



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 At our Uptown location, large print hymnals and bulletins, and wireless hearing aids are available—ask an usher for assistance.

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.

Worship	Sunday School
Uptown: 206 SW Walnut St ~ 964-4249	Uptown:
Saturdays 5:00pm ~ Spirit Alive	9:45: 3yr old –8th grade
Sundays 8:30am ~ Traditional	11:00: 3yr old –5th grade
9:45am ~ Relaxed Contemporary	9:45: Seekers (adult)
11:00am ~ New Traditions	9:45: Alpha & Omega (adult)
Christian Life Center: 710 NE 36th St ~ 289-9153	9:45: Disciple's Dojo (adult)
Wednesdays 6:15pm ~ Casual	Christian Life Center:
Saturdays 7:15pm ~ "The Road"	9:00: 3yr old –8th grade
Sundays 9:00am & 10:45am ~ Contemporary	10:45: 3yr old –5th grade
Faith Chapel: 7384 NW 16th St ~ 289-2171	Faith Chapel:
Sundays 9:00am ~ Traditional	10:30am ~ 3yr old-3rd grade
10:30am ~ Casual	

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: Legacy (Waukee): Howard Twidt **Discharged:** Dima Krull

Sympathy to: Diane McDermott on the death of her father, Vernon Bein, on November 23.

Baptism (CLC 10:45) Daxton Everitt, Maeva Marie, Audrey Elizabeth, & Delia Ann Kuhl, children of Dan & Amanda Kuhl.

PRESENCE: The following are attendance figures from last week:

WORSHIP (Wednesdays@First)20 (The Road)39 (Sat)48 (8:30)222 (9:45)169 (11:00)162 (CLC-9:00)367 (CLC-10:45)227 (FC-9:00)62 (FC-10:30)33 Total = 1,349

SUNDAY SCHOOL (Uptown)100 (FC)5 (CLC)185 Total = 290

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

Operating Budget \$25,243.13 Capital Campaign \$6,775.46 Mission \$3,293.32 Other \$376.12
October Food Pantry Donations: \$1,330

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

General News

Office Help Needed at Trinity UMC in Des Moines Temporary office help is needed every week for 3-hour shifts on Fridays. This volunteer position will be needed for the next few months. Interested? Contact Bill & Connie Funk at bfruns@aol.com, or sign up on the Connect Card.

UMW Christmas Dinner The annual UMW Christmas Dinner will be Thursday, **December 3**, at 6:30pm in the Uptown Fellowship Hall. Get your tickets (\$10) in the Uptown office or watch for sales before and after upcoming worship services! *Tickets must be purchased by November 30.*

Faith Chapel UMW Christmas Program Monday, **December 7**, 7:00pm. Everyone is invited to attend this special Christmas event! Our Puppet Ministry, Visual Scriptures, will present "God's Glorious Gift." Refreshments will be served following the puppet show. Please bring children's gloves, scarves, hats and socks to decorate our Christmas Giving Tree for Bidwell-Riverside Center. Any free-will donations will be presented to New Directions/Hawthorn Hill to assist their programming needs.

2016 Offering Envelopes If you ordered 2016 offering envelopes, they will be available to pick up at your "usual" worship location on **December 6 and 13**. Let us know if you can't locate them, 964.4249.

Annual Christmas Concert @First This year's "Songs from the Manger" will feature sacred Christmas music from choir, organ, orchestra, soloists, and ensembles! The concert will be presented Sunday, **December 20**, at 3:00pm in the Uptown Sanctuary. Mark your calendars and invite a friend!

Recordings of Our 8:30am Uptown Worship If you know of a church family member who is not able to attend worship services and would like to receive our Recorded Worship CDs, let us know! We have a dedicated ministry team who will bring worship to their door! Contact Jacque Coulson at 964.4249, so we can include that person in this ministry. (We also have copies of those CD's in the Uptown Library for those who wish to check them out.)

Youth

Youth@First 6th-12th graders, join us tonight at the CLC for our youth service here @First! We'll begin sharing a meal at 5:45pm (\$3/person and families welcome) and worship will follow at 6:30pm. We will be starting a message series that looks into the Christmas season, what it is all about, and whom it is all about. Small groups will follow at 7:20. If you haven't joined us this year, please do, and bring a friend. We look forward to seeing you.

