



OUR MISSION

To make new 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.

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

Hearing assistance devices are available at the **Welcome Center**.

Nursery is available during the 9:30am service.

Activity bags are available at the **FIRSTKIDS** table.

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Welcome to
First United
Methodist Church

Saturday • July 19, 2025 • 5:00 pm

PREPARING OUR HEARTS FOR WORSHIP

WELCOME

*OPENING SONGS

Reason to Praise • *You Are My King (Amazing Love)*

PRAYER TIME

BAPTISM

I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry

Charles Phin Smith

Son of Greg & Nichole Smith

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

Join in singing “*I’ve Got the Joy*” as children enter & leave.

MESSAGE

Rooted in Love • Ephesians 3:13-21
Pastor Sara McManus

OFFERING

REFLECTION SONG

How Deep A Father’s Love For Us

OFFERING PRAYER

CLOSING SONG

This Is Amazing Grace

*BLESSING

Thank You For Worshiping With Us Today!

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

This Week at First Church

Monday, July 21

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

5:15—6:00 pm VBS Meal / 6:00—7:45 pm VBS Activities

Tuesday, July 22

5:15—6:00 pm VBS Meal / 6:00—7:45 pm VBS Activities

Wednesday, July 23

9:15 am Embracing God Bible Study—Church Lounge

NO—Youth Bible Study at Breakout Coffee

5:15—6:00 pm VBS Meal / 6:00—7:45 pm VBS Activities

Thursday, July 24

10:00 am Women’s Bible Study—Fellowship Hall

5:15—6:00 pm VBS Meal / **6:00 pm VBS Program—All are invited—**

Come see what we’ve been up to all week!

Friday, July 25—Office Closed

Saturday, July 26

7:00 am Back Room Boys—Church Library

9:00 am Late Risers—Stones Café

3:00 pm Praise Band Rehearsal

5:00 pm Contemporary Worship Service

Sunday, July 27

9:30 am Blended Worship Service

There is still time to register for VBS. Whether you plan to attend as a participant or a volunteer, please follow this link to register.

<https://watertownfirst.church/vbs/>

- ♦ Any child in Preschool thru 5th grade are invited to participate. Older children who wish to attend can do so as a helper (volunteer). Invite a neighbor, bring a friend!

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

Join us, July 26-27, we welcome Pastor Kim Hastings as our Associate Pastor and we look forward to hearing her share the message that weekend.

Pray for our campers that will be attending Church Camp
Living Transformed for Christ July 20-25 at Lake Poinsett
Cady Weidner, Cortlyn Paulson, Lydia Gall, Melissa Gall



VBS PROGRAM
THURS. JULY 24 / 6 PM
5:15 PM MEAL
6:00 PM PROGRAM
ALL ARE INVITED
COME FOR THE MEAL
STAY FOR THE PROGRAM

Please join us on Thurs. evening, July 24th at 6 pm following the meal. We will close out our week of VBS with a program of all that we've learned.
VBS dates: Mon. July 21—Thurs. July 24

Grab your fishing rod and join us at Lion's Park for a fun night of fishing on Tuesday, July 29th!



FISHING NIGHT
6:00 p.m. July 29th
@ LIONS PARK
FIRST CHURCH

New Here or Just Visiting? We'd love to connect with you and pray for you. Please fill out a Connect Card and place it in the offering plate. Also stop at the Welcome Center for a free gift from First Church.

CHURCH FINANCES: Thank you for your financial gifts to First Church. Your support is appreciated and helps in so many ways. You can give online: www.watertownfirst.church/giving
Or use the QR code.



Worship Notes

GATHER AND PRAISE

Prelude

Centering Thought:

When we are rooted in Christ, we have the chance to strengthen our Spirits in God. How do you stay rooted in Christ?

Greeting

* Call to Worship

Leader: In our daily choices and relationships, in our homes and communities,

All: May we align ourselves with your love, O God.

Leader: In our citizenship and country, in our national discourse and social participation,

All: May we align ourselves with your love, O God.

