



**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 **Park Ridge Care Center:** Norine Wilson **VA:** Jerry Weiss  
**Hospice (WA):** Marilyn Henrichs **Mercy West Lakes:** Jim Hutchinson, Jack Miller  
**Methodist:** Jan Globuschutz **Mill Pond:** Laura Swearingen **Discharged:** Susie Wood

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

**WORSHIP:** (The Road)42 (SA)41 (8:30)182 (9:45)168 (11:00)117  
 (CLC-9:00)279 (CLC-10:45)137 (FC-9:00)57 (FC-10:30)25 Total = 1,048

**SUNDAY SCHOOL** (Uptown)99 (FC)5 (CLC)186 Total = 290

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

Operating Budget \$22,214.71 Cap. Campaign \$4,760.00 Mission \$1,375.00  
 November Food Pantry: Food items: 789 Diapers: 83 Personal Care Items: 202  
 Feminine Care items: 60 Donations: \$5,625.00

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

Advent Opportunities

**The Great Spiritual Migration Small Group** Christianity is shifting to a new understanding of what it means to be a Christian. Embrace love, joy and peace as we seek to be followers of Jesus Christ. Join this small group today, **Dec. 3**, 9:45-10:45am in Uptown Room 310. Books (\$10) available at the Uptown Connect.

**Faith Chapel UMW Christmas Program** Everyone is invited to Faith Chapel on Monday, **December 4**, 7:00-8:00pm for seasonal music and refreshments. We encourage you to bring gifts of children's hats, gloves, and socks for our Christmas Giving Tree.

**UMW Christmas Dinner Dec. 7** Last chance for tickets! 6:30pm, Uptown Fellowship Hall. Tickets for this women's event (\$11) can be purchased between services TODAY. Bring gift cards from Walmart or Target for Bidwell Riverside's Christmas gifts if able.

**Candles of Hope Service** Join us for this quiet, contemplative candlelight service for those looking to find joy in the holidays again. **Dec. 10**, 6:00pm in the Uptown Chapel.

**Christmas Day Potluck Makes Us All Family** Since 2010, we have offered a Christmas meal for all who wish to break bread and have fellowship with others. We invite you again this year to join us from noon-2:00pm in the Uptown Fellowship Hall. We will provide a main dish and table service. If you are able, please bring a dish to share.

**Sunday School Christmas Programs** Join us for our upcoming Sunday School Christmas Programs! "For the Glory of the King": **Dec. 10**, 3:00pm at the CLC & Uptown. "The Christmas Gift" : **Dec. 17**, 10:30am Faith Chapel worship service.

**Work of the People** Join us for this drop-in Advent small group. Come for a short film and engaging discussion. Wednesdays, 7:00-8:00pm, JC's Café. Upcoming topics: **Dec. 6:** *Small Interruptions. Huge Impact.* **Dec. 13:** *Surrender Ownership.* **Dec. 20:** *The Love That Leaks Out.*

**Attention Piano Students!** Children of the church are invited to play a sacred Christmas carol as part of our gathering music before the 3:00pm Children's Christmas Eve service at Uptown! If your student is interested, please sign the CONNECT card in worship. Questions? Contact [Amity.Wagner@ankenyfirst.org](mailto:Amity.Wagner@ankenyfirst.org).

**Donations In Honor or In Memory of Loved Ones** You may donate to the Christmas Mission Offering by using the special envelopes found at the CONNECT at each worship site to honor your loved ones. This has replaced our tradition of poinsettias, but we will continue to include a special insert in a December bulletin identifying those honored. Place envelopes in the offering plate or contact Charity McEvoy, 964.4249 by December 10.

Mission

**Family Promise Servants Still Needed** We will be hosting Family Promise at Faith Chapel **Dec. 17-24** and are not fully staffed yet to host homeless families. We still have needs for evening hosts, dinner on Thursday, drivers, and clean up help for the morning of Dec. 24. Contact Pam Zivley at 257-0557 and [pjheilskov@gmail.com](mailto:pjheilskov@gmail.com) or Jan Temeyer at 321-8066 and [jtemeyer@mchsi.com](mailto:jtemeyer@mchsi.com) if you can help or sign the CONNECT card.

**December Mission of the Month—Diapers!** What gift shall we bring? At Christmas we celebrate the birth of a baby, and what better gift can we bring an infant than the gift of diapers-all babies need them! We will again be collecting disposable diapers for Bidwell Riverside and other agencies within Polk County. Larger sized diapers are especially needed.