Children | Families

One Starry Night Advent Festival NEXT Sunday, **December 6**, 3:00-5:00pm in the Uptown Family Center—Bring the real Christmas story to life with your children and family! At the event, your family will join Mary and Joseph as they go on their journey to Bethlehem with fun and exciting drama, music, crafts, games, and homemade bread! Come and enjoy the sights, sounds, and smells of Bethlehem before the Birth of Jesus! Everyone is invited to this fun event for the whole family. **THEN, stay for a Family Pizza Party from 4:30-6:30pm in the Uptown Fellowship Hall!**

Advent Festival Volunteers Needed! Join in the fun at the "One Starry Night" Advent Festival! Please contact Pat Crownover at pat.crownover@ankenyfirst.org if you would like to help, or sign the Connect Card.

Children's Christmas Programs December 13! The children at the Christian Life Center and Uptown will present their Christmas Sunday School programs at their respective locations on December 13, at 3:00pm. Faith Chapel children will help celebrate during the 10:30am worship service where our Puppet Ministry, Visual Scriptures will present "God's Glorious Gift."

Prayer Requests

- Please keep this confidential to pastors and church staff only.
- Please put this on our public prayer chain.

- I would like to speak with a pastor or someone from our Christian Care Ministry about this request.

Hospital Notices

Name _____

Hospital _____

Date _____

Ministry Opportunities

- I would like to help with the Advent Festival.
 - ___ Reader ___ Baker ___ Craft helper
 - ___ Actor ___ Set-up/tear-down crew
- I can deliver poinsettias to our Saints at Home.
- I will donate cookies for the Malawi Christmas Cookie Walk on 12/12.
- I will help with the second shift (10:45 service) fellowship time at the CLC.
- I would like to volunteer with Family Promise at Faith Chapel in 2016.
- I would like to volunteer at the Trinity UMC office.
- I would like to run the video camera to record worship services at Uptown 8:30.
- I would like to deliver welcome bags to first time guests.

More announcements on reverse side.

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Uptown Campus ~ Traditional Worship
November 29, 2015 ~ 8:30am

PRELUDE

WELCOME / *CONGREGATIONAL GREETING

*CALL TO WORSHIP Worship Leader: Lindsay Drake

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN "O Come, O Come Emmanuel" #211

*OPENING PRAYER/WORDS OF PARDON & ASSURANCE

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OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY / *PRAYER OF DEDICATION

HYMN OF REFLECTION "Infant Holy, Infant Lowly" #229 vs. 1, and
"Away in a Manger" #217 vs. 1 & 3

SCRIPTURE: Isaiah 7:14

SERMON: "Changing Babies" Rev. Scott Hibben

*HYMN OF SENDING "Hail to the Lord's Anointed" #203

*BENEDICTION / POSTLUDE

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Uptown ~ Relaxed Contemporary Worship

November 29, 2015 ~ 9:45am

GATHERING SONG / WELCOME

*CONGREGATIONAL GREETING

*PRAISE SONGS

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DOXOLOGY

SONG OF REFLECTION "We All Bow Down"

SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 7:14

SERMON

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*SONG OF SENDING

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*PRAISE

PRAYER

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM (10:45)

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CHILDREN'S TIME

OFFERING OF OURSELVES

SCRIPTURE

Luke 1:26-38

SERMON

"It's Beginning to Look a Lot Like Christmas"

Rev. Angie Loomis

*CLOSING SONG

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*SING PRAISE TO GOD

"Everlasting God"

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"

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OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY

SONG OF REFLECTION

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SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 7:14

SERMON

"Changing Babies" Rev. Scott Hibben

*SENDING SONG

"Hail to the Lord's Anointed"

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PRELUDE

WELCOME

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

*OPENING SONG "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" #221 vs. 1,2,6,7

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*WORDS OF PARDON AND ASSURANCE

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

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE ~JOYS & CONCERNS

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY & PRAYER OF DEDICATION #95

SERMON HYMN "What Child Is This" #219

SCRIPTURE READING John 1:10-18

SERMON "Changing Babies" Rev. Thom Bryant

*CLOSING SONG "Away in a Manger" #217

*CLOSING BLESSING/BENEDICTION SONG

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OPENING SONG

PRAYERS

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CONVERSATIONAL MESSAGE

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