

OUR MISSION

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

OUR VALUES

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



WELCOME

to

FIRSTCHURCH

An accessible restroom with 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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Saturday August 31, 2024 • 5:00 pm

PREPARING OUR HEARTS FOR WORSHIP

WELCOME

***OPENING SONGS**

*10,000 Reasibs
Lord I Need You*

PRAYER TIME

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

MESSAGE

*What's The Vibe
Matthew 4:18-22
Pastor Sara McManus*

OFFERING

REFLECTION SONG

Oceans (Where Feet May Fail)

OFFERING PRAYER

***CLOSING SONG**

I Will Follow

***BLESSING**

Thank You For Worshiping With Us Today!

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

Sunday • September 1, 2024 • 9:30 am

Welcome

Call to Worship

Leader: Jesus calls us to praise and prayer, to song and silence;

All: Jesus calls us to worship.

Leader: Jesus calls us to hearing and healing, to service and solidarity;

All: Jesus calls us to love.

Leader: Jesus calls us to advocacy and action, to protest and provision;

All: Jesus calls us to justice.

Leader: Let us heed the call of Christ.

All: *Let us worship together with joy.*

~ written by Joanna Harader and posted on **Spacious Faith.**

***Opening Song**

Here I Am Lord

No. 593

Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

Time for Young Disciples

Message

*What's The Vibe
Matthew 4:18-22
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Reflection Song

The Summons

TFWS #2130

Offering & Doxology

Now Thank We All Our God (vs 1)

No. 102

Offering Prayer

***Sending Song**

I Have Decided To Follow Jesus

TFWS #2129

***Blessing**

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This Week at First Church

Monday, September 2

Labor Day Holiday—Office Closed

Tuesday, Sept. 3—Friday, Sept. 6

First Church Delivers for Meals on Wheels

Wednesday, September 4

9:15 am Embracing God Bible Study

6 pm Volunteer Training

Thursday, September 5—Home Communion

10:00 am Women's Bible Study

6-8 pm Wipe Down Chairs & Tables

Friday, September 6—Office Closed

Saturday, September 7—Fall Kickoff

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—Communion

Sunday, September 8—Fall Kickoff

8:30 am Traditional Worship—Communion

9:30 am Adult Bible Study—Lounge

10:00 am Blended Worship—Communion

Monday, September 9

1:15—3:15 pm Coffee, Cookies & Conversation

5:30 pm Women of Grace

Tuesday, September 10

5:30 pm Leadership Team Meeting

Wednesday, September 11—Fall Kickoff

5:15 pm—7:30 pm Parking Lot Party

Community Meal—Worship—Games

Worship Attendance August 24-25, 2024 = 282

5:00 pm 99, 9:30 am 183

This includes in person & online worshippers

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.



Fall Worship Hours Begin Sept. 7-8

5 pm Saturday / 8:30 am & 10:00 am Sunday

Communion at all services

FALL KICKOFF

Wednesday, Sept. 11, 2024

Parking Lot Party to kick off our Fall Children & Youth Events!

5:15—7:30 pm Meal, Worship, Music & Games

Everyone Welcome!

Kids—bring your family and friends!

Volunteer Training—Meal Provided

6:00 pm—Wednesday, September 4

For all those helping with the Children & Youth this fall—(Weekends and/or Wednesdays)

Many Hands Make Light Work

Thursday, September 5th, 6:00 pm—8:00 pm

Wipe down all white tables & chairs

Please call church office if you can help. Thanks!

Pillow Cleaning

Thursday, October 3rd, 8:00 am—3:00 pm

Friday, October 4th, 8:00 am—Noon

First United Methodist Church

Thank you to each of you that helped serve The Banquet recently!

We served 139 of our community members a meal that evening. We were able to donate the extra meat, beans and cookies to the Beacon Center.

Whether you prayed for our group of volunteers, made a financial donation, or were able to be present at the event, THANK YOU! We are on the schedule for Monday, August 18, 2025...save the date!

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.

Worship Notes

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

August Mission of the Month is Shoebox Christmas



It's that time of the year when we start to collect for the Shoebox Christmas Project. We will be collecting shoeboxes and gifts for the children on the Native American Reservations in ND, SD, & MN.

