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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:

Who is at the heart of your faith family?

Greeting

* Call To Worship & Opening Prayer:

Leader: When our way seems unclear, and we are surrounded by loud and conflicting voices...

All: God will provide.

Leader: When we, like Abraham, are trying to be faithful and seem to have no good choices available to us...

All: God will provide.

Leader: When we, like Isaac, are led by those we trust into unjust and harmful situations...

All: God will provide.

Leader: Family in Christ, we gather today to worship God, who meets us in places of fear, confusion, and despair.

All: We gather to worship God, who provides a way toward abundant life when no way can be found. Thanks be to God! Amen.

* Act of Praise

How Great Thou Art

UMH #77

LISTEN AND PRAY

1st Reading

Psalms 13

Announcements

Prayers of the People

Children's Church Note:

Family Worship Weekend—No Children's Church Today.

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 "As For Me & My House".

* Song

I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

TFWS #2153

HEAR AND REFLECT

Gospel

Genesis 22:1-14

Sermon

God Will Provide

Pastor Sara McManus

Reflection Moment

Christ, We Are Blest

On Screens

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** *Faith, While Trees Are Still in Blossom (Vs 1-3 & 5)* UMH #508

* **Benediction**

Postlude

Thank You For Worshiping With Us Today!

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

Upcoming Events...

- ♦ Wednesday, September 9th—Volunteer Training for those helping with children or youth this fall.
- ♦ Saturday/Sunday, September 12th-13th—Fall Kickoff Weekend
- ♦ Wednesday, September 16th—Fall Kickoff for Wednesday Night Children & Youth Activities

Want to get connected this fall? Check out the September Newsletter for some new Classes...Check out the current on-going classes as well.

- ⇒ **“Building Beloved Communities”** (Starting September 16th)
Wednesdays at 6:45 p.m. in the lounge with Pastor Sara
- ⇒ **“Better Ways to Read the Bible”** (Starting September 13th)
Sundays at 10:45 a.m. in the lounge with Pastor Sara
- ⇒ **Purl Jam**—*Learning “Grandma Crafts” and gossiping about Jesus*
Saturdays at noon in the church library with Reine Whitaker (Starting September 12th)
- ⇒ **Art Night for Adults**—*Dabbling in different art forms—no experience needed*
Monthly—the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 6:30 pm with Beth Schutt and Pearl Geffre (Starting September 15)

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.



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.

THIS WEEK AT FIRST CHURCH

Monday, September 7— Labor Day Holiday—Office Closed

NO Coffee, Cookies & Conversation

Tuesday, September 8

4:30 pm Missions Meeting—Church Lounge

5:30 pm Leadership Team Meeting—Church Lounge

Wednesday, September 9

10:00 am Morning Glories—Women’s Missional Group—Church Lounge

5:30 pm Adult Bell Choir Rehearsal

6:00 pm Volunteer Training for those helping with Youth & Kids

6:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, September 10

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

Friday, September 11—Office Closed

Saturday, September 12—Fall Kickoff Weekend

7:00 am Back Room Boys—Church Library

9:00 am Late Risers—Stones Café

Noon—Purl Jam in the Church Library

3:00 pm Praise Band Rehearsal

5:00 pm Contemporary Worship

Sunday, September 13—Fall Kickoff Weekend

8:15 am Adult Bible Study Begins—Church Lounge

9:30 am Blended Worship

10:45 am “Better Ways to Read the Bible” Study

Monday, September 14—Home Communion

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

5:30 pm Women of Grace—Church Lounge

Tuesday, September 15

11:30 am Lunch a Bunch—Pizza Ranch

6:30 pm Adult Art Night at the Church

Wednesday, September 16—Fall Kickoff

9:15 am Embracing God Bible Study—Church Lounge

4:30—5:10 pm Kids Bell Choir Rehearsal

5:15 pm Kick off with Community Meal, Music & Worship

5:30 pm Adult Bell Choir Rehearsal

6:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

6:45 pm “Building Beloved Community” - Church Lounge

Worship Notes



Forming a Family:
God will provide

GROW

Daily Scripture

M: Hebrews 11.23-29
T: Romans 14.13-15 2
W: Nehemiah 9.9-15
T: Mark 11.20-25
F: Psalm 77

Devotional Questions

1. When have you wondered whether God heard you or not?

2. What is a time God provided that you didn't notice right away?

3. Who do you know that responds as Abraham did?

Creative Response

Watch the movie "Pay it Forward" and consider how you may do one small act for others.

CONNECT

Genesis 22: 1-14

One thing:

Even when we don't understand how, God will always provide.

SERVE

Pray:

Pray for those who don't have their basic needs met.

Do:

Find a way to serve, give or show up for someone this week.

Go:

Attend Plant Bingo
Joy Ranch
September 10
6-10pm