



First United Methodist Church October 2025



4 Second Ave SE, Watertown, SD 57201

Word from our Pastor:

Increasing the Yield

Fall programming is off to an amazing start here at First United Methodist Church. As we continue our fall series “Deepening Our Roots”, we are digging into where we have come from – both individually and as a whole – while also looking into the future of increasing the yield.

A new devotional sheet has been added to the bulletin that we may offer ways to continue to branch out – exploring the Bible daily, having tangible things to do and ways to serve, as well as creative avenues to cultivate your faith. Another addition is coming – a Discipleship Tree!

Born out of the idea of an Angel Tree, where you choose an angel from the tree, a particular family or child is listed with their likes/dislikes, sizes, etc. and you shop for them so that they can receive a Christmas present. The Discipleship tree will have leaves on it with different opportunities to connect, grow and/or serve. Each leaf will list items to bring or have opportunities to serve or ways to get involved. Some will be a leaf that you bring back with items, others will be for you to put your contact information on the back and leave in a bushel – for you to be contacted in connection with a specific group or need in the church.

There are so many ways to deepen your discipleship here at First Church that you may not even know about. My prayer in this tree and the leaves is that you know more of the opportunities as well as open some doors for new things you are interested in!

I can't wait to see what seeds God is planting when it comes time to harvest.

Blessings on your fall –

Pastor Kim Hastings

Associate Pastor

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October 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Regular Wednesday Night Schedule 4:15—5:00 pm Children’s Bell Choir Rehearsal 5:15—6:00 pm Community Meal—All are invited 5:30—6:30 pm Adult Bell Choir Rehearsal 6:00—6:20 pm Opening Worship—Fellowship Hall 6:15 pm Book Study in the Lounge 6:20—7:30 pm Children & Youth Activities 6:30—7:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal			1 9:15 am Embracing God Bible Study—Lounge **Regular Wednesday Night Activities** 6:00 pm Book Study—Lounge	2 Home Communion 10 am Women’s Bible Study	3 Office Closed	4 7 am Back Room Boys Church Lounge 9 am Late Risers Stone’s Restaurant 3:00 pm Band Rehearsal 5:00 pm Worship Communion
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Meals on Wheels—Call Debbie Engels if you’d like to help. 605-881-6672						
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Weekly at First Church
Mondays

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

Wednesday Night Schedule

 4:15—5:00 pm Children’s Bell Choir Rehearsal
 5:15—6:00 pm Community Meal—All are invited
 5:30—6:30 pm Adult Bell Choir Rehearsal
 6:00—6:20 pm Opening Worship—Fellowship Hall
 6:15 pm Book Study in the Lounge
 6:20—7:30 pm Children & Youth Activities
 6:30—7:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday Bible Study

10:00 am Women’s Bible Study

Friday—Office Closed
Saturday

 7:00 am Back Room Boys—Church Library
 9:00 am Late Risers—Stones Restaurant
 3:00 pm Praise Band Rehearsal—Sanctuary
5:00 pm—Contemporary Worship
Sunday—Worship Schedule

 8:30 am Adult Sunday School—Lounge
9:30 am Blended Worship
 10:45 am Book Study in the Lounge

Monthly at First Church
1st Monday of the Month

5:30 pm Women of Grace Bible Study

2nd Tuesday of the Month

5:30 pm Leadership Team Meeting

3rd Tuesday of the Month

11:30 am Lunch-A-Bunch at Pizza Ranch

1st, 3rd, & 4th Wednesday of the Month

9:15 am Embracing God Study Group

2nd Wednesday of the Month

10 am Morning Glories Women’s Fellowship/Mission Group

1st Thursday of the Month—Home Communion

Please note that anyone is welcome at any time to drop in to any of the above noted groups.



The local Sons of Norway lodge will meet at our church on Thursday, October 16, beginning at 1:30 p.m. Jan Goldhorn and Blair Titze will present a variety of Norwegian music along with some background information. Our church members are welcome to attend the presentation.


