of Supplies!** With the flu and other seasonal viruses going around, we have substantially depleted our cleaning supplies this past month. Most needed: disinfecting spray (such as Lysol or 7th Generation), disinfecting wipes (like Clorox or Lysol) Also needed: AA batteries and Kleenex.

**Senior College of Greater Des Moines** Spring 2018 Course Catalogs are available at The Connect for those who would like continuing education on a variety of courses during daytime hours. You may also see course offerings and register online at [www.myseniorcollege.org](http://www.myseniorcollege.org).

Lent Opportunities

**40 Days of Prayer** Care and prayer for our church family: This is an inspirational tradition @First during the 6 weeks of Lent. You have the opportunity to participate, but this year, there is a slight change. We are asking who wishes to pray and who wishes to be prayed for. Those who wish to accept the challenge of praying for others will be matched and notified electronically. Hold them in prayer as part of your individual or family devotions during Lent and then share your identity with them during Holy Week, March 25. Many past participants share the sense of oneness and belonging this practice brings to them during the Lenten season. Now it is your chance! Sign the CONNECT card if you wish to take part in this Lenten tradition.

**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**

I would like to serve at the **CLC 10:45am** worship service as:

- An usher/greeter
- A communion server

- I would like to participate in the Lenten Cantata:
- Singer  Actor  Orchestra  Dancer

- I want to participate in a Lent study.

**40 Days of Prayer**

- I would like to pray for others.
- I would like others to pray for me.

*(Make sure to fill in your name & contact information on the reverse side of this card.)*

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\*CALL TO WORSHIP

\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN "Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies" #173

\*OPENING PRAYER

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

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\*DOXOLOGY / \*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE / THE LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN OF REFLECTION "O Spirit of the Living God" #539 vs. 1,3,4

SCRIPTURE Matthew 17:1-9

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\*HYMN OF SENDING "Go, Make of All Disciples" #571

\*BENEDICTION / POSTLUDE

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\*PRAISE SONGS

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SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Walkin' By Faith" [Getzen] Kids of the Kingdom

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OFFERTORY "You Make Me Brave" [Cook] Worship Team

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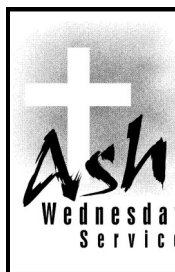
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\*PRAISE

PRAYER

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM (9:00)

CHILDREN'S TIME

OFFERING OF OURSELVES

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 17:1-7

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\*CLOSING SONG

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**Uptown ~ Spirit Alive**

**February 10, 2018 ~ 5:00pm**

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\*SONGS OF PRAISE "Look to the Son"  
"Shine, Jesus, Shine"

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

OFFERTORY Jan Boehm, piano

\*DOXOLOGY

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

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## Faith Chapel ~ Traditional Worship

**February 11, 2018 ~ 9:00am**

### PRELUDE

**INTROIT** "Come, Let Us With Our Lord Arise" [arr. Orthel] Bells of Faith

### WELCOME

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

\***OPENING HYMN** "Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies" #173

#### \*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

#### \*WORDS OF PARDON AND ASSURANCE

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

#### \*PASSING OF THE PEACE

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE ~ JOYS, CELEBRATIONS & CONCERNS

**OFFERTORY** "Fughetta in C Major" [arr. Bridges] Bells of Faith

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

**SERMON HYMN** "O Spirit of the Living God" #539 vs. 1,3,4

**SCRIPTURE** Matthew 17:1-9

**SERMON** "Come Create With Me" Rev. Mike Janes

\***HYMN OF DEDICATION** "Go, Make of All Disciples" #571

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