

OUR MISSION

To make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

OUR PURPOSE

CONNECT. GROW. SERVE.

We **CONNECT** with God through worship.

We **GROW** with friends spiritually in grow groups.

We **SERVE** God by making a difference in our community and world.

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OFFICE HOURS

Mon-Thurs: 8am-12pm & 1pm-4:30pm

An accessible restroom with a changing table is located at the back of the sanctuary.

Hearing assistance devices are available at the **WELCOME CENTER**.

Activities are available for children 3 years old and younger in our nursery during worship.

Activity bags are available for children at the **FIRSTKIDS** check-in table.

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LENT IN PLAIN SIGHT

Saturday • March 16, 2024 • 5:00 pm

PREPARING OUR HEARTS FOR WORSHIP

WELCOME

*OPENING SONGS

Hope Has A Name
Deep Deep Well

PRAYER TIME

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

MESSAGE

Oil
Luke 10:25-37
Rev. Bryce Blank

OFFERING

REFLECTION SONG

Way Maker

OFFERING PRAYER

*CLOSING SONG

Reckless Love

*BLESSING

Thank You For Worshiping With Us Today!

**The congregation is invited to stand as they are able.*

Sunday • March 17, 2024 • 8:30 am & 10:00 am

Welcome

Call to Worship

Leader: Lord, give us the eyes of Jesus to see our neighbors and the strangers we meet.

All: Teach us what it means to love the stranger as we love ourselves.

Leader: Forgive us for our selfishness and our silence,

All: Teach us to love and care for the stranger the way you do.

Leader: Let us pray...

*Opening Song

8:30 & 10:00 *All Creatures of Our God and King (vs 1,5,7)* No. 62

Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

Chancel Choir *Beneath the Cross of Jesus* arr. Hal Hopson
Corby Shelsta, Violin: Bruce Reinhardt & Daniel Tsukamoto, Piano

Time for Young Disciples

Message *Oil* Rev. Bryce Blank
Luke 10:25-37

Reflection Song

8:30 *The Summons (vs 1,2,3,5)* TFWS #2130
10:00 *Way Maker* On Screens

Offering & Doxology *Come, Christians, Join to Sing (vs 1)* No.158

Offering Prayer

*Sending Song

8:30 & 10:00 *Together We Sing* TFWS #2175

*Blessing

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Worship Attendance March 9-10, 2024 = 304
Wed. 0, 5pm 96, 8:30am 110, 10am 98
This includes in person & online worshippers

This Week at First Church

Tuesday, March 19

11:30 am Lunch A Bunch at Perkins
12:05 pm Lenten Bible Study—Cook Hall

Wednesday, March 20

Reminder—Embracing God is joining the
Tuesday Lenten Study

12:05 pm Lenten Service followed by lunch

5:15 pm Community Meal—All are Welcome
5:15—6:15 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal
6:15—7:15 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal
6:00-7:15 pm First Kids (K-4th Grade)
6:00-7:15 pm First Squad (5th-6th Grade)
6:00-7:15 pm First Youth (7th-12th Grade)
7:15—7:30 pm Family Worship—Sanctuary
Parents pick up children in Sanctuary

Thursday, March 21

10:00 am Women's Bible Study
6:00 pm Blended Band Rehearsal

Friday, March 22

Office Closed

Saturday, March 23 Palm Weekend

7:00 am Back Room Boys—Church Library
9:00 am Late Risers—Stones Cafe
3:00 pm Praise Band Rehearsal

5:00 pm Contemporary Worship

Sunday, March 24 Palm Sunday

8:30 am Traditional Worship

9:30 am Adult Sunday School

10:00 am Blended Worship

11:15 am First Kids Event with food
- 3rd-4th Grade Get to Know your Bible
- 5th-6th Grade Making Tie Blankets

CHURCH FINANCES:

Thank you for your financial gifts to First Church. Your support is appreciated and helps in so many ways. As always you can give online:

www.watertownfirst.church/giving
Or use the QR Code.




For more information visit our web page at www.watertownfirst.church or call the church office at 605-886-4427

Lenten Community Services
Wednesdays at 12:05 pm
February 21—March 20
Worship—First Church's Sanctuary
Followed by Lunch in Fellowship Hall

6 week Lenten Study led by Pastor Jen
Tuesdays from 12:05—1:00 pm
February 20—March 26

Holy Week Worship
Saturday—March 23—5:00 pm
Palm Sunday—March 24—8:30 & 10:00 am
* K-6th Grade singing during worship
* 11:15 am (food provided for children)
♦ 3-4 Grade—Get to Know Your Bible
♦ 5-6 Grade—Blanket Making
March 28—6:00 pm
Maundy Thursday Worship
March 29—6:00 pm
Good Friday Worship
Easter Weekend Worship
Saturday, March 30, 5:00 pm
Sunday, March 31, 8:30 am & 10:00 am
Our special Easter offering this year is going to support:
• Faith development for all ages (including age-appropriate or large print Bibles)
• Building Maintenance Fund

YOUTH MISSIONS FUND RAISER

Wooden crosses handmade and donated by Marty Geffre.
Available at a table in the back of the sanctuary
Suggested donation of \$20 per cross.
All donations will go to support youth missions. Grab one while they still last!

New Here? We'd love to connect with you and pray for you. Please fill out a Connect Card and place it in the offering plate.



Mission of the Month for March PACH

What is the Watertown Area PACH Program?

The Watertown Area PACH Program is dedicated to ensuring that children and youth will receive a nutritious weekend PACH (pronounced pack) that includes breakfast, a morning snack, lunch, and an afternoon snack for each day of the weekend.

During the 2022-2023 school year we served about 625 students.

- Your donations stay in the community as **100% of funding** is used to support the nutritional needs of the children and youth in the program.
- The Watertown Area PACH Program supports students in Watertown, throughout Codington County, including Waverly-South Shore, Florence and Henry as well as Head-start.
- The Watertown Area PACH Program completes its mission with food donations, monetary donations & volunteer hours from the community.
- Cash donations welcome: Make checks out to First UMC and note PACH in the memo or give at www.watertownfirst.church/giving Select Mission of the Month & note PACH.

Thank you for your Support!

Food Items that you can donate...

- ♦ Instant Oatmeal (Individual Pack-ets)
- ♦ Chicken Noodle Soup (10.75 oz)
- ♦ Tomato Soup (10.75 oz)
- ♦ Canned Corn or Green Beans (15 oz)
- ♦ Spaghetti & Meatballs (14 oz)
- ♦ Beef Ravioli (15 oz)
- ♦ Peanut Butter (16 oz)
- ♦ Macaroni & Cheese
- ♦ Tuna or Chicken (4 oz)
- ♦ Granola Bars
- ♦ Single Serve Boxes of Raisins (1 oz)
- ♦ 4 oz Fruit Cups or Applesauce (Not Cans or jars)
- ♦ Microwave Popcorn
- ♦ Cheese or peanut butter sandwich crackers