WE APPRECIATE OUR PASTORS AND CHURCH STAFF

October is set aside as worldwide Pastor Appreciation Month. It is a time to celebrate our pastors and church staff. They give their time and talents to serve in the ministry of our church. Their ministry is important in the mission of our church. As we observe Pastor and Church Staff appreciation month, we encourage you to express your gratitude through a "Thank You" card. A list of staff members is listed on page 10. There is a basket and note cards in the back of the sanctuary this month for cards and notes.

Annual Charge Conference

 Tuesday, October 21—5:30 pm
 First UMC Fellowship Hall
 Church Budget and Info Meeting

This is an all church meeting to discuss the business and finances of the church. All are welcome and encouraged to attend!

LEADERSHIP TEAM OPENING
**FINANCE
 STAFF PARISH RELATIONS
 BUILDING & GROUNDS**

 We have openings for 4 people.
 Are you one of them?

Prayerfully consider where
 God might use you in the life
 of First Church.

Talk to Pastor Sara or any of the current Leadership Team Members for more info. Or if you are interested in joining the team.

Current Leadership Team

Finance: April Geffre, Stephanie Long
Staff Parish Relations: Peggy Lindal, Sue Luken
Building & Grounds: Josh Hartley, Doug Wishard
Ministry: Sue Stern, Adam Fox, Marcia Schneider

Leadership Team Meeting

September 9, 2025 5:35 p.m.

Members present: Pastor Sara, Pastor Kim, Peggy Lindahl, Sue Luken, Marcia Schneider, Stephanie Long, Adam Fox and Josh Hartley.

Members Absent: Doug Wishard, April Geffre, Sue Stern, and Pastor Amy as she was in Marshall today.

Devotion & Opening Prayer was given by Pastor Sara. Prayer for Sue Stern for her husband. Prayed the Breakthrough Prayer with edits that were done.

Pastor Updates:

Pastor Sara is now officially off the Board of Ordained Ministry. She and Pastor Kim went to Lake Poinsett for long term planning. Going well with the makeup of staff.

Pastor Kim is working on discipleship where people are and their wants. Working on care and staying connected. Working on future planning.

Amy is working on Confirmation. Bible Study started Saturday. Cady is running the Bible Study. Looking for Mentors.

Building and Grounds:

Josh reported roof vent is getting old. The downstairs AC Unit is done. The thermostat might need to be replaced.

Bell Tower: Received a quote from ServPro. Service Master didn't respond with the phone calls from Pastor Sara. After a short discussion Peggy made a motion to approve ServPro's estimate for the job. Stephanie Long second the motion. All aye.

Snow removal contract is in for the 2026-2027 winter. The contract is from Stadheim Contractors. The prices have gone up. Parking Lot \$120-\$150, Sidewalks \$45 per person, Salt \$30; Haul snow \$125. This will be a 3 year contract effective through May 1, 2029. Stephanie moved to accept the contract. Josh second the motion. All aye.

The closets and classrooms are getting organized. Some need to be finished.

Finance:

We are in the black this month as far as our giving. Pastor Sara reported total income for the month was \$36,057.99. Total expenses was \$34,446.63 for a difference of \$1,611.36. The budget needs to be worked on.

The full umbrella insurance has gone up from \$27,516 to \$30,379 annually. This includes Workman's Comp, building and contents.

Staff Parish Relations Committee:

Sue Luken reported we did not have a need to meet. She mentioned that there was an article on Pastor Sara in the Dakota UMC newsletter and her time as Registrar. She has held that position for the last six years. The SPRC will be holding a joint meeting with SPR from Clark on 9/29/25 at 5:30 pm. There is a need for people on Leadership Team. Please contact Pastor Sara if you are interested.

Ministry:

Marcia reported Watertown Banquet served about 130 people. Thursday Night Live needs signage and have a night when kids will be present. No requests from Rachel's Hope. The Diaper Ministry will be the mission of the month for September. The Diaper sorting will be October 7th 4:30 pm to 6:30 pm The diaper giveaway and Sandy's Closet will be October 27th. Trunk or Treat will be the 29th of October. Out Reach will give \$1000 for diapers. October's mission of the month will be Beacon Center.

Peggy spoke with Blair about doing the music inventory. He will contact Michael and get back to her on when we can get together to start the inventory.

Fall Kick Off begins tomorrow evening. The movie has been moved inside as the bees have moved in.

