

RETURN SUNDAY
September 8 @ 10 a.m.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

We have gathered as a family that works together:
Living our Faith, Nurturing Families, Serving our Communities.

***GREETING**

MUSIC FOR GATHERING

"Rejoice the Lord is King"
Susan Finger and Michele Murray

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Rev. Dale Mendenhall

Psalm 95:1-3

ONE: Let us sing for joy to the Lord;

ALL: Let us shout joyfully to the rock of our salvation.

ONE: Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving;

ALL: For the Lord is a great God. Praise to God!

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN**

#545

Processing: Light-Ryan Falkenberry, Cross-Tim Kline, Bible-Susan Daoust, Communion Chalice-Sarah Taylor, Communion Bread-Dave Peter & Sanctuary Choir

"The Church's One Foundation"

1. The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord;
she is his new creation by water and the Word.
From heaven he came and sought her to be his holy
bride;
with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he
died.

2. Elect from every nation, yet one o'er all the earth;
her charter of salvation, one Lord, one faith, one birth;
one holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food,
and to one hope she presses, with every grace endued.

Brass interlude

5. Yet she on earth hath union with God the Three in One,
and mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won.
O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we
like them, the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with thee.

DEDICATION OF NEW CARPET

Tim Kline

**BLESSING
RESPONSE**

Congregation: **We, the Body of Christ at Anderson First United Methodist Church, accept this carpet as a sacred trust and will care for it and use it reverently to spread the gospel of Jesus Christ and further God's Kingdom. Amen.**

SLIDES

**OFFERING TO GOD
JOYFUL IN CHRIST
OFFERTORY**

Ryan Falkenberry
Sanctuary Choir & Brass

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" -Hayes

***DOXOLOGY**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; Praise him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

ANTHEM

Sanctuary Choir & Brass

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" -Forrest

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Dale Mendenhall

LORD'S PRAYER (unison)

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

CONGREGATIONAL BELLS

"Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us"

NEW TESTAMENT

Rev. Dale Mendenhall

1 Peter 1:3-9 (NLT)

³ All praise to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. It is by his great mercy that we have been born again, because God raised Jesus Christ from the dead. Now we live with great expectation, ⁴ and we have a priceless inheritance—an inheritance that is kept in heaven for you, pure and undefiled, beyond the reach of change and decay. ⁵ And through your faith, God is protecting you by his power until you receive this salvation, which is ready to be revealed on the last day for all to see. ⁶ So be truly glad. There is wonderful joy ahead, even though you must endure many trials for a little while. ⁷ These trials will show that your faith is genuine. It is being tested as fire tests and purifies gold—though your faith is far more precious than mere gold. So when your faith remains strong through many trials, it will bring you much praise and glory and honor on the day when Jesus Christ is revealed to the whole world. ⁸ You love him even though you have never seen him. Though you do not see him now, you trust him; and you rejoice with glorious, inexpressible joy. ⁹ The reward for trusting him will be the salvation of your souls.

This is God's Word for God's people today.

Thanks be to God!

CONGREGATIONAL BELLS

"Joy to the World"

SERMON

Joyful and Alive in Christ

Rev. Boruff

HYMN

"Rejoice, The Lord Is King" #715

1. Rejoice, the Lord is King! Your Lord and King adore;
mortals, give thanks and sing, and triumph evermore.
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice; rejoice;
again I say, rejoice.

2. Jesus the Savior reigns, the God of truth and love;
when he had purged our stains, he took his seat above.
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice; rejoice,
again I say, rejoice.

BENEDICTION

(ring your bell as you hear the word "Lord")

The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face shine upon you, and be gracious unto you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and grant you peace. In the name of our Lord. Amen. (*Numbers 6:24-26*)

MUSIC FOR SENDING

Organ & Brass

"March Heroique"

INVITATION

Rev. Boruff

You may take your bell with you as a reminder to be joyful and alive in Christ today and every day!

*PITCH-IN MEAL & GAMES
immediately following the service.
ALL are encouraged to stay!*

THANK YOU

Director of Music/Organ: Sue Finger

Piano: Michele Murray

Musicians: Sanctuary Choir

Brass: Mark Murray, Raymond Nelson, Calvin Avancibia,
Don Hoffman, Erin Stout

Worship leaders: Tim Kline, Ryan Falkenberry &

Rev. Dale Mendenhall

Live Stream: Matt Stout

Sound: Jim Hudson

WELCOME

Welcome to worship on Sundays and all programs & ministries throughout the week!

