

**CHOIR SUNDAY  
HOLY COMMUNION  
May 5, 2024 ~ 10:00 a.m.**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

We fulfill our Mission to "make disciples for Jesus Christ" by following our Pathway:  
**Living our faith.  
Nurturing families.  
Serving our communities.**

**\*GREETING**

**MUSIC FOR GATHERING**

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"  
Sue Finger, organ & Michele Murray, piano

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** Psalm 96:1-3 (NLT)

ONE: Sing a new song to the Lord!

ALL: **Let the whole earth sing to the Lord!**

ONE: Sing to the Lord; praise his name.

ALL: **Each day proclaim the good news that he saves!**

**\*HYMN** "O Worship the King" #73

1. O worship the King, all glorious above,  
O gratefully sing God's power and God's love;  
our Shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days,  
pavilioned in splendor, and girded with praise.

2. O tell of God's might, O sing of God's grace,  
whose robe is the light, whose canopy space,  
whose chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form,  
and dark is God's path on the wings of the storm.

5. Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,  
in thee do we trust, nor find thee to fail;  
thy mercies how tender, how firm to the end,  
our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend.

**SPECIAL MUSIC** "I'm Trusting You" Children's Choir

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE** Ally Hall

**RECOGNITION OF CHOIR & MUSICIANS BLESSING** Rev. Boruff

**RESPONSE** "Christ for the World We Sing" #568

Christ for the world we sing, the world to Christ we bring,  
with joyful song; the newborn souls, whose days,  
reclaimed from error's ways, inspired with hope and praise,  
to Christ belong.

**OFFERING TO GOD  
MUSIC MINISTRY** Brian Jones

**OFFERTORY** "Anthems of Love" Sanctuary Choir

**\*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** Brian Jones

**ANTHEM** "I've Got a River of Life" Wesley Chorale

**RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBER** Rev. Boruff

**INTRODUCTION** Andre' Streaty

**RECEPTION INTO MEMBERSHIP**

*Body of Christ, please stand.*

**COMMENDATION AND WELCOME**

Members of household of God, I commend Andre Streaty to your love and care. Do you promise to keep him in your prayers, minister beside him and nurture him in his faith? If so, respond **I will.**

Do you renew your covenant with God to faithfully participate alongside Carlene by participating in the ministries of this church through your prayers, your presence, your gifts, your service, and your witness? If so, respond: **With God's help we will.**

**PRAYER OF BLESSING**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE** Vicky Strock

**ANTHEM** "I Will Rise" Sanctuary Choir

**OLD TESTAMENT** Psalm 98:1-9 Vicky Strock

This is God's Word for us today.

**Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON** Sing a New Song Rev. Boruff

**HYMN** "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" #400

1. Come, thou Fount of every blessing,  
tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
streams of mercy, never ceasing,  
call for songs of loudest praise.  
Teach me some melodious sonnet,  
sung by flaming tongues above.  
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it,  
mount of thy redeeming love.

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

Friends, let us come out of the darkness and join together in the light of God's love. You are invited to this table of life as we join with each other and seek communion with God. God is with you!

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to God.**

Let us give thanks to our Creator.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is right,... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of our God. Hosanna in the highest.**

You sent Jesus to be the way, the truth and the life... and gave it to his disciples, saying:

**Take, eat. This my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.**

In the same way he took the cup, saying:

**This cup is the new covenant sealed in my blood, shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me.**

...we proclaim the mystery of faith:.

**Christ has died. Christ has risen. Christ will come again.**

Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and cup. As we come to your table, we invite you to fill us; we invite your Spirit to lead us to be the Body of Christ in the world. All glory and honor are yours, eternal God, now and forever. **Amen.**

**LORD'S PRAYER** (unison)

**SHARING THE ELEMENTS**

*All are welcome to receive Christ's gift.*

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING** Rev. Boruff

**\*HYMN** "To God Be the Glory" #98

1. To God be the glory, great things he hath done!  
So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,  
who yielded his life an atonement for sin,  
and opened the lifegate that all may go in.

Refrain:

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,  
let the earth hear his voice!

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice!  
O come to the Father thru Jesus the Son,  
and give him the glory, great things he hath done!