Josh will be absent for the October meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Next meeting October 7, at 5:00 p.m.
Devotion will be given by Adam Fox.

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy Lindahl, Recording Secretary

October Mission of the Month—The Beacon Center



Beacon Center Mission: Provide hope, safety, and resources by shining our light to illuminate the path for survivors, inspire community engagement, and amplify the voices of all individuals.

Beacon Center Vision: A community that supports & empowers survivors through education and advocacy.

Items Needed: The Pantry is stocked with donations from individuals and groups throughout the community and local food drives. Without this help, our shelves would be bare. Items needed are the same products you might have in your home pantry.

We are always in need of the following: Boxed easy meals • Diapers sizes 4, 5, 6 • Baby wipes • Jelly • Ramen • Macaroni & cheese • Pasta (boxed) • Pasta (canned) • Peanut butter • Spaghetti sauce • Tuna/meat (canned) • Kids Snacks • Bleach • Toilet bowl cleaner • Dish/dishwasher soap • Lice treatment Toilet paper • Laundry detergent • 13-gallon trash bags
Walmart/Hy-Vee/Visa gift cards for perishable items (eggs, milk, bread, etc.)

Thank you for making a difference in the lives of those who have experienced violence!

Who We Serve: Beacon Center serves men, women, and their children struggling with issues due to domestic violence, sexual assault, and/or stalking.

How can you help?

Donate online at www.watertownfirst.church/giving
 select Mission of the Month. In the Comments Note "Beacon Center"
 Items needed can be dropped in the basket at the back of the sanctuary.

Thank you for your generous support of Missions through First Church!

October 16th is Purple Thursday, a national event observed as part of Domestic Violence Awareness. Wear purple to show support & honor survivors of domestic violence.

First UMC Foundation Fact

Did you know the Foundation has been supporting First Church for many years?

1995—\$2,898 Computer & Printer for Church Office	2012—\$1,030 New Computer Software
1997—\$500 Computer Upgrade for Church Office	2021—\$2173.69 Laptop for Senior Pastor
1999—\$500 Computer Upgrade for Church Office	2021—\$3,000 Tech Upgrade/Director of Worship
2005—\$750 Computer for Financial Secretary	

Thank you to the Foundation for helping keep our church building & equipment maintained!

FUMC General Budget Financials - 2025

		Monthly Actual	YTD Cash
2nd Qtr	Income	\$ 100,254	\$ (22,276)
	Expense	\$ 119,163	
	Difference	\$ (18,909)	
Jul-25	Income	\$ 25,356	\$ (34,154)
	Expense	\$ 37,234	
	Difference	\$ (11,878)	
Aug-25	Income	\$ 36,058	\$ (32,543)
	Expense	\$ 34,447	
	Difference	\$ 1,611	

For a more detailed copy of the budget, please contact the church office.

First Church Finances

There are several methods available for giving. You can mail your tithe and offerings to the church at:

*First United Methodist Church,
 PO Box 1416, Watertown, SD 57201*

Or give online at:
watertownfirst.church/giving

Or use the QR Code to give online now!
 Thank You for your support of First Church!



NOTE: To meet our 2025 budget in full each month, we will need a monthly income of \$33,417. The chart above reflects our giving, actual expenditures, and YTD cash flow. Thank you for your generosity and support of First Church!

FIRSTKIDS K-3 Grade
FIRSTSQUAD 4-6 Grade

FALL 2025 CHILDREN'S CHURCH SCHEDULE

- * Sept. 20-21: Superhero Daniel
- * Sept. 27-28: Superhero Jonah
- * Oct. 4-5: Family Worship Weekend
- * Oct. 11-12: Superhero Joshua
- * Oct. 18-19: Superhero Noah
- * Oct. 25-26: Superhero David
- * Nov. 1-2: Family Worship Weekend
- * Nov. 8-9: Superheroes Miriam & Moses
- * Nov. 15-16: Superhero Esther
- * Nov. 22-23: Superheroes Peter & John
- * Nov. 29-30: Thanksgiving Weekend
- * Dec. 6-7: Family Worship Weekend
- * Dec. 13-14: Superhero Paul
- * Dec. 20-21: Superhero Jesus
- * Dec. 27-28: Christmas Weekend

