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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

PREPARING OUR HEARTS FOR WORSHIP

Centering Thought:

As you contemplate the baptism and membership vows, where might God be calling you to lean in or dig deeper?

Greeting

Call To Worship & Opening Prayer:

Reader 1: Kaelee Ward

Reader 2: Annie Olerud

Reader 1: Holy and loving God, we come together today knowing you are with us.

Reader 2: In moments when the path feels uncertain and the waters around us feel rough, You remain our steady light—constant, faithful, and true.

ALL: Thank You for guiding us through every storm, for being near when fear tries to overtake us, and for reminding us that we are never alone.

Reader 1: You are our refuge, our hope, and our direction. As we begin this time together, quiet our hearts and open our eyes to see where You are leading.

Reader 2: Help us to trust You fully, even when we cannot see the whole journey ahead.

ALL: Strengthen our faith, anchor our souls in Your promises, and draw us closer to You and to one another. May everything we say and do today honor You, and may Your light shine through us in all things. We place this time in Your hands with grateful hearts. Amen.

Act of Praise

My Lighthouse

On Screens

What An Awesome God

On Screens

LISTEN AND PRAY

1st Reading

Psalm 139:1-6, 13-14, NIV

Kaelee Ward

Announcements

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

Sophia Julius

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 "*Celebration*".

Chancel Choir Anthem

How Beautiful Twila Paris, arr. Craig Courtney

HEAR AND REFLECT

Gospel

1 Corinthians 12:4-21, 27, NLT

Reader 1: Quinn Steiner • Reader 2: Brooklyn Buelow • Reader 3: Annie Olerud

Sermon

Do You: Confess Faith?

Pastor Amy Atkins

Confirmation of Faith

On Screens

Reflection Moment

I Was There to Hear Your Borne Cry

TFWS #2051

Holy Communion: *All are welcome to participate in Holy Communion.*

Offering plates will be available at the front of the church for your gifts.

If you cannot come up for communion, please let an usher know and we will share it with you in the pew.

* **Sending Song**

Resurrection Story

On Screens

* **Benediction**

Allana Johnson & Jayda VanSickle

Postlude

Thank You For Worshiping With Us Today!

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

May Mission of the Month is the Bishop's Miracle Offering.



The Miracle offering supports:

- ◇ The Endowment for Theological Education in Africa, Europe, and the Philippines, helping United Methodists outside the US access theological education and prepare for pastoral leadership.
- ◇ Investment in education and training for laity across the Dakotas Conference, equipping everyday disciples for faithful leadership and ministry in their local contexts.

Donations can be made by the following:

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

All donations will be compiled and taken to Annual Conference in June.

Thank you for your support!

Youth Mission Trip 2026 • August 13-16, 2026

Open to students currently in grades 7th—12th.
 Destination: Sioux Falls for work and play.
 For more information or to sign up, please contact
 April: april@watertownfirst.church or
 Pastor Sara: seniorpastor@watertownfirst.church

SIGN UP BY MAY 15TH IF YOU WISH TO JOIN US!

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.



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Monday, May 4

- 1:00 pm Home Communion
- 1:15 pm Coffee, Cookies & Conversation—Church Lounge
- 5:30 pm Women of Grace—Church Lounge

Wednesday, May 6

- 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, May 7

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

Friday, 8—Office Closed

Saturday, 9

- 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**

Sunday, May 10—Senior Recognition Weekend

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

Monday, May 11

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

Tuesday, May 12

- 4:30 pm Ministry Missions Meeting
- 5:30 pm Leadership Team Meeting

Summer Worship Schedule at First Church:

There will be No Saturday evening worship on the following weekends. We invite you to join us for One Service on Sunday mornings at 9:30 am.

- May 23—Memorial Weekend** • **June 20—Worship at the Plaza**
- July 4—Holiday Weekend** • **September 5—Labor Day Weekend**

This gives our band members a break for any summer events or vacations they have planned.

A Huge Thank You to all our weekend (Sat. & Sun.) musicians for your dedication and beautiful music you provide all year long.

Worship Notes



Do You? Confess Faith

GROW

Daily Scripture

M: Philippians 1: 3-14
T: Matthew 9: 2-8
W: Exodus 18: 1-12
T: Colossians 2: 16-23
F: Psalm 42

Devotional Questions

1. Where in your life do you struggle most to do what brings God glory?
2. How might God be challenging you to a deeper discipleship?
3. Who in our community might be experiencing injustice?

Creative Response

Read Wesley's 3 Simple Rules, then ponder which you tend to do well and which are a struggle, how you might strengthen that.

CONNECT

Philippians 2:1-11

One thing:

As you contemplate the baptism and membership vows, where might God be calling you to lean in or dig deeper?

SERVE

Pray:

Pray for our confirmands, their leaders and their mentors.

Do:

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

Go:

Ice Cream Social
Wednesday, April 29 - 2pm
Edgewood Assisted Living
901 14th Ave NE