



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.

CONNECT

Christmas Concert December 22 Join us for our annual Christmas concert, "When the Earth Stood Still" on **December 22** at 6:00pm in our Uptown Sanctuary. We will sing Christmas carols and have the following ensembles share their gifts: Instruments of Peace, Praise Ringers, Chancel Choir, Men's Vocal Group, and Walnut Street Players. Please invite your friends and family to come along and celebrate the season of Advent with us!

Ankeny First Singles Ministry Team encourages all Christian singles over 30 to join us for fellowship, activities/games, and fun on the third Saturday of every month. We will be meeting from 7:00 to 10:00pm next Saturday, **December 21**, at JC's Café, located just west of the main Uptown building. Bring a favorite snack to share!

Christmas Day Potluck We will again host a Christmas Day Potluck at our Uptown location from noon-2:00pm. This is open to everyone, and a great way to celebrate with other church family who don't have plans on Christmas Day. Bring a side dish to share if you are able (vegetable/salad/dessert). A main meat, potatoes, drinks (water and coffee), and table service will be provided. Tell your friends to come along as well!

January 2020 Small Group Brochure We will have a number of small groups to choose from beginning in January. Look for the purple and white brochure at the Welcome Centers at all sites, to find a group to connect and grow with in the new year.

Holiday Stress Overriding Your Joy? We know in our hearts that JESUS is the reason for Christmas! But even doing our best to use our faith, for some of us, serious depression or anxiety can zap the joy out of our Christmas celebrations. Knowing that Jesus is with us every day, we can do our best, lower our expectations, and accept that preparations, food, and gifts do not have to be perfect. We can just ENJOY the next few weeks with family and friends. Smile, laugh, and hug each other! Then come learn about our LIVE WELL classes: "Overcoming Anxiety & Depression" orientation on Jan. 9, 6:30pm at the Ankeny First United Methodist Church. Watch here for more details.

Vocalists Wanted—Sing Hymns at Mill Pond for the Residents! Our string quartet, Walnut Street Players, is wanting to find a few vocalists to join them in entertaining residents at Mill Pond on the third Thursday of each month from 6:45-7:15pm. It's a casual environment and anyone who enjoys singing hymns is encouraged to get involved. If you are interested, please contact Sue Sevedge, 515.707.0527 for more information.

Inclement Weather Information If the Ankeny Community Schools are closed or dismiss early due to weather conditions, all activities will be cancelled and the church offices will close. For weekend activities, including worship, please check our website and watch for special announcements through media outlets to confirm. Small groups may proceed at their own discretion.

Christmas Break Schedule We will resume children and youth programming, as well as Soul Food Café the week of January 6, 2020. Adult musical ensemble rehearsals will start back up the following week on January 15. If you have any questions about any specific programs, please give us a call at 515.964.4249.

NEWS

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WORSHIP



OUR METHOD

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 Sunday morning Fellowship Time! It occurs between our worship services at all three sites.

Communion The first weekend of each month.

Worship

Uptown: 206 SW Walnut St ~ **964.4249**

Sundays 8:30 & 11:00am ~ Traditional
9:45am ~ Contemporary

Christian Life Center: 710 NE 36th St ~ **289.9153**

Saturdays 5:30pm ~ Contemporary
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 worship 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: Sunnyview: Kay Hill **Discharged:** Bev Devine

Sympathy to: Julie Suby on the death of her step-father, Don Kraber. ♦ David Green on the death of his father, David, on December 8.

PRESENCE: The following are attendance figures from last week:

WORSHIP: (Online) 121 (Sat CLC) 74 (8:30) 172 (9:45) 109 (11:00) 104

(CLC 9:00) 274 (CLC-10:45) 187 (FC-9:00) 49 (FC-10:30) 42 Total = 1,132

SUNDAY SCHOOL (Uptown) 81 (FC) 11 (CLC) 140 Total = 232

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>

Opportunities to Respond

A. I would like to help the church in a **NEW** way in the checked ministry area below:

- Worship Arts (anything music, audio/video)
 Worship Hospitality (usher, greeter, welcomer, communion server)
 Small Groups Sports & Fitness
 Youth Children's
 Missions Christian Care

B. I would like to serve in the following **UPCOMING** ways:

I would like to help with hospitality on Christmas Eve:

Service/Time

CLC: 3:00 5:00 7:00

Uptown: 5:00 7:00 9:00

Faith Chapel: 5:00

C. 2020 Offering Envelopes Sign-up
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(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 who need our care. If you know of someone we've missed, please let us know.

Name _____

Contact Info. _____

Hospital _____

Stay Informed

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Organist: Kim Field Tech Support: Patrick Cullen, Marc Smith

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WELCOME

***GATHERING/GATHERING SONGS**

"Found In You" & "How Great Is Our God"

***CALL TO WORSHIP/LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES**

***SONG OF WORSHIP** "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing (with King of Heaven)"

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"Star Child" (vs. 1, 5)

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Contemporary Worship
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*PRAISE
PRAYER

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CHILDREN'S TIME

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SCRIPTURE

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**Christian Life Center
Contemporary Worship
December 14, 2019—5:30pm**

*PRAISE

PRAYER

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES

OFFERING OF OURSELVES

SCRIPTURE

Luke 1:68-79

SERMON

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*CLOSING SONG

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PRELUDE

INTROIT "Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates" Chapel Singers

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*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 "Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus" Chapel Singers

*DOXOLOGY / PRAYER OF DEDICATION #95

SPECIAL MUSIC "Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming" Chapel Singers

SCRIPTURE

Luke 1:68-79

SERMON "What Child Is This?—Savior" Rev. Angie Loomis

*HYMN OF DEDICATION "God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen"

*BENEDICTION/BENEDICTION SONG

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