Children's Ministry

- ◇ **WEDNESDAYS**
- ◇ **Oct. 1**-First Kids—To Jenkins, First Squad Craft
- ◇ **Oct. 8**-First Kids—"Pharaoh Pharaoh" Song Lesson
- ◇ **Oct. 8**-First Squad—Kind Words—How our words effect others
- ◇ **Oct. 15**-First Squad—To Jenkins, First Kids Craft
- ◇ **Oct. 22**-First Kids/First Squad—"Your Ways Better" Song Lesson
- ◇ **Oct. 29**-Trunk or Treat
- ◇ **SATURDAYS & SUNDAYS**
- ◇ **Oct. 4 & 5**—Family Worship Weekend—No Children's Church
- ◇ **Oct. 11-12**—Regular Children's Church
- ◇ **Oct. 18-19**—Regular Children's Church
- ◇ **Oct. 25-26**—Regular Children's Church
- ◇ **LOOKING AHEAD—**
- ◇ **Nov. 1 & 2**—Family Worship Weekend—3rd Grade Bible Weekend—No Children's Church
- ◇ **Nov. 25 & 26**—Thanksgiving Weekend—No Children's Church
- ◇ **Wed. Nov. 12**—Intergenerational Game Night

Children's Bell Choir Update...

Our Children's Bell Choir has had one rehearsal. So far we are using the chimes. We begin at 4:15pm on Wednesday afternoon and end in time to eat supper before our children's and youth activities. We have a variety of experiences from several years of piano lessons, to beginning trombone, to ready to learn. We will play in church at Christmas, or before if we have something ready.

Bell Ringers are: Violet Ford, Ellie Fordham, Kegan Kasperek, Eleanor McManus, Teddy McManus, Libby Olerud, Rylan Rosendahl, Raven Smith, Reagan Smith, Shiloh Valsvig, and Macy Ward. Marilyn Spurrell, and adult helpers Heidi Steffenson and Nichole Smith, provide leadership.

Thank you to the parents of the children for helping get them to rehearsals.

"Get To Know Your Bible" Event for 3rd & 4th Graders



Saturday, November 1
from 2:00-4:00 in Cook Hall
Parents are invited to attend if they would like to.

We will then do a fun activity during the Children's Message that day with their Bibles

Has your child received a Bible from the First United Methodist Church? If not, please let us know and we'll have one ready for them on November 1 & 2 at whichever service your family attends.

Please RSVP by Wednesday, October 29th.

lori@watertownfirst.church OR 605-886-4427

If you have any question about our Children's Ministry Program, please contact Lori Jurgens lori@watertownfirst.church or Bobbie Jenner bobbie@watertownfirst.church

Registration forms for children & youth can be found on the office door. Please take one, update your information and return to the church office or give to Lori or Bobbie.

FIRST YOUTH

Youth Focus—October 2025

What does it look like to treat others how we want to be treated? How does this way of living bring change?



In OCTOBER we will reflect on how our actions to others in our world, in our communities, and in our life impact others and ourselves. Students this month will be challenged to share kindness with the world.



October 1

- Confirmation—Grounded in FAITH (The Apostles Creed)
- Youth Breakout—Live out Kindness (In our world)

October 8

- Confirmation—Meet Your Bible
- Youth Breakout—Live out Kindness (In our Community)

October 10-12

DAKYOUTH—ABERDEEN
7th—12th Grade
Living for God!

October 15

- Confirmation—MENTOR NIGHT-The Story of God
- Youth Breakout—JENKINS NIGHT
- Youth Leadership Team

October 22

- Confirmation—Holy Trinity
- Youth Breakout—Live out Kindness (In our lives)

October 25-26

Youth Lock In— In the SPIRIT
7th—12th Grade
7pm—7am

October 29

ALL YOUTH—TRUNK OR TREAT

Join us for the

**Youth Lock In
In the Spirit**
7th to 12th Grade

Starts On

Saturday Oct. 25, 2025 at 7pm

Pick up begins at

Sunday Oct. 26, 2025 at 7am



LOCK IN REGISTRATION DEADLINE— OCTOBER 19th.

Friends are welcome but must be registered by their responsible adult by the date above.