The gift boxes are for Infants and Toddlers to 17 years old. All gifts must be able to fit inside a shoebox (but we have some pretty good sized boxes).

Our collection box will be at the back of the sanctuary for the month of August. Please help us fill it to overflowing. **Thanks for supporting our mission project.**

Morning Glories Women's Fellowship & Missional Group

Monetary donations welcome. Note "Shoebox Christmas" on check or if donating online, select Mission of the Month and note "Shoebox Christmas".

Ideas for Shoebox Gifts...No Clothing Please!

Infant & Toddlers:

- Small Fleece Blankets, Stuffed Animals, Bath Toys, Small Dolls, Trucks, Medium Size Balls, Teething Rings, Rubber Ducks, Squeezable Farm Animals

Boys & Girls 3-5 Years Old:

- Dolls, Trucks, My Little Pony, Play Dough Kits, Playdough, Monster Trucks, Match Box Cars, Dinosaurs, Airplanes, Robots, Small Back Packs, Dump Trucks, Hello Kitty Items, Balls, Race Cars, Tea Sets, Finger Paints, Puzzles, Gloves

Boys & Girls 6-8 Years Old:

- Robots, Airplanes, Matchbox Cars, Barbie Dolls, Balls, Trucks, Truck Carrier, Construction Toys, Frisbee, Flashlight, Baby Dolls, Card Games (ie. Go Fish, Crazy 8's), Puzzles, Dry Erase Boards, Dry Erase Markers, Pens, Gloves

Boys & Girls 9-11 Years Old:

- Cards (ie. UNO, Farkel) Yahtzee, Lego Toys, Nail Polish, Jewelry, Mascara, Word Search Books, Hair Items, Small Picture Frame, Gloves

Boys & Girls 12-14 Years Old:

- Body Spray, Billfolds, Jewelry, Lotion, Playing Cards, Nail Polish, Nail Polish Remover Pads, Word Search Books, UNO Cards, Yahtzee, Gloves, Water Bottles, Dominos

These are just some ideas of gifts that can be purchased for the Shoe Boxes. I'm sure you can come up with other fun things as well.

What is Shoebox Christmas?

- 19 years ago Pastor Mike Flowers and his wife, Libby, started working on the Shoebox Christmas Ministry.
- Shoebox Christmas is a ministry that provides Christmas gifts to children in need across the reservation communities in SD, ND, and the Red Lake Reservation in MN along with three homeless shelters and the Enemy Swim Day School.
- On the reservations, 70% of the children would not get Christmas gifts if not for the Shoebox Christmas gift program and the generosity of people that donate to this ministry.
- The typical recipient of a Shoebox Christmas gift lives below the poverty level. These gifts bring joy to children and parents alike.
- In 2015 the ministry grew to a collection of 6,575 gifts thanks to the generosity of people who donated to this program.
- COVID hit the program pretty hard, but in 2022 they collected 4,500 boxes.
- First UMC has a large number of shoeboxes wrapped in Christmas paper ready to fill.
- All gifts must fit inside a shoebox, but we do have some pretty good sized shoeboxes.
- When filling a box we like to include a "WOW" gift in each box. This would be something special, a larger gift of importance. After the "WOW" gift, we add smaller toys, such as color books and colors, a book to read, balls, flashlights, playdough or playing cards.
- Pastor Mike tells a story of a little boy so excited to get a toothbrush saying "Now I don't have to share with my brother!"
- Each fall churches across the Dakotas Conference collect the wrapped shoeboxes and bring them to the designated collection sites.
- First UMC's filled boxes are picked up the 2nd Sunday of November.
- A wonderful couple, Mike & Deb, drive out from MI and pick up a large trailer from Spirit Lake Ministry Center in Sheyenne ND. They then travel around ND & SD to pick up the filled boxes. We meet them at McDonalds by the interstate to transfer our boxes to their trailer.
- Last year, thanks to your donations of toys, blankets & money, we were able to fill 125 boxes with wonderful gifts for the Native American Children.
- This year we would like to reach 150 boxes with your continued help.
- NOTE from Pastor Mike & Libby
You have shared the love of Jesus Christ and made a difference in the lives of many children and adults. I wish everyone of you could be there to witness the tears of joy when we deliver these small gifts of love. God Bless You All, Mike & Libby

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