

**GOD'S GIFTS TO US
CONGREGATIONAL CARE
September 22, 2024 ~ 10 a.m.**

WELCOME AND PRAISE

Jim Ault

We are caring for one another when we are
**Living our Faith, Nurturing Families, Serving our
Communities.**

***GREETING**

MUSIC FOR GATHERING

Susan Finger

Prelude on "Ellacombe"

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Ron McNabney

ONE: Praise the Lord with all that you have!

ALL: **Praise and trust in the Lord with all our
heart and soul!**

ONE: For God is with us throughout all our lives.

ALL: **God's loving presence surrounds us and
comforts us in times of trouble.**

ONE: Rejoice in the Lord at all times, in all places.

ALL: **For God is trustworthy and love us all.
Amen!**

***HYMN**

"'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus"

#462

1. 'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus,
and to take him at his word;
just to rest upon his promise,
and to know, "Thus saith the Lord."

Refrain:

Jesus, Jesus, how I trust him!
How I've proved him o'er and o'er!

Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus! O for grace to trust him more!

3. Yes, 'tis sweet to trust in Jesus,
just from sin and self to cease;
just from Jesus simply taking life and rest,
and joy and peace.

(Refrain)

4. I'm so glad I learned to trust thee,
precious Jesus, Savior, friend;
and I know that thou art with me,
will be with me to the end.

(Refrain)

OFFERING TO GOD

**GOD'S GIFTS
OFFERTORY**

Exercise Class

Karen Ambler

Wesley Chorale

"Come Thou of Every Blessing"

***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

Wesley Chorale

"I've Just Come From the Fountain"

GOD'S GIFTS

J.O.Y. Lunch

Miriam Jones

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Ron McNabney

LORD'S PRAYER (unison)

GOD'S GIFTS

Friday Bible Study

Peg Peter

***HYMN**

"Only Trust Him"

#337

1. Come, every soul by sin oppressed,
there's mercy with the Lord;

and he will surely give you rest, by trusting in his Word.

Refrain:

Only trust him, only trust him, only trust him now.
He will save you, he will save you, he will save you now.

***GOSPEL**

Ron McNabney

Matthew 7:12 (MSG)

¹² "Here is a simple, rule-of-thumb guide for behavior:
Ask yourself what you want people to do for you, then
grab the initiative and do it for *them*."

NEW TESTAMENT

Philippians 2: 1-8 (MSG)

¹⁻⁴ If you've gotten anything at all out of following Christ,
if his love has made any difference in your life, if being in
a community of the Spirit means anything to you, if you
have a heart, if you *care*—then do me a favor: Agree
with each other, love each other, be deep-spirited
friends. Don't push your way to the front; don't sweet-
talk your way to the top. Put yourself aside, and help
others get ahead. Don't be obsessed with getting your
own advantage. Forget yourselves long enough to lend a
helping hand. ⁵⁻⁸ Think of yourselves the way Christ Jesus
thought of himself. He had equal status with God but
didn't think so much of himself that he had to cling to
the advantages of that status no matter what. Not at all.
When the time came, he set aside the privileges of deity
and took on the status of a slave, became *human!*
Having become human, he stayed human. It was an
incredibly humbling process. He didn't claim special
privileges. Instead, he lived a selfless, obedient life and
then died a selfless, obedient death—and the worst kind
of death at that—a crucifixion.

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

Thanks be to God!

GOD'S GIFT

Prayer Bears

Vicki Snyder

SERMON

God's Gift of Trustability

Rev. Boruff

HYMN

"God Will Take Care of You"

#130

1. Be not dismayed whate'er betide,
God will take care of you;
beneath his wings of love abide,
God will take care of you.

Refrain:

God will take care of you,
through every day, o'er all the way;
he will take care of you, God will take care of you.

3. All you may need he will provide,
God will take care of you;
nothing you ask will be denied,
God will take care of you.
(Refrain)

BENEDICTION

MUSIC FOR SENDING

Susan Finger

"Festive Praise"

**Please stand as you are able.*

PRAYER BEAR

(each bear wears this message)

I am a Prayer Bear and this is what I do;
help give God's love especially to you.

If you need a small hug or a great big embrace, I'll
always be here to put a smile on your face.

In your time of sadness, illness or stress this bear shares
the love that we want to express. So when you need a
reminder of God's great love, hold tight to your bear and
feel the love from above.

