

**GOD'S GIFTS TO US
MUSIC MINISTRIES**
September 29, 2024 ~ 10 a.m.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our lives "sing" to God when we are:
**Living our Faith, Nurturing Families, Serving our
Communities.**

***GREETING**

MUSIC FOR GATHERING

"A Mighty Fortress is Our God"
Sue Finger, Organ/Michele Murray Piano

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Brian Jones

ONE: In the midst of our failures,
ALL: We stand in God's grace.
ONE: In the midst of our struggles,
ALL: We boast in our hope through Christ.
ONE: In the midst of our suffering,
**ALL: We claim the endurance given by the Holy
Spirit.**
ONE: In every part of our lives,
**ALL: The love of our Divine Creator has been
poured into our hearts. Let us be open to
this love as we join together in worship!**

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN**

#89

"Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee"
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!
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.
4. Mortals, join the mighty chorus
which the morning stars began;
love divine is reigning o'er us, binding all within its span.
Ever singing, march we onward,
victors in the midst of strife;
joyful music leads us sunward, in the triumph song of life.

**OFFERING TO GOD
INVITATION
OFFERTORY**

Rev. Boruff
Sanctuary Choir
"You Do Not Walk Alone"

***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**

ANTHEM

Sanctuary Choir

"Soon We Will Be Done" -Pederson

GOD'S GIFT OF MUSIC

Susan Finger

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Brian Jones

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

"Amazing Grace"

#378

1. Amazing grace! How sweet the sound
that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found;
was blind, but now I see.
4. The Lord has promised good to me,
his word my hope secures;
he will my shield and portion be, as long as life endures.

NEW TESTAMENT

Brian Jones

Ephesians 2:1-10 (NLT)

¹Once you were dead because of your disobedience and your many sins. ²You used to live in sin, just like the rest of the world, obeying the devil—the commander of the powers in the unseen world. He is the spirit at work in the hearts of those who refuse to obey God. ³All of us used to live that way, following the passionate desires and inclinations of our sinful nature. By our very nature we were subject to God's anger, just like everyone else. ⁴But God is so rich in mercy, and he loved us so much, ⁵that even though we were dead because of our sins, he gave us life when he raised Christ from the dead. (It is only by God's grace that you have been saved!) ⁶For he raised us from the dead along with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms because we are united with Christ Jesus. ⁷So God can point to us in all future ages as examples of the incredible wealth of his grace and kindness toward us, as shown in all he has done for us who are united with

Christ Jesus. ⁸God saved you by his grace when you believed. And you can't take credit for this; it is a gift from God. ⁹Salvation is not a reward for the good things we have done, so none of us can boast about it. ¹⁰For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago.

This is God's Word for God's people today.
Thanks be to God!

SERMON

God's Gift of Gracefulness 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)

BENEDICTION

MUSIC FOR SENDING

Susan Finger

"You Shall Go Out With Joy"

**Please stand as you are able.*

THANK YOU

Worship leaders: Brian Jones, Sue Finger
Director of Music/Organ: Sue Finger
Piano: Michele Murray
Musicians: Sanctuary Choir
Live Stream: Matt Stout
Sound: Richard Cassiday

STEWARDSHIP FOCUS:

You can give without loving;
you can not love without giving.
Sept. 15-Oct. 6

WELCOME

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

Prayer Requests

- Our love and condolences are extended to the family of Shirley MacMurray, who died Aug. 30.

Announcements

- **“CARING HEARTS” COMMUNITY CONCERT:** We are hosting & participating in this community event on **TONIGHT at 6 p.m. in the sanctuary.** Choirs from FUMC, First Presbyterian, Christ Lutheran, & St. Mary's will be singing and a person from each church will share about their Outreach Ministries. The concert will raise funds for The Christian Center & Willow House. There will be a reception following the concert.
- **GUESTS:** Welcome! There is a gift bag for you at the Welcome Center. Glad you joined us and hope you will come again!
- **COMMUNITY GRILLE:** 122 guests were served last Sunday. It was a blessing to serve the community.
- **WELCOME BOOKLETS:** God is busy at Anderson First UMC! Be sure to take and share one of our informational booklets. They are found at the back of the sanctuary, Welcome Center and at the church office window.
- **LET'S CELEBRATE! Next Sunday, Oct. 6** join us for a celebration meal immediately following worship in Fellowship Hall. An Italian Entrée will be provided. Bring your sides and desserts to share.

We give thanks for today's:
 Ushers: Keith and Beth McFall, Kathy Kean
 Greeters:
 Fellowship Time: Cortes Family

First United Methodist Staff:

Director of Music and Organist: Susan Finger	Digital Communications: Matt & Erin Stout
Pianist: Michele Murray	Security: Richard Falkenberry
Finance: Gene Brueggen	Sound Technicians: Jim Hudson, Richard Cassidy, Mark Murray
Program Support Coordinator: Kathy Kean	Custodian: Eddie Stephens, Ann Bull
Communications Coordinator: Peg Peter	
Production Director: Matt Stout	

Weekly Schedule

Sun 9/29			
10:00 am	Worship	Sanctuary	Downtown
10:00 am	Soccer		Davis Park
11:15 am	Childcare Training	North/South	Downtown
2:00 pm	Worship		Primrose
4:30 pm	Community Grille		Downtown
6:00 pm	Caring Hearts Concert	Sanctuary	Downtown
Mon 9/30			
5:00 pm	Exercise Class		Davis Park
6:00 pm	AA Big Book Study	East/West	Downtown
Tues 10/1			
9:00 am	Tuesday Sew Day	Fellowship Hall	Downtown
10:00 am	Book Club	Library	Downtown
10:00 am	Staff Meeting	Conference Room	Downtown
4:30 pm	AACC Rehearsals		Downtown
6:30 pm	Girl Scouts	Fellowship Hall	Downtown
Wed 10/2			
8:00 am	Rotary	North/South	Downtown
3:00 pm	Coffee with Corinne		Facebook
5:00 pm	Exercise Class		Davis Park
6:00 pm	First Kids		Downtown
6:00 pm	Wesley Bells	Bell Room	Downtown
6:20 pm	Children's Choir		Downtown
7:00 pm	Sanctuary Choir	Choir Room	Downtown
Thurs 10/3			
10:00 am	Friendship/Bible Study Circle	North/South Parlor	Downtown
Fri 10/4			
9:00 am	Friday Bible Study	North/South Parlor	Downtown
12:00 pm	Downtown Devotion		Facebook
Sat 10/5			
10:00 am	YMCA Soccer		Davis Park
10:00 am	AA meeting	North/South Parlor	Downtown
Sun 10/6			
10:00 am	Worship	Sanctuary	Downtown
10:00 am	Soccer		Davis Park
11:15 am	YA Gathering	Youth Area	Downtown
11:15 am	Celebration meal	Fellowship Hall	Downtown
2:00 pm	Worship		Primrose
4:30 pm	Community Cafe	Fellowship Hall	Downtown



First United Methodist

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Pastors: Corinne Boruff
 Director of Family Ministries: Ally Hall
 Ministers: Congregation