Leader: In our world and on the earth, in our care for the planet, and our sharing of its resources,

All: May we align ourselves with your love, O God.

Leader: And may your love fill the globe, so that followers and leaders, poor and wealthy, weak and powerful, servant and served,

All: May live aligned to your love. Amen

From Lectionary Resources on Sacredise. <https://sacredise.com/living-aligned/>

* Prayer

God, with great gentleness and care, you call us to be your people and to do your work. Be here, with us today for we come, asking for your support in all that we do. We need your love, transforming our lives in hope. Be with us, we pray.

-Sandra E. Graham, from "Flames of the Spirt: Resources for Worship" Edited by Ruth C. Duck, 1985.

* Act of Praise

Here I Am to Worship

On Screens

LISTEN AND PRAY

1st Reading

Psalms 145:10-18

Announcements

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

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.

Time for Young Disciples

Join in singing "I've Got the Joy" as children enter & leave.

* Song

Christ Beside Me (vs 1 & 2)

TFWS #2166

HEAR AND REFLECT

Gospel

Ephesians 3:13-21

Sermon

Rooted in Love

Pastor Sara McManus

Reflection Moment

As a Fire is Meant for Burning

TFWS #2237

Offering

* Doxology

For the Fruits of All Creation (vs.1)

UMH #97

* Offering Prayer

* Sending Song

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling (vs 1 & 2)

UMH #384

* Benediction

Postlude

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JULY MISSIONS OF THE MONTH

Watertown Cares AND Watertown Banquet

Watertown Cares—Ending Homelessness One Step at a Time

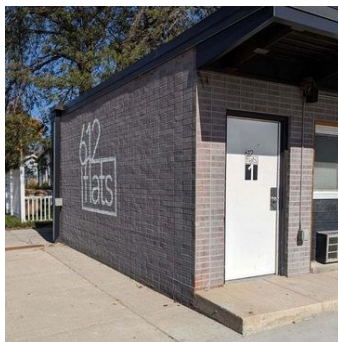
Our Mission: Through compassion, respect, and collaboration, we strive to create a pathway out of homelessness, fostering hope and rebuilding lives within our community by providing safe, temporary housing and support to individuals and families.

Our Services: We offer temporary housing and case management to help our clients find permanent housing and meet other goals. Our staff and volunteers work tirelessly to ensure that each guest receives the personalized attention they need.

Our Needs: We rely on the support of our community to keep Watertown Cares running smoothly. We have a variety of volunteer opportunities available, from shoveling snow to teaching classes. Join us in making a difference in the lives of those in need.

Vision Statement: To create a community where every individual and family has access to safe, stable housing and the resources necessary to thrive, free from the cycle of homelessness.

612 Flats: The 612 Flats have eight units to house community members who currently do not have permanent housing. The funding is provided through a grant for emergency housing and administered by Watertown Cares.



NOTE: Monetary donations received will help fund this local mission.

How can you help?

Donate online at www.watertownfirst.church/giving

select Mission of the Month

In the Comments Note “Watertown Cares” or “The Banquet”

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JULY MISSIONS OF THE MONTH

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The Watertown Banquet

Our Mission: Everyone, regardless of social or economic status, race, or creed is welcome at the Banquet. Our sole purpose is to provide guests with a moment of caring and friendship, as well as a hot, home-cooked meal.

Our Services: The Watertown Banquet serves sit-down meals each Monday night at 5:30pm at Grace Lutheran Church located at 202 SE 2nd Street, Watertown, SD. There is no cost for the meal and all are welcome every Monday night.

Our Needs: We rely on the support of our community to prepare weekly meals, serve and cleanup afterwards. Local churches and organizations have volunteered their time to serve the Banquet.

First Church serving Monday, August 18, 2025: First Church will be serving the Banquet on Monday, August 18th. If you are interested in helping in any way, please contact the church office at 605-886-4427 or office@watertownfirst.church.

NOTE: Monetary donations received will help purchase groceries for this meal.

**THE
WATERTOWN
BANQUET**



*Nourishing
Body and Spirit*

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