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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 April 18, 2026 • 5:00 pm

WELCOME

***OPENING SONGS**
The Lion and the Lamb
Mighty to Save

ANNOUNCEMENTS / PRAYER TIME

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES
Join in singing “*Jesus Is Alive*”

MESSAGE
Do You: Renounce Sin?
John 8:1-11
Pastor Sara McManus

OFFERING

REFLECTION SONG
Take My Life

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.*



Our next “Covered From Top to Bottom” event is quickly approaching! Mark your calendars for Sunday, April 19 from 3-5pm.

This event is a combination of Sandy's Closet - *free kids clothing*, Stable Blessings - *shelf stable meals in a bag*, and Bundles of Hope - *diapers and wipes*. We have several days and times available to help with set up - which could include anything from sorting or folding clothes, organizing hangers, setting out tables, or prepping bags and boxes. We will also need volunteers during the event to welcome people, help with sign in, run the kids corner, bring treats, shop with people, or carry items to vehicles. Lastly, people to help take everything back down in an organized way to be ready for the next event in the fall.

This couldn't happen without volunteer help, but also we need clothing, diapers, wipes and monetary donations to be a success. If you or anyone you know will be going through kids clothing (we are looking mainly for summer items) - think about donating those clothes, shoes, or new socks/underwear for this event.

If you would like to volunteer or have more questions, call the office at 605-886-4427. Thank you for all the support, we can't wait to see what God does this time!

**VOLUNTEER
SIGN-UP FORM**
SCAN QR TO GO TO THE FORM



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.



LET'S SEE YOUR CREATIVITY...It's contest time! Time for you to submit your design for our VBS t-shirts. **Anyone can submit their design, child or adult.** Our theme is "Racing to the Manger". Let's see who can come up with the most creative design.

Submit your ideas in the box at the back of the sanctuary or drop off at the church office by May 31st.

VBS is Monday, July 20 through Thursday, July 23 with a Program on Thursday night.

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

Join us Monday, April 20 at 7:00 pm

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 only upon advance request). You can reach

Pastor Sara at seniorpastor@watertownfirst.church — or call the church office at 605-886-4427. We look forward to having you join us! *Pastor Sara*

April Mission of the Month: Church Camp Scholarships

Camp brochures available at the back of the sanctuary. Sign up today for camp. Open to all ages. Scholarships available if needed—contact the church office!

Summer camp registration is OPEN! Go to www.dakcamps.org

Church Promo Code: wtnfirst Use this code for half off the camp early bird price. **Early Bird price ends April 30th!**

- If you'd like to support this mission, donations can be made by the following:
 - ◇ Make checks out to First UMC and note Camp Scholarship in the memo.
 - ◇ Cash donations welcome.
 - ◇ Visit www.watertownfirst.church/giving—select Mission of the Month—
Note Camp Scholarship in the comments

Lake Poinsett • Wesley Acres • Storm Mountain
Arlington, SD • Dazey, ND • Black Hills, SD

Thank You For Your Support!



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Monday, April 20

1:15 pm Coffee, Cookies & Conversation—Church Lounge
Memory Care Worship Services
1:30 pm Edgewood
2:30 pm Cedar View

Tuesday, April 21

11:30 am Lunch A Bunch at Pizza Ranch

Wednesday, April 22

9:15 am Embracing God Bible Study
4:15—5:10 pm Children's Bell Choir Rehearsal
5:15 pm Community Meal—All are Welcome
5:30 pm Adult Bell Choir Rehearsal
6:00—6:30 pm Opening Worship—Fellowship Hall—All are Welcome
6:30—7:30 pm Children & Youth (K-12) Activities
6:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, April 23

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

Friday, April 24—Office Closed

Saturday, April 25

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, April 26

8:15 am Adult Sunday School Class—Church Lounge
9:30 am Blended Worship Service

Mark your calendars for our 2026 Confirmation Celebration.

Sunday, May 3rd during our 9:30 am Worship Service.

There will be NO Saturday worship on May 2nd as we plan to worship all together and celebrate our Confirmands on Sunday, May 3rd.

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

Sunday • April 19, 2026 • 9:30 am

PREPARING OUR HEARTS FOR WORSHIP

Centering Thought:

When we take the time to remember our baptism, or the baptisms we've witnessed, we are often surprised by the vows made. Take time to think about what it means to renounce sin.

Greeting

Call to Worship & Opening Prayer

L: When we pass through the cleansing waters of baptism and the troubled waters of our lives, God declares:

P: I will be with you.

L: When we go through the fires that refine us and the fires that threaten our livelihoods, God declares:

P: I will be with you.

L: Even when we travel to the far corners of the earth or down into the depths of our souls, God declares:

P: I will be with you.

L: So come, let us worship God whose love never fails, whose presence never leaves, whose mercies never end.

P: Praise be to God who, in the form of Jesus, waded into the waters of baptism to prove God's solidarity with us! Amen.

Lord, I am far too good at self-deception and far too poor at self-evaluation. Show me where pride, hatred, racism, and seeds of disunity have taken root within me.

Act of Praise *The King of Love My Shepherd Is (vs 1,2,5,6)* UMH #138

LISTEN AND PRAY

1st Reading Luke 15:10

Announcements

Prayers of the People

Sunday • April 19, 2026 • 9:30 am

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.

Baptisms

Camber Lynn Jurgens
Bryaar James Larson

Daughter of Cassandra Jurgens
son of Candace Jurgens and
Chance Larson

Time for Young Disciples

Join in singing "*Jesus Is Alive*".

Chancel Choir Anthem

Joy in the Morning

Natalie Sleeth

HEAR AND REFLECT

Gospel

John 8:1-11

Sermon

Do You: Renounce Sin?

Rev. Sara McManus

Reflection Moment

How Deep A Father's Love for Us

On Screens

Offering

* **Doxology**

Easter People Raise Your Voices (vs 1)

UMH #304

* **Offering Prayer**

* **Sending Song**

Lord of All Hopefulness (vs 1-3)

TFWS #2197

* **Benediction**

Postlude

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Worship Notes



Do You? Renounce Sin

GROW

Daily Scripture

M: 2 Corinthians 4:16-18
T: John 8:12-19
W: Isaiah 26:1-9
T: Hebrews 11:1-12
F: Psalm 20

Devotional Questions

1. What side of the sand do you find yourself on most of the time - the Pharisees or the woman?
2. Where is God challenging you with sin - to not condemn or to not commit?
3. Who do you know that may need to hear that they are not condemned for their sins?

Creative Response

Read through the Baptismal Vows and sit with each question for 5 minutes.

CONNECT

John 8: 1-11

One thing:

God is with us always, but our actions are our decision - we are called to renounce sin, will you choose that action?

SERVE

Pray:

Pray for guidance to 'sin no more'.

Do:

Contemplate your baptism and the vows held within - touch water and remember what that gift holds.

Go:

Join for our Memory Care services on Monday starting at 1:30 at Edgewood Memory Care.