

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY
February 8, 2026 – 10 a.m.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Boruff

***GREETING**

MUSIC FOR GATHERING

"Festival Alleluia" by Allen Pote AACC
"Come Though Fount" AAYC
by Robert Robinson, arr. Chas Gabriel

***CALL TO WORSHIP** Rev. White

ONE: We gather as God's beloved children –

ALL: However glad we are, however out of sorts we are, we come.

ONE: We come together as a people whom Jesus calls into community.

ALL: That mean that this is a place where all are welcome.

ONE: We have come to give thanks, to pray and sing, to be with others.

ALL: Let us worship the God we adore!

***HYMN** "Joyful Joyful, We Adore Thee" #89

1. Joyful, joyful, we adore thee,
God of glory, Lord of love;
hearts unfold like flowers before thee,
opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;
drive the dark of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day!

2. All thy works with joy surround thee,
earth and heaven reflect thy rays,
stars and angels sing around thee,
center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain,
flowery meadow, flashing sea,
chanting bird and flowing fountain,
call us to rejoice in thee.

3. Thou art giving and forgiving,
ever blessing, ever blest,
well-spring of the joy of living,
ocean depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father, Christ our brother,
all who live in love are thine;
teach us how to love each other,
lift us to the joy divine.

OFFERING TO GOD

**FAMILY MINISTRY
OFFERTORY**

Ryan Falkenberry
AACC/YC

"When I Sing" by Leeann Starkey

***DOXOLOGY**

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below; Praise**

**him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son,
and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION** Ryan Falkenberry

ANTHEM "Let There Be Peace on Earth" AACC/YC
by Sy Miller/Jill Jackson arr. Dwyer/Martin Ellis

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Rev. White

LORD'S PRAYER (unison)

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.

HYMN "Sweet Hour of Prayer" #496

1. Sweet hour of prayer! sweet hour of prayer!
that calls me from a world of care,
and bids me at my Father's throne
make all my wants and wishes known.
In seasons of distress and grief,
my soul has often found relief,
and oft escaped the tempter's snare
by thy return, sweet hour of prayer!

3. Sweet hour of prayer! sweet hour of prayer!
thy wings shall my petition bear
to him whose truth and faithfulness
engage the waiting soul to bless.
And since he bids me seek his face,
believe his word, and trust his grace,
I'll cast on him my every care,
and wait for thee, sweet hour of prayer!

NEW TESTAMENT Tim Kline

1 Corinthians 2:6-13 (NIV)

⁶We do, however, speak a message of wisdom among the mature, but not the wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are coming to nothing. ⁷No, we declare God's wisdom, a mystery that has been hidden and that God destined for our glory before time began. ⁸None of the rulers of this age understood it, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. ⁹However, as it is written: "What no eye has seen, what no ear has heard, and what no human mind has conceived"—the things God has prepared for those who love him—¹⁰these are the things God has revealed to us by his Spirit. The Spirit searches all things, even the deep things of God. ¹¹For who knows a person's thoughts except their own spirit within them? In the same way no one knows the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God. ¹²What we have received is not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, so that we may understand what God has freely given

us. ¹³This is what we speak, not in words taught us by human wisdom but in words taught by the Spirit, explaining spiritual realities with Spirit-taught words.

**Please stand as you are able.*

***GOSPEL** Luke 11:5-13 (MSG)

⁵⁻⁶Then he said, "Imagine what would happen if you went to a friend in the middle of the night and said, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread. An old friend traveling through just showed up, and I don't have a thing on hand.' ⁷"The friend answers from his bed, 'Don't bother me. The door's locked; my children are all down for the night; I can't get up to give you anything.' ⁸"But let me tell you, even if he won't get up because he's a friend, if you stand your ground, knocking and waking all the neighbors, he'll finally get up and get you whatever you need. ⁹"Here's what I'm saying: Ask and you'll get; Seek and you'll find; Knock and the door will open. ¹⁰⁻¹³"Don't bargain with God. Be direct. Ask for what you need. This is not a cat-and-mouse, hide-and-seek game we're in. If your little boy asks for a serving of fish, do you scare him with a live snake on his plate? If your little girl asks for an egg, do you trick her with a spider? As bad as you are, you wouldn't think of such a thing—you're at least decent to your own children. And don't you think the Father who conceived you in love will give the Holy Spirit when you ask him?"

This is God's Word for God's people today.

Thanks be to God!

SERMON How Prayer Works Rev. Boruff

HYMN "Every Time I Feel the Spirit" #404

Refrain:
Every time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart,
I will pray.
Yes, every time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart,
I will pray.

1 Up on the mountain, my Lord spoke,
Out his mouth came fire and smoke.
All around me look so fine,
Ask the Lord if all was mine. (Refrain)

2 Jordan River runs right cold,
Chills the body, not the soul.
Ain't but one train on this track,
Runs to heaven and right back. (Refrain)

MUSIC FOR SENDING "Siyahamba" AACC/YC
South African Freedom Song, arr. Henry Leck

***BENEDICTION** Rev. Boruff

**Please stand as you are able.*

THANK YOU

for assisting in worship!

