



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

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 and Saturday before worship.

Faith Chapel: Between services. **Christian Life Center:** Between services.

Communion The first weekend of each month.

Worship

Uptown: 206 SW Walnut St ~ **964.4249**

Saturdays 5:00pm ~ Contemporary

Sundays 8:30 & 11:00am ~ Traditional

9:45am ~ Contemporary

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 -7th grade

9:45: Seekers (adult) Rm 317

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

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: Ginny Partridge **Discharged:** Mary Schrader, Sandy Winchester

Altar Flowers: (UPT) In honor of Darrell & Anita Krei's 60th wedding anniversary.

Sympathy to: Larry Voigt on the death of his mother, Joyce Voigt, on December 19.

Baptism: (CLC 10:45) Hudson Alexander Shults, son of Tom & Rhonda Shults.

PRESENCE: The following are attendance figures from last week:

WORSHIP: (The Road)36 (Sat)46 (8:30)180 (9:45)135 (11:00)128

(CLC-9:00)273 (CLC-10:45)187 (FC-9:00)55 (FC-10:30)17 Total = 1,057

SUNDAY SCHOOL (Uptown)81 (FC)6 (CLC)163 Total = 250

GIFTS: Thank you for your ongoing generosity to our ministries and missions. You can give on-line at ankenfirst.org/give.htm or by texting "AnkenyFirst" to 77977 for a direct link.

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

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Connection

Live Well Classes: Overcoming Depression or Anxiety If you, or someone you know, suffers from anxiety or depression, please come learn an easy-to-follow, clinically proven way to prevent and beat these often debilitating illnesses. "Overcoming Anxiety or Depression" begins on Jan. 7 at 6:30pm with an orientation night. If you think it is something you'd like to continue, the classes will run from January 14 - March 4. Our Lady's Immaculate Heart Catholic Church is hosting the ecumenical classes in Room 10 from 6:30-8:00pm. For more information, please contact Jim White, 515.313.3701 or jcjlwhite@live.com.

Start Thinking About Joining a Small Group in January! Visit our website at www.AnkenyFirst.org/groups-page.htm for more information and to register! Below is just a sampling of what will be offered in the New Year:

- Alpha—Guests are invited to freely explore the Christian faith in a relaxed setting. Great for any stage of your faith journey. Begins January 13 in the Uptown Fellowship Hall from 5:00-7:30pm.
- Financial Peace University—*For Adults:* Dave Ramsey and his team will walk you through the basics of budgeting, getting rid of debt, planning for your future and more. \$110 (scholarships available). *For Teens:* Designed for help 9th-12th graders learn solid financial principles that will prepare them to handle their money wisely, save for the future, avoid debt, and give generously. \$15. Both session will begin on Jan. 13 at the CLC from 12:15-2:00pm and lunch is provided.
- GriefShare—GriefShare is a caring group of people who will walk alongside you through one of life's most difficult experiences: losing someone you love. Sundays beginning January 13 in JC's from 4:00-5:30pm.
- Young Adults—Are you somewhere between high school graduation and not yet ready to start a family? This newly formed group of 20-somethings invite you to join them beginning Thursday, January 17 at 7:00pm in Uptown Room 313.
- Men's Group—This small group is for young men and fathers on Wednesdays beginning January 16 at 6:30pm in Uptown Room 314.
- Sermon Series Groups—Beginning January 13, our sermon series will be "Method to the Mission." We will have small groups forming that will follow along with the sermon scriptures/topics each week. Watch our website for days/times.

Children

Kids Music Collective returns this winter with a focus on show choir! This 8-week class for children in 1st-5th grades will meet from 6:00 to 7:00pm on Tuesday nights at the CLC beginning **January 8!** Lauren Wilken, instructor. Sign up online!

A Winter Session of Rattle and Rhyme Begins January 9 These music classes for parents and children ages newborn-2 are held Wednesdays at 10-10:30am in CLC Room 102 through February 27. Childcare for older children is available upon request. Sign up on the website. Hurry as space is limited!

Bright Beginnings Preschool Open House Join us to explore our preschool classrooms and facility at our Open House. Take this time to meet our Preschool Director, Ann Lee, as well as our teachers and board members. Monday, **January 7**, 5:30-6:30pm, and Tuesday, **January 8**, 4:00-5:00pm. This is at our Uptown location. Visit www.brightbeginningsatfirst.org for more information.

Bright Beginnings Preschool Registration Bright Beginnings Preschool offers 2-Day, 3-Day, 4-Day, 5-Day, and Kinder-Prep programs for your preschoolers, as well as a Parents Morning Out program for 2-year olds. Online registration will be held on Tuesday, **January 8**, from 8:00-8:30pm for Ankeny First members and current attendees, and 8:30-9:00pm for community members. To register visit www.brightbeginningsatfirst.org/2019-2020registration.

Serving Opportunities

A. I would like to try helping the church in a **NEW** way in the checked ministry area.

- Worship Arts (anything music, audio/video)
- Worship Hospitality (usher, greeter, welcome, communion servers)
- Small Groups
- Sports & Fitness
- Youth
- Children's
- Missions
- Christian Care

B. I would like to serve in the following **UPCOMING** ways:

- I would like 2019 offering envelopes.
- I would like to help with the Trinity Meal on the first Wed. of the month.
 - I can help prep the meal at the CLC from 12:30 to 4:00pm.
 - I can help serve the meal at 4:45pm at Trinity/Las Americas UMC.

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

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 _____

Stay Informed

I would like our twice monthly e-newsletter:

E-Mail _____

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Organist: Kim Field Hymn Leader/Liturgist: Beth Madison

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Uptown ~ Convergence Worship December 23, 2018 ~ 9:45am

*GATHERING/GATHERING SONG "He Has Come for Us (God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen)"

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Ushers—Heather Jasper, Marshall & Kate Pauly

Piano: xx Tech Support: Steve Fravel, Avonda Row **Worship Leader:** Jose Clavell

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Christian Life Center Contemporary Worship December 23, 2018 ~ 9:00 & 10:45am

*PRAISE

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

PRAYER

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM (10:45)

CHILDREN'S TIME

OFFERING OF OURSELVES

SCRIPTURE

Luke 2:1-7

SERMON

"There Isn't Room"

Rev. John Wagner

*CLOSING SONG

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Welcome

Uptown ~ Convergence Worship December 22, 2018 ~ 5:00pm

PRELUDE

GATHERING / *GATHERING SONG "He Has Come for Us (God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen)"

WELCOME / *CONGREGATIONAL GREETING

***SONG OF PRAISE** "Hark! the Herald Angels Sing" #240

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

"Joy to the World"

OFFERING OUR PRAYERS, PRESENCE, GIFTS, SERVICE & WITNESS

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE / THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY / *PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SONG OF REFLECTION "In the Bleak Midwinter" #221

SCRIPTURE Luke 2:1-7

SERMON

"There Isn't Room" Rev. Mike Janes

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

*BENEDICTION / POSTLUDE

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Prayer Requests

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Faith Chapel ~ Traditional Worship December 23, 2018 ~ 9:00am

PRELUDE

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

*OPENING HYMN "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" #240

*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 Chapel Singers

*DOXOLOGY / PRAYER OF DEDICATION #95

SERMON HYMN "O Little Town of Bethlehem" #230

SCRIPTURE Luke 2:1-7

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*HYMN OF DEDICATION "Joy to the World" #246

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