



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.

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

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

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: Lutheran: Glen Hobin **Discharged:** Rich Henn
Baptism: (CLC 9:00) Grace Mae Valley, daughter of Aaron & Kelsey Valley.

PRESENCE: The following are attendance figures from last week:

WORSHIP: (On-line) 60 (The Road) 32 (Sat) 43 (8:30) 142 (9:45) 122 (11:00) 73 (CLC-9:00) 347 (CLC-10:45) 121 (FC-9:00) 47 (FC-10:30) 20 Total = 1,007

SUNDAY SCHOOL (Uptown) 72 (FC) 8 (CLC) 153 Total = 233

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.

Find events at <https://ankenfirst.churchcenter.com/registrations/events>

Connection

GriefShare: Loss of a Spouse On April 13 *Help and Encouragement After the Death of a Loved One*—This half-day seminar, "Loss of a Spouse," is part of the GriefShare programming we offer at Ankeny First. The death of a spouse can bring a unique kind of pain. People who are widowed haven't just lost a loved one; they've lost an entire lifestyle. Please join us for this event for practical teachings on dealing with this tremendous loss. Saturday, **April 13**, 9:00-11:30am in the Uptown Family Center. Cost of \$10 includes breakfast and materials. Register on our website. If you have questions, please contact Dawn Fravel drgreen0811@gmail.com.

Prayer Vigil This year we will once again hold our Easter Prayer Vigil from the end of the Good Friday service until the beginning of our Easter Sunrise service at 6:30am. You are invited to sign up on our website to let us know you will be praying. Both the CLC and the Uptown locations will remain open so you can pray in our chapels, but if you prefer, you can also pray from home. We will also have an opportunity for you to choose a prayer focus during our Palm Sunday service. We encourage you to set aside intentional time to be in prayer during those 36 hours, to pray for one another, and our world.

Uptown Fellowship Time: Praise Ringers Our bell choir will be hosting fellowship time today, after the 8:30 and 9:45 Uptown services. Show your support for this group as they raise money for some needed supplies.

Introduction to the New Testament Are you ready to get involved in a small group? Are you ready to dig deeper into your faith? Do you want to learn more about Jesus? Then join us beginning **April 30** at 6:30pm at the CLC in Room 105 for Introduction to the New Testament. This 8-week class will give you an overview of the entire New Testament. Register on our website *by April 22*. You will receive your book on the first night, \$12 each.

Uninvited Join this small group on Wednesday nights beginning **April 17** at 7:00pm in Uptown Room 317 to read and study Lisa TerKeurst's book, *Uninvited*. The enemy wants us to feel rejected, left out, lonely, and less than, and blinds us to the beauty of Christ's powerful love. Learn how to live loved.

General News

Order Your Easter Flower 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 complete an order envelope found at the Welcome Center *no later than April 15*.

Alzheimer's Community Education - Effective Communication Strategies—April 9 The Alzheimer's Association sponsors FREE classes for those affected by Alzheimer's. "Effective Communication Strategies" will explore how changes in communication takes place when someone has Alzheimer's. Learn to decode the verbal and behavioral messages delivered by someone with Alzheimer's or related diseases, and identify strategies to help you connect and communicate at each stage of the disease. Register by calling 800.272.3900. Classes are held at the Ankeny Presbyterian Church, 317 SE Trilein Dr. in Ankeny from 7:00 to 8:30pm. The next class is "Living with Alzheimer's, Caregiving Tips—Creating a Plan on May 14.

Let Us Know If You're In the Hospital Our hospital visitation team would like to ask church members to remember to notify the church office (or sign the CONNECT card) whenever you, a family member, or a church friend is in the hospital.

Youth

Youth Mission Schedule Youth in grades 6th-12th are encouraged to join us every Wednesday night at the CLC:

- Spark for 6th-8th graders: 6:00-6:45pm at the CLC
- Ignite for 9th-12th graders: 7:30-8:30pm at the CLC
- Evening meal from 6:45-7:15pm for 6th-12th graders—\$3/person

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 can help as needed at the annual Easter Egg Hunt on April 20.
- I would like to help with Family Promise in the following way April 14-21.
 - Van Driver
 - Evening Host
 - Overnight Host
 - Meal Donations
 - Co-Chair for the Ministry Team

(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:
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Tech Support: Steve Fravel, Sherrill Marske

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*PRAISE

PRAYER

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM (9:00)

CHILDREN'S TIME

OFFERING OF OURSELVES

SCRIPTURE

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SERMON

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Uptown ~ Contemporary Worship

March 30, 2019 ~ 5:00pm

PRELUDE

GATHERING / *GATHERING SONG "Come to the Water"

WELCOME / *CONGREGATIONAL GREETING

*SONG OF WORSHIP "Build My Life"

*CALL TO WORSHIP

OFFERING OUR PRAYERS, PRESENCE, GIFTS, SERVICE & WITNESS

"O Lord, Hear My Prayer"

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE / THE LORD'S PRAYER

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SCRIPTURE 2 Corinthians 5:16-21

SERMON

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*SONG OF SENDING "In Christ Alone"

*BENEDICTION / POSTLUDE

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Worship Team: Jose Clavell, Cindy Litchfield, Julie Quick-Alcorn, Christine Stone

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WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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*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

*DOXOLOGY / PRAYER OF DEDICATION #95

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

SCRIPTURE 2 Corinthians 5:16-21

SERMON "Mend with All Your Heart" Rev. Mike Janes

*HYMN OF DEDICATION "What Wondrous Love Is This" #292

*BENEDICTION/BENEDICTION SONG

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