3. Great things he hath taught us, great things he hath done,  
and great our rejoicing thru Jesus the Son;  
but purer, and higher, and greater will be  
our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see. (Refrain)

**MUSIC FOR SENDING**

"A Choral Amen"

**\*BENEDICTION**

*\*Please stand as you are able.*

# WELCOME

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

## Weekly Prayer Requests

- Pray for children & staff at Gateway Childcare:

## Announcements

- GUESTS:** Welcome. There is a gift bag for you at the Welcome Center. Glad you joined us and hope you will come again!
- YOUR GIVING:** Your giving continues our daily ministries. You are invited to give during Sunday morning worship, online at [www.andersonfirst.org/GIVE](http://www.andersonfirst.org/GIVE), through the mail or whatever way is most convenient for you. Your stewardship of time, talents and treasures make an eternal difference.
- FOOD@FIRST:** 75 guests were served last Sunday. It was a blessing to serve the community.
- SUMMER SCHEDULE:** On **May 26** we begin our summer worship schedule which includes different times and locations. 9 a.m. Worship is at Davis Park (outside); 10:45 a.m. Worship is in North South Parlor (downtown).
- PENTECOST:** May 19 we will celebrate the power of the Holy Spirit in our midst who gave us the birth of the church.
- FAMILY MINISTRY SHOWCASE:** May 19 at 11:15 our amazing children will offer their talents to entertain and inspire you. Be sure to stay that morning and support the children of Anderson First UMC.
- NEW MEMBER:** Today we official welcome Andre' Streaty into the fellowship of Anderson First. Be sure to personally congratulate him on making this commitment and offer your welcome.

### First United Methodist Staff:

Director of Music and Organist: Susan Finger  
 Pianist: Michele Murray  
 Finance: Gene Brueggen  
 Program Support Coordinator: Kathy Kean  
 Communications Coordinator: Peg Peter  
 Production Director: Matt Stout

Digital Communications: Matt & Erin Stout  
 Security: Richard Falkenberry  
 Sound Technicians: Jim Hudson, Richard Cassidy, Mark Murray  
 Custodians: Eddie Stephens, Ann Bull

We give thanks for:

**Ushers:**  
**Greeters:**  
**Coffee Hosts**

# Weekly Schedule

## Sun 5/5

10:00 am	Soccer		Davis Park
10:00 am	Worship	Sanctuary	Downtown
11:15 am	YA Gathering	Youth Area	Downtown
2:00 pm	Worship		Primrose
4:30 pm	Community Café		Downtown

## Mon 5/6

5:00 pm	Exercise Class		Davis Park
6:00 pm	AA Big Book Study	East/West	Downtown

## Tues 5/7

9:00 am	Tuesday Sew Day	Fellowship Hall	Downtown
10:00 am	Staff Meeting	North/South Parlor	Downtown
11:15 am	Book Club	Meet in parking lot	Downtown
3:30 pm	AACC/YC Meeting	Conference Room	Downtown
4:30 pm	AAYC Rehearsals		Downtown
6:00 pm	Girl Scouts	Fellowship Hall	Downtown

## Wed 5/8

8:00 am	Rotary	North/South	Downtown
8:00 am	Energy Assistance	Door #2	Downtown
8:30 am	Helping Hands Pantry	Door #3	Downtown
3:00 pm	Coffee with Corinne		Facebook
5:00 pm	Exercise Class		Davis Park
6:00 pm	Andrew Paradigm Study	North/South	Downtown
6:00 pm	Wesley Bells		Downtown
6:25 pm	Children's Choir		Downtown

## Thurs 5/9

### Fri 5/10 Church Office closes at noon

12:00 pm	Downtown Devotion		Facebook
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## Sat 5/11

9:00 am	Y Soccer		Davis Park
10:00 am	AA Meeting	North/South	Downtown

## Sun 5/12

10:00 am	Soccer		Davis Park
10:00 am	Worship	Sanctuary	Downtown
2:00 pm	Worship		Primrose
4:30 pm	Food @ First		Downtown



## First United Methodist

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 Director of Family Ministries: Ally Hall  
 Ministers: Congregation