Announcements

- **GUESTS:** Welcome! There is a gift bag for you at the Welcome Center. Glad you joined us and hope you will come again!
- **COMMUNITY GRILLE:** 145 guests were served last Sunday. It was a blessing to serve the community.
- **VOLUNTEER RECEPTION CENTER (VRC) TRAINING:** In conjunction with Madison County Emergency Management and Homeland Security, Anderson First UMC will host a VRC training on Wednesday, **Sept 11 from 6-8 p.m. in Fellowship Hall.** You are invited to this training!
- **TODAY:** ALL are encouraged to stay for the meal and games. You do not have to have a food item. Your presence is important!!
- **PROMOTION SUNDAY:** Kids and students will be promoted into their new classes. If your child was in the Toddler room and is now 3 years old and bathroom independent, they will move downstairs into the Younger Kids room located in the kids choir room. If your child is going into the 1st Grade, they will move to the Older Kids classroom in the Fireplace room. If your child is going into 6th Grade, they are now a part of the Student Ministry and will sit in worship on Sunday morning.
- **YOUNG ADULT (YA) MINISTRY:** Kicks off Sept. 15 at 11:15. Meet upstairs in the game room on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of every month. Free Food is always provided. It is a time for conversations, games, and lots of fun!
- **YOUTH GROUP:** Launches Sept 22 from 11:15-1:15 upstairs in the Youth Room.
- **FIRST KIDS CLUB:** First Kids Wednesday nights are BACK, 6-8 p.m!
- **FIRST KIDS CHOIR:** All kids ages 3-5th grade are welcome to join us on Weds at 6:20pm for rehearsals! We perform several times throughout the year, play musical games, & have lots of fun getting to worship God together.

We give thanks for today's:
 Ushers: Bill Kahle, Richard and Dorinda Cassiday
 Greeters: Becky Ball, Kay McConnell & Kaylin McConnell
 Fellowship Time: Meal after service. Join us!

Weekly Schedule

Sun 9/8			
10:00 am	Worship	Sanctuary	Downtown
10:00 am	Soccer		Davis Park
2:00 pm	Worship		Primrose
4:30 pm	Community Grille		Downtown
Mon 9/9			
10:30 am	Griefshare	North/South	Downtown
11:00 am	Buddy Bag Pack	Fellowship Hall	Downtown
1:00 pm	AARP Meeting	Fellowship Hall	Downtown
6:00 pm	AA Big Book Study	East/West	Downtown
6:30 pm	Alpha Brass		Downtown
Tues 9/10			
9:00 am	Tuesday Sew Day	Fellowship Hall	Downtown
10:00 am	Staff Meeting	Conference Room	Downtown
4:30 pm	AACC Rehearsals		Downtown
6:30 pm	Girl Scouts	Fellowship Hall	Downtown
Wed 9/11			
8:00 am	Rotary	North/South	Downtown
9:00 am	Energy Assistance	Door #2	Downtown
9:00 am	Helping Hands Pantry	Door #3	Downtown
3:00 pm	Coffee with Corinne		Facebook
5:00 pm	Exercise Class		Davis Park
6:00 pm	Wesley Bells	Bell Room	Downtown
7:00 pm	Sanctuary Choir	Choir Room	Downtown
Thurs 9/12			
Fri 9/13			
9:00 am	Friday Bible Study	North/South Parlor	Downtown
12:00 pm	Downtown Devotion		Facebook
Sat 9/14			
10:00 am	AA meeting	North/South Parlor	Downtown
Sun 9/15			
9:00 am	Trustee's Meeting	Conference Room	Downtown
10:00 am	Worship	Sanctuary	Downtown
10:00 am	Soccer		Davis Park
11:15 am	YA Gathering	Youth Area	Downtown
2:00 pm	Worship		Primrose
4:30 pm	Community Grille	Portico	Downtown



First United Methodist

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Pastor: Corinne Boruff
 Director of Family Ministries: Ally Hall
 Ministers: Congregation