Register at <https://watertownfirstumc.churchcenter.com/registrations/.events/3185985>



Please pray for our 10 youth and 3 chaperones who will be attending DAKYouth in Aberdeen on October 10-12. We will join with other youth and adults from across North and South Dakota to learn more about “Living for God!”

If you wish to sponsor a meal for our group while we are in Aberdeen, please donate through the church offering or office with a note saying it is for DAK Youth.

I will be exciting to share with the rest of the church about how we were able to CONNECT, GROW, and SERVE during this time.

If you have any questions Please contact Pastor Amy Atkins: youth@watertownfirst.church



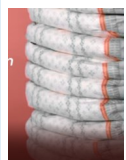
SANDY'S CLOSET Clothing Giveaway—Monday, Oct. 27th, 5-7 pm

We are in need of the following clothing: Winter coats, snow pants, hats, mittens/ gloves and boots. Good tennis shoes of all sizes have been requested as well.

Volunteers will be needed for set up. Choose a time that works for you.

Saturday October 25th, 1 - 3 pm and 6 - 7:30 pm / Sunday October 26th, 10:30 am - 3:00 pm

Our First Church Foundation provided funds to purchase shelving materials and totes. This gift allowed us to pack up like sized clothing following our last event. We are grateful for this generous gift, because set up will be easier.



BUNDLES OF HOPE DIAPER MINISTRY: Giveaway Mon. Oct. 27th, 5-7 pm

Bundling Party: Tuesday, October 7th from 4:30—6:30 pm we'll be bundling the diapers. We make bundles of approximately 90 diapers. Please call the church office if you wish to help.

Diaper Giveaway: We'll be giving away diapers the same night as the Sandy's Closet event. If you'd like to be a part of the giveaway, please call the church office.

Thank you for your support of missions here at First Church. You are a blessing to us and others!

FIRST FAMILY AND FRIENDS



Our deepest sympathy is extended to this family:

Family and friends of Robert E. Ford III who passed away on September 15, 2025. Robert is the brother-in-law of Margaret Houfek.

OUR CHURCH FAMILY IN ASSISTED LIVING OR NURSING HOMES

Edgewood Assisted Living 901 14th Ave NE—Watertown, SD 57201	Audrey Rhodes #412—Wes Larson #413 Bonnie Lien #105—Karen Ostrander #424
Edgewood Memory Care 901 14th Ave NE—Watertown, SD 57201	Tom Baxter
HSC Spruce 1 PO Box 7600—Yankton, SD 57078	Ordean Stern
Jenkins Living Center 215 S. Maple—Watertown, SD 57201	Adelia Thorn #225 Alice Johnson #419
Stoney Brook Assisted Living 500 16th Ave NE—Watertown, SD 57201	Margie Gertsen #33—Betty Mohror #34 Jean Bevers #26—Janice Pavli #49—Dorothy Irwin #59
The Village of Harmony Hill 2533 Prairie Park Trail SE—Watertown SD 57201	Wayne Leiner #211
Avantara Milbank 1103 S 2nd Street—Milbank SD 57252	Marilyn Vogt #504

Watertown Memory Care Support Group (formerly the Alzheimer's Support Group)

October 1, 2025

"Finding the Best Option for Facility Living" by Jill Opdahl, Social Worker at Prairie Lakes Healthcare System.

November 5, 2025 (Location Change: Edgewood)

"Dementia Reality Room" by Dana Bass, Sales & P.R. Director At Edgewood.

PLEASE NOTE: The Watertown Memory Care Support Group continues to meet at the Watertown Event Center for their meetings. Please enter through the Event Center doors. Thank you! We meet the first Wednesday of each month at 7:00pm.

For more information contact Connie Lake at cl.memory.group@gmail.com.