THANK YOU

Worship leaders: Ron McNabney, Karen Ambler,

Miriam Jones, Peg Peter, Vicki Snyder

Director of Music/Organ: Sue Finger

Piano: Michele Murray

Musicians: Wesley Chorale

Live Stream: Matt Stout

Sound: Mark Murray

STEWARDSHIP FOCUS:

You can give without loving;
you can not love without giving.

Sept. 15-Oct. 6

WELCOME

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

Announcements

- **"CARING HEARTS" COMMUNITY CONCERT:** We are hosting & participating in this community event on **Sept. 29 at 6 p.m.** in the sanctuary. Choirs from FUMC, First Presbyterian, Christ Lutheran, & St. Mary's will be singing and a person from each church will share about their Outreach Ministries. The concert will raise funds for The Christian Center & Willow House. There will be a reception following the concert.
- **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:** 139 guests were served last Sunday. It was a blessing to serve the community.
- **GOD-SIGHTINGS:** God is at work everywhere, all the time! Let us know where you are seeing God. Message corinne@andersonfirst.org or peg@andersonfirst.org to be in the Oct. VOICE.
- **WELCOME BOOKLETS:** God is busy at Anderson First UMC! Be sure to take and share one of our informational booklets. They are found at the back of the sanctuary, Welcome Center and at the church office window.
- **STUDENT MINISTRIES (YOUTH GROUP):** Launches TODAY, Sept 22 from 11:15-1:15 upstairs in the Youth Room.

We give thanks for today's:
 Ushers: Kathy Kean, Dale Mendenhall, Debbie Millikan, Johanne Coleson
 Greeters: Charlie & Miriam Jones, Betsey Bachman

First United Methodist Staff:

Director of Music and Organist: Susan Finger	Digital Communications: Matt & Erin Stout
Pianist: Michele Murray	Security: Richard Falkenberry
Finance: Gene Brueggen	Sound Technicians: Jim Hudson, Richard Cassidy, Mark Murray
Program Support Coordinator: Kathy Kean	Custodian: Eddie Stephens, Ann Bull
Communications Coordinator: Peg Peter	
Production Director: Matt Stout	

Weekly Schedule

Sun 9/22			
10:00 am	Worship	Sanctuary	Downtown
10:00 am	Soccer		Davis Park
11:15 am	Youth Group	Youth Room	Downtown
2:00 pm	Worship		Primrose
4:30 pm	Community Grille		Downtown
Mon 9/23			
10:30 am	Griefshare	North/South	Downtown
5:00 pm	Exercise Class		Davis Park
6:00 pm	AA Big Book Study	East/West	Downtown
6:00 pm	Finance Meeting	North/south Parlor	Downtown
6:30 pm	Alpha Brass		Downtown
7:00 pm	Budget Benders	Conference Room	Downtown
Tues 9/24			
9:00 am	Tuesday Sew Day	Fellowship Hall	Downtown
4:30 pm	AACC Rehearsals		Downtown
6:30 pm	Girl Scouts	Fellowship Hall	Downtown
Wed 9/25			
8:00 am	Rotary	North/South	Downtown
3:00 pm	Coffee with Corinne		Facebook
5:00 pm	Exercise Class		Davis Park
6:00 pm	First Kids	G120	Downtown
6:00 pm	Wesley Bells	Bell Room	Downtown
6:20 pm	Children's Choir		Downtown
7:00 pm	Sanctuary Choir	Choir Room	Downtown
Thurs 9/26			
5:00 pm	Rotary Tenderloin Sale	Parking lot	Downtown
Fri 9/27			
9:00 am	Friday Bible Study	North/South Parlor	Downtown
12:00 pm	Downtown Devotion		Facebook
5:00 pm	Strategic Planning Meeting		Davis Park
Sat 9/28			
9:00 am	Strategic Planning Meeting		Davis Park
10:00 am	AA meeting	North/South Parlor	Downtown
Sun 9/29			
10:00 am	Worship	Sanctuary	Downtown
10:00 am	Soccer		Davis Park
11:15 am	Childcare Training	North/South	Downtown
2:00 pm	Worship		Primrose
4:30 pm	Community Grille	Portico	Downtown



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 Director of Family Ministries: Ally Hall
 Ministers: Congregation