



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 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

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
Wednesdays 6:15pm ~ Casual
Saturdays 7:15pm ~ "The Road"
Sundays 9:00am & 10:45am ~ Contemporary
Faith Chapel: 7384 NW 16th St ~ 289-2171
Sundays 9:00am ~ Traditional
10:30am ~ Casual

Sunday School

Uptown:
9:45: 3yr old –8th grade
11:00: 3yr old –5th grade
9:45: Seekers (adult)
9:45: Alpha & Omega (adult)
9:45: Disciple's Dojo (adult)
Christian Life Center:
9:00: 3yr old –8th grade
10:45: 3yr old –5th grade
Faith Chapel:
10:30am ~ 3yr old-3rd grade

Nursery available at all Sunday services.

Our Mission:

To be an open and inviting community of faith through which God grows deeply committed Christians.

Our Vision:

Reach WITH the love of Christ.
Grow IN the love of Christ.
Serve THROUGH the love of Christ.

3 Locations | 10 Worship Services | 1 Congregation United in Christ

UPTOWN CAMPUS: 206 SW Walnut Street
FAITH CHAPEL: 7384 NW 16th Street
CHRISTIAN LIFE CENTER: 710 NE 36th Street

Want more information about Ankeny First?

Online: www.AnkenyFirst.org

In Person: Visit our information centers (referred to as "The Connect") at all locations in the gathering space or by asking a host.



General News & Information

Pizza With the Pastors Come, get to know the pastors and others new to the church, Sunday, January 31, after church in the Uptown family center (206 SW Walnut) at noon. Reservations are not necessary (but helpful) by calling 515.964.4249. Children welcome!

Worship @First Wherever You Are If you find yourself away from home, home sick, or in a winter/summer home and unable to worship with your faith community, consider worshipping with your Ankeny First family online! Beginning in January, we will be piloting a new **LIVE STREAMING** option for worship @first. As this option becomes available, you will see a new icon on our church website homepage to connect you to this live streaming option. Initially we will be live streaming our Sunday morning Uptown 8:30am service, with more options to come later in the year. Stay connected, find community, and worship as often as you can with the new live stream service @First.



Christmas Day Potluck at Uptown Celebrate the birth of our Savior at noon in the Uptown Fellowship Hall (206 SW Walnut Street) on Christmas Day with your church family! Some will come because they enjoy sharing this holiday with our church community. Some will come because potlucks are always a great time. Some will come because family is too far away to celebrate this year. Some will come because they feel alone. ALL WILL LEAVE with the knowledge that God has brought us together to celebrate His Son.

A main dish and table service will be provided. If you are able, please bring a side dish to share. We look forward to wishing you a Merry Christmas at the potluck!

Worship-Connection-Community!

Wednesdays@First is designed for busy individuals and families who either missed weekend worship or need a mid-week pick-me-up—including meals, worship, and small groups for all ages every Wednesday night. **Join us!**



At the Christian Life Center (710 NE 36th St.): Casual supper at 5:30-6:15pm; casual worship at 6:15-6:45pm; small groups for all ages at 6:45-7:30pm.

At Uptown (206 SW Walnut St.): Soul Food Café evening meal for everyone at 5:00-6:30pm; Adult Choir & Music Groups, PLUS Bible Adventures (Pre-k-3rd grade), K.U.L.E. Kids (4th-5th grade) and music groups for children and youth.

Sports & Fitness

Fitness and Sports Ministry at Ankeny First is here to encourage individuals to be healthy in mind, body, and spirit in their everyday lives. We offer a variety of fitness classes for all fitness levels, as well as a variety of sports opportunities. Fitness classes are offered throughout the day at the Christian Life Center and include Seniors Exercising Together, Yoga, Cardio-Strength, Bootcamp, HIIT (High-Intensity Interval Training) and more. Sports opportunities include adult volleyball and basketball as well as kids' Tae Kwon Do, swimming, soccer, and basketball. Check out our website for descriptions of all our ministries. www.ankenyfumc.org/sports

More announcements on reverse side.

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 _____

I'm interested in:

- Adult Small Groups
- Children's Activities
- Sports & Fitness
- Youth Activities (grades 6th-12th)
- Music
 - Children
 - Adults
 - Youth
- Helping with Worship
- Volunteer & Mission Opportunities
- Support Groups
- Having a pastor contact me.

A staff member will contact you soon to discuss your interests, and to help you get involved!