**New Directions Shelter** currently needs the following items: body lotion, "kid friendly" cereal (no Cheerios or Corn Flakes), and cleaning sprays (Lysol, 409 etc.). Please place them in designated bins at the CLC and Uptown.

**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 have a child that would like to play a piece at the 3:00pm Christmas Eve service.
- I would like to receive 2018 offering envelopes.
- I would like to help with the December Family Promise hosting week.
  - Driving  Making Thursday Meal
  - Hosting in the evenings
- I would like to help serve at our Christmas Eve services:

Service

- Uptown December 20 (6:30pm)

Uptown December 24

- 3pm  5pm  7pm  9pm

CLC December 24

- 5pm  7pm  9pm

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## Uptown Campus ~ Traditional Worship December 3, 2017 ~ 8:30am

PRELUDE "Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones" [Paxton] Jack Watkins

WELCOME / \*CONGREGATIONAL GREETING

\*CALL TO WORSHIP Worship Leader: Mike Orthel

\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN "People Look East" #202 vs. 1,2,4

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" #211 vs. 5

ANTHEM "Of the Father's Love Begotten" [arr. Shackley] Chancel Choir

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

OFFERING OUR PRAYERS, PRESENCE, GIFTS, SERVICE & WITNESS

OFFERTORY "What Child Is This?" [Purvis] Jack Watkins

\*DOXOLOGY / \*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE / THE LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN OF REFLECTION "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear" #218 vs. 1,3,4

SCRIPTURE Isaiah 40:1-11

SERMON "Incarnate: Love Made Flesh" Rev. Angie Loomis

\*HYMN OF SENDING "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" #240

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

\*BENEDICTION / POSTLUDE "Rigaudon" [Young] Jack Watkins

*\*Please stand in body or spirit.*

Today's Worship Helpers are listed below:

Worship Hosts: *Greeters*—Gloria Beebout, Anne Butler, Bob & Connie Ruths

*Head Usher*—Melody Auten

*Organist*: Jack Watkins *Tech Support*: Patrick Cullen, Steve Fravel

*Chancel Choir Director*: Melody Webb *Chancel Choir Accompanist*: Christine Stone

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### PRELUDE

(9:00) Praise Ringers (10:45) Heavenly Metal

### \*PRAISE

### PRAYER

### LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES

### CHILDREN'S TIME

### SPECIAL MUSIC

"O Lamb of God/Away in a Manger" Sunday School Children

### OFFERING OF OURSELVES

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WELCOME/\*CONGREGATIONAL GREETING

\*CALL TO WORSHIP Worship Leader: Melody Webb

\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN "People Look East" #202 vs. 1,2,4

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES "O Come, O Come Emmanuel" vs. 5

ANTHEM "Of the Father's Love Begotten" [arr. Shackley] Chancel Choir

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

OFFERING OUR PRAYERS, PRESENCE, GIFTS, SERVICE & WITNESS

OFFERTORY "What Child Is This?" [Purvis] Jack Watkins

\*DOXOLOGY / \*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE / THE LORD'S PRAYER

SONG OF REFLECTION "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear" #218 vs. 1,3,4

SCRIPTURE Isaiah 40:1-11

SERMON "Incarnate: Love Made Flesh" Rev. Angie Loomis

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

\*SONG OF SENDING "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" #240

\*BENEDICTION / POSTLUDE "Rigaudon" [Young] Jack Watkins

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Worship Hosts: *Greeters*—Roy & Sandy Crabtree, Jerry & Wanda Long

*Head Ushers*—Jack & Rhonda Stewart *Ushers*—Mike Long, Ruth McGee, Qian Moss, Connie Rohwedder

*Tech Support:* Brett Pike, Herb Wilson *Organist:* Jack Watkins

*Worship Team:* Beth Madison, Melody Webb

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**Uptown ~ Spirit Alive**

**December 2, 2017 ~ 5:00pm**

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\*SONGS OF PRAISE "O Come All Ye Faithful"  
"The Same Love"

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PRELUDE

WELCOME

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LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES

*"O Come, O Come Emanuel"* #211 vs. 5

\*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

\*DOXOLOGY / PRAYER OF DEDICATION #95

SERMON HYMN *"Away In a Manger"* #217

SCRIPTURE Isaiah 40:1-11

SERMON *"Incarnate: Love Made Flesh"* Rev. Thom Bryant

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

\*HYMN OF DEDICATION *"One Bread, One Body"* #620

\*BENEDICTION/BENEDICTION SONG

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