Birthday	Happy Birthday To:
2-Oct	Tyson Clark
2-Oct	Ann Edleman
2-Oct	Mark Sanden
4-Oct	Cate Riley
4-Oct	Debra Waples
5-Oct	Ava Clark
5-Oct	LouAnn Kosier
5-Oct	Olivia Palm
6-Oct	Mason Anderson
6-Oct	Terry Jorgenson
6-Oct	Virginia Robinson
9-Oct	Ted Tesch
10-Oct	Linda Haan
11-Oct	Traci Gilbertson
12-Oct	Danicka Seidell
12-Oct	Dylan Jorgenson
12-Oct	Susan Geyerman
12-Oct	Jayden Hartford
12-Oct	Travis Arnold
13-Oct	Desirae Fonder
14-Oct	Martin Geffre
16-Oct	Gracie Ries
17-Oct	Julie Walford
17-Oct	Troy LaFramboise
18-Oct	Marilyn Rahn
18-Oct	Marilyn Siegfried
18-Oct	Kinsley Engels

Birthday	Happy Birthday To:
19-Oct	Lisa Stydel
19-Oct	Kerri Johnson
20-Oct	Kennedy McElhany
20-Oct	Marcy McElhany
20-Oct	Josstyn Veflin
22-Oct	Gloria Brugman
22-Oct	Skip Meisenheimer
23-Oct	Meghan Heggelund
24-Oct	Fred Wilkens
24-Oct	Tom Berry
24-Oct	Torrence Tipton
26-Oct	Renae Mack
26-Oct	Arlin Schumacher
27-Oct	Barbara Brinkman
27-Oct	Jean Fox
27-Oct	Darlene (Dixie) Schnoor
28-Oct	Elmer Brinkman
28-Oct	Taylor Rymerson
28-Oct	Nathan Ford
29-Oct	Chloe Gruenwald
29-Oct	Angie Wegner
29-Oct	Wyatt Fonder
30-Oct	Atlas Hanson
30-Oct	Melissa Raml
31-Oct	Braxton Koehn
31-Oct	Doris Armstrong
31-Oct	Brad Willett

Anniversary	Happy Anniversary To:
3-Oct	Don & Delores LeVake
3-Oct	Norman & Sue Luken
6-Oct	Harlan & Marilyn Siegfried
6-Oct	Frank & Jacque Johnson
8-Oct	Mark & Laura Bayles
8-Oct	Robert & Colette Krueger
14-Oct	Duane & Sarah Caron
14-Oct	Jaimie & Megan Swanson
14-Oct	Darrell & Genny DeLong
16-Oct	Adam & Ashley Fox
16-Oct	Virgil & Marianne DeLong
17-Oct	David & Debra Waples
22-Oct	Harlan & Diane Veen
26-Oct	Allen & Jessica Ekern
28-Oct	Donald & Jean Fox
28-Oct	Josh & Danielle Mikkelson
29-Oct	Todd & Cynthia Blair

 The Salvation Army is in need of food. Donations can be left at First Church or taken directly to the Salvation Army office. Thank you!



TRUNK OR TREAT

Join us for Food, Fun, Games, Costumes, and lots of Candy

WEDNESDAY
OCTOBER 29th

COMMUNITY MEAL
5:15 pm - 6:00 pm

TRUNK OR TREAT & GAMES
6:00 pm - 7:30 pm

Location:
WATERTOWN FIRST UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH PARKING
LOT

Address: 4 2nd AVE SE

If you'd like to decorate your trunk for this event please call the church office!

We have Lots of room in our church parking lot so we invite you to get creative and join the fun!

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 P.O. Box 1416
 Watertown, SD 57201

RETURNED SERVICE REQUESTED

October 2025 FIRST NEWS

MEET THE STAFF

- Senior Pastor**
Rev. Sara McManus
- Associate Pastor**
Rev. Kim Hastings
- Associate of Youth Ministries**
Rev. Amy Atkins
- Office Manager**
Pearl Geffre
- On-Call Pastor**
Rev. Elmer Brinkman
- Children's Minister**
Lori Jurgens
- Weekend Children's Leader**
Bobbie Jenner
- Media and Graphic Design**
Dean Gorseth
- Organists**
Blair Titze
Lesa Dahl
- Bell Choir Director**
Marilyn Spurrell
- Music & Chancel Choir Director**
Blair Titze
- Contemporary Worship Coordinator**
Lea Ann Alwin
- Band Leader**
Dave Alwin
- Custodian**
Beth Schutt
- Wedding Coordinator**
Kathy Mielitz

Worship Times
Saturdays at 5:00 pm—Contemporary
Sunday at 9:30 am—Blended



Current Sermon Series

Facing Reality
 God's faithfulness
 and our lives

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