Worship Leaders: Rev. Brian White, Ryan Falkenberry & Tim Kline

Music: Anderson Area Children's Choir & Youth Chorale

Sound Tech: Jim Hudson

Visual Tech: Matt Stout

WELCOME

Welcome to worship on Sundays and all programs & ministries throughout the week!

Announcements

- **CHURCH CONTACT INFORMATION:** Anderson First United Methodist Church
Downtown: 1215 Jackson St., Anderson IN 46016;
Davis Park: 4507 Nichol Ave., Anderson 46011
Website: www.andersonfirst.org
Phone: 765-643-6977
- **GUESTS:** Welcome! There is a gift bag for you at the Welcome Center. Glad you joined us and hope you will come again!
- **COMMUNITY CAFÉ:** 61 guests were served last Sunday. It was a blessing to serve the community.
- **LENTEN STUDY GROUPS: Sign up today** to the study of your choice—various leaders, days, times and locations available. Be a part of this powerful opportunity!
- **ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE:** Join us as we begin Lent together on Ash Wednesday. This service is a service of repentance and ashes. Service is Feb. 18 at 7 p.m.
- **KIDS CHOIR:** Exciting Kick-Off for First Kids Choir 2026! Mark your calendars because the First Kids Choir starts on January 18! We're inviting all kids from 3 years old to 6th grade to join in on this musical adventure. Sunday mornings at 9:25 to 9:55 AM upstairs in the Choir room.
- **YOUTH GROUP AND AFS MIDWEEK:** Ways for youth to connect to each other, the church and God. Worship and serve together on Sundays at 10. Gather in the Youth room on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month from 11:15-1:15. Also gather every Wednesday evening.
- **FIRST KIDS CLUB:** Gather in the Older Kids & Younger Kids classrooms every Wednesday evening.
- **200 ENVELOPES FUNDRAISER:** Family Ministry Fundraiser is back! During the month of February you may grab an envelope, fill it with the amount of money listed on that envelope and bring it back to the church by March 1. All the money goes straight to the Family Ministry!

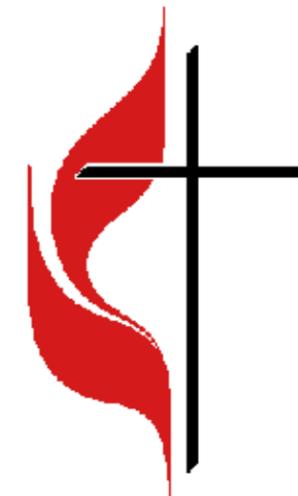
Weekly Schedule

Sun 02/08			
9:25 am	Kids Choir	Choir Room	Downtown
10:00 am	Worship Service	Sanctuary	Downtown
11:15 am	AFS Youth Group	Youth Room	Downtown
2:00 pm	Worship		Primrose
4:30 pm	Community Cafe	Fellowship Hall	Downtown
Mon 02/9			
1:00 pm	AARP	Fellowship Hall	Downtown
4:30 pm	Exercise Class		Davis Park/Lodge
6:00 pm	AA Big Book Study	North/South Parlor	Downtown
6:30 pm	Alpha Brass Rehearsal	Alpha Brass Room	Downtown
Tues 02/10			
9:00 am	Sew Day	Fellowship Hall	Downtown
10:00 am	Staff Meeting	Conference Room	Downtown
Wed 02/11			
9:00 am	Energy Assistance Day	Door #2	Downtown
9:00 am	Helping Hands Pantry	Door #3	Downtown
3:00 pm	Coffee With Corinne		Facebook Page
4:30 pm	Exercise Class		Davis Park/Lodge
6:00 pm	AFS Midweek	Youth Room	Downtown
6:00 pm	First Kids Club—Movie Night	Fireplace Room	Downtown
6:00 pm	Bell Choir Rehearsal	Bell Room	Downtown
7:00 pm	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary, Choir Room	Downtown
Thurs 02/12			
6:00 pm	Tri Kappa Sorority Meeting	North/South Parlor, North/South Kitchen	Downtown
Fri 02/13			
9:00 am	Bible Study	North/South Parlor	Downtown
12:00 pm	Downtown Devotions		Facebook Page
Sat 02/14			
9:00 am	AA Meeting	East/West Parlor	Downtown
Sun 02/15			
9:00 am	Trustee's Meeting	Conference Room	Downtown
9:25 am	Kids Choir	Choir Room	Downtown
10:00 am	Worship	Sanctuary	Downtown
11:15 am	YA Gathering	Youth Room	Downtown
2:00 pm	Worship		Primrose
4:30 PM	Food@First	Narthex	Downtown



First United Methodist

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Lead Pastor: Rev. Corinne Boruff
Associate Pastor: Rev. Dr. Brian White
Director of Family Ministries: Ally Hall
Ministers: Congregation

We give thanks for today's:

Ushers: Bill Kahle, Dorinda Cassiday, Richard Cassiday
Greeters: Becky Ball, Kay McConnell, Kaylyn McConnell
Coffee Hosts: Mary Falkenberry