

## 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 February 22, 2025 • 5:00 pm

**PREPARING OUR HEARTS FOR WORSHIP**

**WELCOME**

**\*OPENING SONGS**

*1000 Tongues*  
*10,000 Reasons (Bless The Lord)*

**PRAYER TIME**

**TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES**

**MESSAGE**

*Holding Onto Wisdom*  
Proverbs 1:20-33  
Rev. Sara McManus

**OFFERING**

**REFLECTION SONG**

*Be Thou My Vision*

**OFFERING PRAYER**

**CLOSING SONG**

*Only King Forever*

**\*BLESSING**

**Thank You For Worshiping With Us Today!**

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

Sunday • February 23, 2025 • 8:30 am & 10:00 am

**Welcome**

**Call to Worship**

Leader: Beloved, the voice of Wisdom calls to us from the street corner, the grocery store aisle, the noisy dinner table, and the quiet places of our hearts. Will you listen?

**All: Yes, with God's help, we will listen!**

Leader: Wisdom calls to us with hard truths, showing us where we've strayed in our hearts and as a community and urging us back onto God's path. Will you follow?

**All: Yes, with God's help, we will follow!**

Leader: Wisdom's call persists through the twists and turns, the rough patches, the barely discernible paths forward, and the moments we feel completely lost. Will you hold onto Wisdom wherever she takes you?

**All: Yes, with God's help, we will hold onto Wisdom!**

Leader: Then Beloved, let us worship God together as we cling to wisdom on our journey along the path of salvation paved with God's love.

**All: Yes! Let us worship God together! Amen.**

*Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, June 2024.*

**\*Opening Song**                      *Praise The Source of Faith and Learning*                      TFWS #2004

**Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer**

**Chancel Choir**

*For Everyone Born*  
Text by Shirley Erena Murray, Music by Brian Mann, arr. By Tom Trenney

**Time for Young Disciples**

**Message**                                      *Holding Onto Wisdom*                                      Rev. Sara McManus  
Proverbs 1:20-33

**Reflection Song**                                      *Be Thou My Vision*                                      No. 451

**Offering & Doxology**                      *Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow*                      No. 94

**Offering Prayer**

**\*Sending Song**                                      *Seek The Lord*                                      No. 124

**\*Blessing**

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## **This Week at First Church**

### **Sunday, February 23**

11:20 am "The Gospel of Mark" Study

### **Monday, February 24**

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

### **Wednesday, February 26**

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, February 27**

10:00 am Women's Bible Study  
4:30 pm Ministry Team Meeting

### **Friday, February 28**

Office Closed

### **Saturday, March 1**

7:00 am Back Room Boys—Church Lounge  
9:00 am Late Risers—Stones Cafe  
11 am—2 pm Celebration of Life for Karyl Wishard—First UMC Fellowship Hall  
3:00 pm Praise Band Rehearsal  
**5:00 pm Contemporary Worship**

### **Sunday, March 2**

**8:30 am Traditional Worship**  
9:30 am Adult Bible Study—Lounge  
**10:00 am Blended Worship**  
**11:30 am Chili Cookoff—Fellowship Hall**



## **Chili Cook Off** **March 2nd - 11:30 am** **Fellowship Hall**

Feeling the winter cold? Join us for a bit of fun and test your best chili recipe. With a mild or spicy category, see if you can win. Watch for more details but in the meantime, dig out your recipes! Groups or individuals are welcome to compete! Or just come for lunch, enjoy the meal & vote for your favorite chili.

## **ASH WEDNESDAY** *Worship*

**Wednesday, March 5**

**Community Meal at 5:15 – 6:00 pm**

**Worship at 6:15 pm**

**No Regular Children or Youth Activities**

6,349 mi

Distance from Watertown to Jerusalem



### **Prayer Walk With Us from Watertown to Jerusalem!**

During Lent we hope to collectively as a congregation, prayer walk 6,349 miles around Watertown. We'll kick this off on March 8-9 with a Prayer Walk around the church neighborhood. We'll have prayer prompts, logs to keep track of your walks and other visuals available that weekend.

We hope you'll join us in this Prayer Walk as we shower Watertown with prayers and love during the Lenten Season.

**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:

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Or use the QR code.



## **Worship Notes**

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## Welcome!

Get ready for an unforgettable summer adventure with Dakotas United Methodist Camps. We're thrilled to have you join us and look forward to making this summer one to remember. See you soon at camp!



## Why camp?

At Dakotas United Methodist Camps, campers dive into a world of fun, learning, and adventure—making friends, building new skills, and experiencing the joy of Christ, Creation, and Community in a safe and supportive environment. Camp nurtures confidence, character, social skills, leadership, and lasting relationships. And Christian summer camp plays a vital role in spiritual formation. Everyone is welcome here, where campers are loved, accepted, celebrated, and encouraged to grow into the people God has created them to be.

## Safety is our top priority

At Dakotas United Methodist Camps, we are committed to providing a safe and secure environment for every camper. All our campsites are accredited by the American Camp Association (ACA), the nation's only accrediting body for camping programs. This mark of distinction signifies that our camps comply with the highest standards of health, safety, and program quality.



Check out everything this summer has to offer!

[www.dakcamps.org/camps-and-events](http://www.dakcamps.org/camps-and-events)



## Mission of the Month for February

### Scholarships for Summer Church Camp

Your donation will ensure that anyone who wishes to go to camp will have the opportunity.

With the Early Bird Discount, our church pays for 1/2 of the cost of the camp.

#### How Can I Donate?

- Make checks out to First UMC and note Camp in the memo line
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- **THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**

Pick up a camp brochure at the back of the church and check out all the camps for all ages at all 3 locations!

- ◆ Lake Poinsett
- ◆ Storm Mountain
- ◆ Wesley Acres

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