



**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**

**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.**

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 Discharged:** Rich Henn, Nancy Lundstrom

**Sympathy to:** ♦ Lois Chopard, on the death of her mother.

**Baptism:** (8:30) Isaac Paul Wilson, son of Derick and Michelle Wilson.

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

**WORSHIP** (Wednesdays@ First)34 (The Road)36 (Sat)31 (8:30)146 (9:45)120 (11:00)145 (CLC-9:00)261 (CLC-10:45)184 (FC-9:00)39 (FC-10:30)20 Total = 1,177

**SUNDAY SCHOOL** (Uptown)85 (FC)4 (CLC)133 Total = 222

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

Operating Budget \$33,524.57 Capital Campaign \$4,562.23 Mission \$845.50 Other \$65.01

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General News

**Ankeny First Cups for Sale** If you'd like your very own Ankeny First insulated tumbler, they may be purchased at the Connect (our information center) at all locations for \$8 (please have exact change or write a check to AFUMC). These will also be given as gifts to first time worship guests.

**Uptown Children's Worship Bag Volunteers Needed** The team that replenishes the contents of the children's worship bags at Uptown is seeking volunteers to help in the months of September, October, and December. Responsibilities include coming to the Uptown location each week and preparing the bags for the upcoming week's worship services. If you would be willing to help, please contact Betty Arnold at 515.967.4635.

**Church Council meeting Thursday, January 21** The first meeting of 2016 is always an important one. All cluster and committee co-chairs, as well as at-large members are encouraged to attend, but all are welcome. It will be at 7:00pm in the Uptown Fellowship Hall.

Adult Study

**Alpha** Are you looking for a way to make connections @first? Do you have questions about the Christian faith? Do you want to have a safe place to ask those questions? If so, Alpha is the place for you. Join Alpha on Wednesday evenings at 5:30pm with a meal in the CLC gym, followed by live talks with Pastor Scott Hibben and small group time. For more information, contact Lindsay Drake ([lindsay.drake@ankenyfirst.org](mailto:lindsay.drake@ankenyfirst.org)).

**Disciple 1—Becoming Disciples Through Bible Study** It's not too late to join in the new session of Disciple 1, held on Thursday nights from 6:30-8:30pm at the Christian Life Center. Register on our website today! For more information, contact Lindsay Drake ([lindsay.drake@ankenyfirst.org](mailto:lindsay.drake@ankenyfirst.org)).

Connection

**Pizza With the Pastors** Are you new to Ankeny First? Are you interested in learning more about our 3-site faith community? Join us for Pizza with the Pastors on Sunday, **January 31**, in the Uptown Family Center from noon to 1:30pm. You will have an opportunity to meet the pastors, hear about the vision of the church's leadership and meet others new to the church. Please sign the Connect Card and indicate how many will attend. Bring the kids along too!

**Therapeutic Lifestyle Change Course for Depression & Anxiety** We are offering an 8-week course in conjunction with our other faith neighbors and it's not too late to join. It will be held at **Holy Trinity Lutheran Church beginning Thursday, January 21, from 6:30–8:00pm.** Each of these 8-week courses will introduce this easy-to-follow, clinically proven program for decreasing the effects of two debilitating conditions: Anxiety and Depression. Only one course can be taken at a time so each participant will need to choose the segment best suited for his or her needs. For further information or questions, contact Jacque Coulson at 964-4249, ext. 112 or [Jacque.coulson@ankenyfirst.org](mailto:Jacque.coulson@ankenyfirst.org).

**Griefshare** This 13-week class and support group for those grieving the loss of a loved one, will begin Monday, **February 15**, 6:30-8:00pm, in the Uptown Chapel. Each session uses a video seminar that features biblical teachings on grief, as well as real life stories of people who experience losses like yours. Come and learn about resiliency and renewed hope for the future. Cost: Free (\$20 optional for the workbook). Call Jacque Coulson or the office (964-4249) with questions or to sign up. Childcare is available with 1 week's advance notice.

**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.

**Hospital Notices**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Hospital \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Ministry Opportunities**

- I would like more information about the new session of Financial Peace University
- I would like to attend Pizza with the Pastors on January 31: #\_\_\_ attending.
- I am interested in participating in the Holy Week Musical (March 23, 24, 25):
  - Singer  Actor  Dancer
  - Instrument (\_\_\_\_\_)
  - Tech Crew  Set Build  Scenery
  - Costumes

*More announcements on reverse side.*

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## Uptown Campus ~ Traditional Worship January 17, 2016 ~ 8:30am

### PRELUDE

**WELCOME / \*CONGREGATIONAL GREETING**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** Worship Leader: Don Miller

**\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN** "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" #139

**\*OPENING PRAYER/WORDS OF PARDON & ASSURANCE**

**ANTHEM** "Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus" The Taylor Children

### TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

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OFFERTORY

**\*DOXOLOGY / \*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**SONG OF REFLECTION** "It Is Well" #377

**SCRIPTURE** Job 23:1-9

### SERMON

*"When Bad Things Happen to Good People, Can God Be Trusted?"*

Rev. Angie Loomis

**\*HYMN OF SENDING** "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" #140

**\*BENEDICTION / POSTLUDE**

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**Greeters:** Terry & Veda Bergeson, Lois Lamansky, Susan Rhoads

**Tech Support:** Del Piittmann, John Newell

**Organist:** Mark Shultz **Acolytes:** Confirmation Students

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GATHERING SONG / WELCOME

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\*PRAISE SONGS

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**January 17, 2016 ~ 9:00am & 10:45am**

\*PRAISE

PRAYER

CHILDREN'S TIME

OFFERING OF OURSELVES

SCRIPTURE

1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

SERMON

*Tough Questions*

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\*CLOSING SONG

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**Uptown ~ Spirit Alive**  
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## WELCOME/\*CONGREGATIONAL GREETING

**\*SING PRAISE TO GOD** "Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus"  
"Greater Is He"

## OFFERING OUR PRAYERS, PRESENCE, GIFTS, SERVICE & WITNESS

COMMISSIONING OF CHURCH LEADERS

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Jan Boehm

\*DOXOLOGY

**SONG OF REFLECTION** "Lord I Need You"

**SCRIPTURE**

Job 23:1-9

**SERMON** "When Bad Things Happen to Good People, Can God Be Trusted"

Rev. Angie Loomis

**\*SENDING SONG**

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

**\*BENEDICTION**

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PRELUDE

WELCOME

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\*OPENING HYMN "Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty" #64

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

\*WORDS OF PARDON AND ASSURANCE

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

\*PASSING OF THE PEACE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE ~JOYS & CONCERNS

OFFERTORY

\*DOXOLOGY & PRAYER OF DEDICATION #95

SERMON HYMN "It Is Well" #377

SCRIPTURE READING Genesis 1:24-31; Hebrews 11

SERMON "God Is Good?" Rev. Thom Bryant

\*CLOSING SONG "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" #140

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OPENING SONG

PRAYERS

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CONVERSATIONAL MESSAGE

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