

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY
January 12, 2025 – 10 a.m.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

We make disciple of Jesus Christ by:
**Living our Faith, Nurturing Families,
Serving our Communities.**

NEW STAFF MEMBER -- WELCOME

Judy Whitney

***GREETING**

MUSIC FOR GATHERING

Jazz Combo
"How Great Thou Art" Swedish Folk Song

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Frank Later

ONE: We are marked as God's beloved ones.

ALL: What have we done to deserve God's love.

ONE: God's love is God's free gift to us, always and forever.

ALL: Even when we are difficult and turn away from God,

ONE: God's love never vanishes from us.

ALL: Thanks be to God who is ever faithful to us. Amen!

***HYMN** "Come We That Love the Lord" #732

1. Come, we that love the Lord,
2. and let our joys be known;
join in a song with sweet accord,
and thus surround the throne.

2. Let those refuse to sing who never knew our God;
but children of the heavenly King
may speak their joys abroad.

4. Then let our songs abound, and every tear be dry;
we're marching through Emmanuel's ground,
to fairer worlds on high.

OFFERING TO GOD

INVITATION

OFFERTORY

Jazz Combo
"God of Grace and God of Glory" John Hughes

***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

Jazz Combo

"Every Time I Feel the Spirit" African American Spiritual

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Frank Later

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.

***HYMN**

"God of Love and God of Power" #578

1. God of love and God of power,
grant us in this burning hour
grace to ask these gifts of thee,
daring hearts and spirits free.

Refrain:

God of love and God of power,
thou hast called us for this hour.

3. All our lives belong to thee,
thou our final loyalty;
slaves are we whene'er we share
that devotion anywhere.
(Refrain)

4. God of love and God of power,
make us worthy of this hour;
offering lives if it's thy will,
keeping free our spirits still.
(Refrain)

OLD TESTAMENT

Frank Later

Isaiah 43:1-7 (NLT)

¹But now, O Jacob, listen to the LORD who created you. O Israel, the one who formed you says, "Do not be afraid, for I have ransomed you. I have called you by name; you are mine. ²When you go through deep waters, I will be with you. When you go through rivers of difficulty, you will not drown. When you walk through the fire of oppression, you will not be burned up; the flames will not consume you. ³For I am the LORD, your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. I gave Egypt as a ransom for your freedom; I gave Ethiopia and Seba in your place. ⁴Others were given in exchange for you. I traded their lives for yours because you are precious to me. You are honored, and I love you. ⁵"Do not be afraid, for I am with you. I will gather you and your children from east and west. ⁶I will say to the north and south, 'Bring my sons and daughters back to Israel from the distant corners of the earth. ⁷Bring all who claim me as their God, for I have made them for my glory. It was I who created them.'"

NEW TESTAMENT Acts 8:14-17 (NLT)

¹⁴When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that the people of Samaria had accepted God's message, they sent Peter and John there. ¹⁵As soon as they arrived, they prayed for these new believers to receive the Holy Spirit. ¹⁶The Holy Spirit had not yet come upon any of them, for they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. ¹⁷Then Peter and John laid their hands upon these believers, and they received the Holy Spirit.

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

Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Baptized in the Spirit

Rev. Boruff

HYMN

"I Surrender All" #354

All to Jesus I surrender;
all to him I freely give;
I will ever love and trust him,
in his presence daily live.

Refrain:

I surrender all, I surrender all,
all to thee, my blessed Savior, I surrender all.

3. All to Jesus I surrender;
make me, Savior, wholly thine;
fill me with thy love and power;
truly know that thou art mine.
(Refrain)

4. All to Jesus I surrender;
Lord, I give myself to thee;
fill me with thy love and power;
let thy blessing fall on me.
(Refrain)

BENEDICTION

MUSIC FOR SENDING

Jazz Combo

"Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee" Ludwig Von Beethoven

**Please stand as you are able.*

THANK YOU

for assisting in worship:

Worship Leader: Frank Later

Music: Jazz Combo

Matt Stout, Chris Taylor, Myron Taylor, Sarah Taylor,

Chris Tupling

Sound Tech: Jim Hudson

Visual Tech: Matt Stout

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 CAFÉ:** 87 guests were served last Sunday. It was a blessing to serve the community.
- **GUEST PREACHER:** Rev. Dale Mendenhall will lead us in worship on January 19 & 26 during Pastor Corinne's vacation.
- **L.I.F.E.:** 2025 begins the year of LIFE (Living in Faith Everyday). We will offer and promote a wide variety of ways you can practice and grow in your faith everyday this year.
- **CALLING ALL WRITERS & ARTISTS:** A Lenten Devotional will be offer for daily reflection during Lent beginning March 5. YOU are invited to submit a devotion written by you or a sketch/picture submitted by you. Send to Corinne at corinne@andersonfirst.org, Subject: Devotional; or bring them to the church office. Start now!

We give thanks for today's:

Ushers: Dorinda Cassiday, Richard Cassiday, Bob Ballenger

Greeters: Becky Ball, Kay McConnell, Kaylynn McConnell

Fellowship Time: Staff Parish, Carlos Cortes Family

First United Methodist Staff:

Director of Music and Organist: Susan Finger

Pianist: Michele Murray

Finance: Gene Brueggen

Office Manager: Judy Whitney

Production Director: Matt Stout

Digital Communications: Matt & Erin Stout

Security: Richard Falkenberg

Sound Technicians: Jim Hudson, Richard Cassiday,

Mark Murray

Custodian: Eddie Stephens, Ann Bull

Weekly Schedule

Sun 1/12

10:00 am	Worship	Sanctuary	Downtown
11:15 am	Youth Group-Student Ministries	Youth Room	Downtown
2:00 pm	Worship		Primrose
4:30 pm	Food at First		Downtown

Mon 1/13

1:00 pm	AARP	Fellowship Hall	Downtown
11:00 am	Visitation for Nancy Upchurch	Narthex/Sanctuary	Downtown
1:00 pm	Funeral Service for Nancy Upchurch	Sanctuary	Downtown
5:00 pm	Exercise Class		Davis Park
6:00 pm	AA Big Book Study	North/South Parlor	Downtown
6:30 pm	Alpha Brass	Fellowship Hall	Downtown

Tues 1/14

9:00 am	Sew Group	Fellowship Hall	Downtown
10:00 am	Staff Meeting	Conference Room	Downtown
4:00 pm	AACC Rehearsals	Sanctuary/Choir Room	Downtown
6:00 pm	Church Council	North/South Parlor	Downtown
6:30 pm	Girl Scouts	Fellowship Hall	Downtown

Wed 1/15

3:00 pm	Coffee with Corinne		Facebook
5:00 pm	Exercise Class		Davis Park
6:00 pm	First Kids Club	Fireplace Room	Downtown
6:00 pm	Bells	Bell Room	Downtown
6:20 pm	Kids Choir	Younger Kids Room	Downtown
7:00 pm	Choir	Choir Room	Facebook

Thurs 1/16

Fri 1/17

9:00 am	Friday Bible Study	North/South Parlor	Downtown
12:00 pm	Downtown Devotion		Facebook

Sat 1/18

8:00 am	Men's Breakfast		Primrose
10:00 am	AA Meeting	North/South Parlor	Downtown

Sun 1/19

9:00 am	Trustees' Meeting	Conference Room	Downtown
10:00 am	Worship	Sanctuary	Downtown
2:00 pm	Worship		Primrose
4:30 pm	Community Café	Fellowship Hall	Downtown



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Director of Family Ministries: Ally Hall
Ministers: Congregation