

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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605.886.4427

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 January 11, 2025 • 5:00 pm

PREPARING OUR HEARTS FOR WORSHIP

WELCOME

***OPENING SONGS**

*10,000 Reasons (Bless The Lord)
In Christ Alone*

PRAYER TIME

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

MESSAGE

*Foundations of our Souls
Luke 6:47-49
Rev. Sara McManus*

OFFERING

REFLECTION SONG

Goodness of God

OFFERING PRAYER

CLOSING SONG

Build Your Kingdom Here

***BLESSING**

Thank You For Worshiping With Us Today!

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

Sunday • January 12, 2025 • 8:30 am & 10:00 am

Welcome

Call to Worship

L: God, you call us to lay a foundation in you.

P: let us clear the way.

L: Set our foundations strong in your Word.

P: Lay the cornerstone with Christ.

L: Set our foundations to be true to you.

P: Strengthen the ties between us.

All: Let us build this day, from your foundation, now and always. Amen.

***Opening Song** *Where Charity and Love Prevail (vs 1,2,3,5,6)* No. 549

Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

8:30 am Chancel Choir *Love the Lord* Jeff Reeves

Time for Young Disciples

Message *Foundations of our Souls
Luke 6:47-49* Rev. Sara McManus

Reflection Song *Love The Lord* On Screens

Offering & Doxology *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty (vs 1)* No. 139

Offering Prayer

***Sending Song** *Jesu, Jesu (vs 1-4)* No. 432

***Blessing**

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This Week at First Church

Sunday, January 12

11:20 am "The Gospel of Mark" Study

Monday, January 13

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

Tuesday, January 14

5:30 pm Leadership Team Meeting

Wednesday, January 15

9:15 am Embracing God Bible Study

5:15 pm Community Meal

5:30 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal

6:00 pm First Kids, First Squad, First Youth

6:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

7:10 –7:30 pm Worship in Fellowship Hall

6:00 pm "The Gospel of Mark" Study

Thursday, January 16

10:00 am Women's Bible Study

Friday, January 17

Office Closed

Saturday, January 18

7:00 am Back Room Boys—Church Lounge

9:00 am Late Risers—Stones Cafe

3:00 pm Praise Band Rehearsal

5:00 pm Contemporary Worship

Sunday, January 19

8:30 am Traditional Worship

9:30 am Adult Bible Study—Lounge

10:00 am Blended Worship

11:20 am "The Gospel of Mark" Study



Intro to Jesus: The Gospel of Mark

Join Pastor Sara into digging into Mark's good news. Read the story of Christ from the oldest Gospel written. .

Sundays 11:20 a.m.

Wednesdays 6:00 p.m.

Call the church office to sign up. 605-886-4427

Become a Member of First Church or Learn More about First Church.

☐ Are you new here and want to learn more about what makes First Church, First Church?

☐ Do you call First Church your home, and you're looking to connect more with others, including ways to get more involved?

☐ Are you interested in what it means to become a member of First Church?

If you've ever wondered any of these things, we'd love for you to join us for our "**New to First Church**" class.

Join us Monday, February 3rd at 7:00 p.m. to talk more about these questions—or any others you have been looking for a place to ask. If you plan to attend, please RSVP to Pastor Sara (recommended but not required) and then you can let her know if you need childcare, too (childcare will be available upon advance request). You can reach Pastor Sara at seniorpastor@watertownfirst.church — or call the church office at 605-882-4427. We look forward to having you join us!

Pastor Sara & Pastor Bryce

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.

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

Haiti Alive is a nonprofit organized to serve God and to bring hope, health, and happiness to the people on the island of LaGonave, Haiti. We convey the message of Christ through the areas of education, healthcare, and ministering to those in need, especially women, children, and the elderly.



Education

- Make a difference in the life of a child through Education. Just \$150 per year (\$12.50/month) provides a uniform, a meal every day, and an education to a Haitian child in need.
- \$100 per month will sponsor a teacher and ensure students have quality educators.

Healthcare: Dr. William & Hello Doctor coordinate medical care through two clinics.

- There is a shortage of medical care across the island of LaGonave. The medicine and care provided through our clinics are truly life-giving and life-saving. Mobile clinics travel to small villages, to provide care for those who have no access to medical care or are unable to travel. You can provide medicine, salaries for staff, and transportation for mobile clinics through our healthcare programs

Women, Children, Elderly

- With your hands, we can support women, children, and the elderly. We have other projects to make their loads a bit lighter.
- Christmas Program—Providing a simple gift, meal, program, and the love of Christ at Christmas for 800-1,000 children.
- Feeding Programs—When available, food packets and/or meals are provided to the elderly and neighborhood children.

Women's Village

- The goal of the Haiti Alive Village is to provide a hand-up for women by constructing simple homes, allowing women and their families to move away from difficult living settings, and providing women equity by owning a home and property.
- There are now 56 women and their families in the Haiti Alive Village. The homes provide a safe place for the families in a supportive community. The Village has a Microloan Program, clean water distribution, and a new clinic. We have room for 64 homes and

Mission of the Month for January Haiti Alive—A LaGonave Ministry

Donations to Haiti Alive can be made by:

- Make checks out to First UMC and note Haiti Alive in the memo
- Cash donations welcome
- Visit www.watertownfirst.church/giving—select Mission of the Month—Note Haiti Alive in the comments

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