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"Be Born In Me" Michelle Lahner

WELCOME / *CALL TO WORSHIP

***HYMN OF PRAISE** *"O Come, All Ye Faithful"* #234 vs. 1,4,5

***CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER**

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES

The Boehm Family

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY Mark Shultz

CHRISTMAS STORY

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SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

"You're Here" Lindsay Drake

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Uptown Campus ~ Children's Service December 24, 2015 ~ 3:00 pm

PRELUDE The children of our church share their music.

GREETING Rev. Scott Hibben

***CONGREGATIONAL CAROL** "Joy to the World" #246 vs. 1,4

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT AND THE CHRIST CANDLES
Mark & Kimberly Peterson

CHRISTMAS PRAYER

ANTHEM "Come Thou Long Expected Jesus" Kids of the Kingdom

OFFERING OF OUR LIVES AND OUR RESOURCES
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CHRISTMAS NIGHT LIVE
Children, Visual Scriptures, Rev. Angie Loomis

CEREMONY OF THE LIGHTS
CONGREGATIONAL CAROL "Silent Night, Holy Night" #239 vs. 1,4

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***HYMN OF PRAISE** "O Come, All Ye Faithful" #234 vs. 1,4,5

***CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER**

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES

The Cullen Family

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OFFERTORY *"Breath of Heaven"* Brandi Boulting

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SERMON SONG *"Mary Did You Know?"* Daniel Frame, Kim Sidwell-Frame, Jacob & Emily Zamora

MEDITATION

Luke 2:1-20 *"Lucky in Love"* Rev. Scott Hibben

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CEREMONY OF THE LIGHTS *"Silent Night"* #239

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***OPENING HYMN** "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" #240 vs. 1 & 2

***OPENING PRAYER**

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLES

"O Come All Ye Faithful" #234 vs. 1

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY

"O Holy Night" [arr. Marsh] Amanda Lott, Jennifer Boutwell, & Melody Webb

***DOXOLOGY** "What Child Is This" #219 vs. 3

PASTORAL PRAYER

CAROLS & CANDLES

| | |
|--------------------------------|---------------------------|
| "O Little Town of Bethlehem" | #230 vs. 1 & 4 |
| Matthew 1:18-25 | Joseph's reflection |
| "Away in a Manger" | #217 vs. 1 & 2 |
| Luke 2:1-7 | Mary's reflection |
| "In the Bleak Midwinter" | #221 vs. 1 & 3 |
| Luke 2:8-14 | The Angel's reflection |
| "Angels We Have Heard on High" | #238 vs. 1 & 3 |
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Uptown Campus ~ Carols & Candlelight Service December 24, 2015 ~ 11:00 pm

PRELUDE "Glory of Immanuel" [Nesbit] Anne Marie & Melody Webb

WELCOME / *CALL TO WORSHIP

***OPENING HYMN** "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" #240 vs. 1 & 2

***OPENING PRAYER**

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLES

"O Come All Ye Faithful" #234 vs. 1

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY "All Is Well" [arr. Huff] Webb family

***DOXOLOGY** "What Child Is This" #219 vs. 3

PASTORAL PRAYER

CAROLS & CANDLES

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| "O Little Town of Bethlehem" | #230 vs. 1 & 4 |
| Matthew 1:18-25 | Joseph's reflection |
| "Away in a Manger" | #217 vs. 1 & 2 |
| Luke 2:1-7 | Mary's reflection |
| "In the Bleak Midwinter" | #221 vs. 1 & 3 |
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WELCOME

SONGS OF PRAISE

OFFERINGS

TIME OF REFLECTION - SILENT, REVERENT NIGHT

CANDLELIGHT CAROL

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GREETING

*ACTS OF PRAISE & ADORATION

*HYMN OF PRAISE "O Come, All Ye Faithful" #234 vs. 1, 4, & 5

CHRISTMAS PRAYER (unison)

CHRISTMAS MEDITATION Rev. Thom Bryant

OFFERING / OFFERTORY "There's a Song in the Air" #249

LESSONS & CAROLS

THE ANNUNCIATION Luke 1:26-33

"Joseph's Lullaby" Paul Dimit

THE PROCLAMATION Luke 2:1-5

"O Little Town of Bethlehem" vs. 1 & 3

THE BIRTH OF THE CHRIST CHILD Luke 2:6-7

"O Holy Night" Chapel Singers

THE ANNOUNCEMENT TO THE SHEPHERDS Luke 2:8-12

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THE ADORATION AT THE MANGER Luke 2:15-20

"Angels We Have Heard on High" #238 vs. 3 & 4

THE ARRIVAL OF THE MAGI Matthew 2:1-2, 9-11

"Love Came Down at Christmas" Cara Bloom

THE WORD MADE FLESH John 1:1, 14, 16

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