

**STEWARDSHIP**  
September 28, 2025 – 10 a.m.

**STEWARDSHIP FOCUS**

"Take a long, hard look. See how great God is—  
infinite, **greater than** anything  
you could ever imagine or figure out!" Job 36:26

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**\*GREETING**

**MUSIC FOR GATHERING** Susan Finger  
"My Shepherd Will Supply My Need"

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** Susan Daoust

One: Give thanks and praise to the Lord!

**ALL: For God has dealt mercifully with us!**

ONE: Even when we turned our backs on God,

**ALL: God forgave us and restored us to life.**

ONE: Rejoice in God's abundant love.

**ALL: We will continually praise God who loves  
and cares for us. Praise God!**

**\*HYMN** "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" #139

1. Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation.  
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation!  
All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near;  
join me in glad adoration!

3. Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and  
defend thee; surely his goodness and  
here daily attend thee. Ponder anew what the  
Almighty can do, who with his love doth  
befriend thee.

5. Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!  
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises  
before him! Let the amen sound from this  
people again; gladly forever adore him.

**OFFERING TO GOD**

**GIVING TO GOD**

**OFFERTORY**

**\*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** Susan Daoust

**ANTHEM** "Every Time I Feel the Spirit" Wesley Chorale

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE** Ron Watson

**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** "I Need thee Every Hour" #397

1. I need thee every hour, most gracious Lord;  
no tender voice like thine can peace afford.

Refrain:

I need thee, O I need thee; every hour I need thee;  
O bless me now, my Savior, I come to thee.

4. I need thee every hour; teach me thy will;  
and thy rich promises in me fulfill. (Refrain)

**OLD TESTAMENT** Ron Watson

Malachi 3:7-10 (NIV)

<sup>7</sup> Ever since the time of your ancestors you have turned  
away from my decrees and have not kept them. Return  
to me, and I will return to you," says the LORD Almighty.  
"But you ask, 'How are we to return?' <sup>8</sup> "Will a mere  
mortal rob God? Yet you rob me. "But you ask, 'How are  
we robbing you?' "In tithes and offerings. <sup>9</sup> You are under  
a curse—your whole nation—because you are robbing  
me. <sup>10</sup> Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that  
there may be food in my house. Test me in this," says  
the LORD Almighty, "and see if I will not throw open the  
floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that  
there will not be room enough to store it.

*Please stand in body & spirit out of respect for the Gospel.*

**\*GOSPEL** Luke 16:10-13 (NIV)

<sup>10</sup> "Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be  
trusted with much, and whoever is dishonest with very  
little will also be dishonest with much. <sup>11</sup> So if you have  
not been trustworthy in handling worldly wealth, who will  
trust you with true riches? <sup>12</sup> And if you have not been  
trustworthy with someone else's property, who will give  
you property of your own? <sup>13</sup> "No one can serve two  
masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other,  
or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other.  
You cannot serve both God and money."

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

**Thanks be to God!**

**SERMON** Abundance > Comfort Rev. Boruff

**HYMN** "Freely, Freely" #389

God forgave my sin in Jesus' name,  
I've been born again in Jesus' name,  
And in Jesus' name I come to you  
To share His love as He told me to.

Refrain:

He said, Freely, freely you have received;  
Freely, freely give.

Go in my name and because you believe,  
Others will know that I live."

All power is given in Jesus' name,  
In earth and heaven, in Jesus' name;  
And in Jesus' name I come to you  
To share His power as He told me to. (Refrain)

**LITANY OF STEWARDSHIP** Elizabeth Sherron

God, who sees behind appearances to the heart, we  
know that one of the biggest obstacles we face in  
living in your kingdom...

**Is our own self-interest.**

We know that we must learn to regard money as a  
tool

**And not a prize.**

Help us reject the ways of the world, to resist...

**Dishonesty and exploitation,**

Vengeance and competition,

**Power-seeking and violence-wielding.**

Yours is an altogether different economy

**In which mercy is valued over judgement**

Care for the least is valued over self-promotion

**Meekness is valued over popularity,**

Generosity is valued over accumulation,

**Spiritual riches are valued over financial wealth.**

**God, help us apply your values to our lives.**

**Amen!**

**MUSIC FOR SENDING** Susan Finger

"O God Our Help in Ages Past"

**\*BENEDICTION**

*\*Please stand as you are able.*

THANK YOU  
for assisting in worship!  
Worship Leaders: Susan Daoust, Ron Watson  
& Elizabeth Murray-Sherron  
Music: Wesley Chorale  
Sound Tech: Richard Cassiday  
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](http://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 GRILLE:** 101 guests were served last Sunday. It was a blessing to serve the community.
- **FALL-A-PALOOZA:** Saturday, October 18 from 12-2 p.m. at Davis Park. Free admission to games, snacks, costumes, crafts, inflatables and much more! Fun for all ages.
- **J.O.Y. LUNCH:** Friday, October 17 at 11:30-1 p.m. This month Sara Krumme, Ex. Director of Gateway Association will share about their recent expanded outreach to the community. Gateway leases the East end of the church building. The meal will be individual pizzas from Mancino's. Make your reservation by Wednesday, October 15.
- **STEWARDSHIP CELEBRATION MEAL:** On Sunday October 5 in Fellowship Hall immediately after the worship service. We will share an Italian meal and celebrate your promised support of God's work through this church in 2026. You are invited!
- **ESTIMATE OF GIVING:** You will have an opportunity to return an estimate of what you plan to give to God's work through Anderson First UMC on Sunday, October 5 during worship. Cards will also be accepted in the church office.
- **WORLD SMILE DAY:** October 3 share and extra smile and bless others and yourself! "We shall never know all the good that a simple smile can do." (Mother Teresa)

### First United Methodist Staff:

Director of Music and Organist: Susan Finger  
Pianist: Michele Murray  
Accountant: Heather Ashton  
Office Manager: Judy Whitney  
Outreach: Susan & David Selby  
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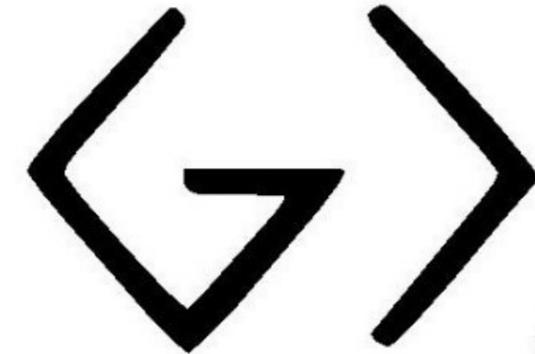
# Weekly Schedule

<b>Sun 09/28</b>			
10:00 am	Worship	Sanctuary	Downtown
11:15 am	AFS Youth Group	Youth Room	Downtown
2:00 pm	Worship		Primrose
4:30 pm	Community Cafe	Fellowship Hall	Downtown
<b>Mon 09/29</b>			
5:00 pm	Exercise Class		Davis Park/Lodge
6:00 pm	AA Big Book Study	North/South Parlor	Downtown
<b>Tues 09/30</b>			
9:00 am	Sew Day	Fellowship Hall	Downtown
4:00 pm	AACC Rehearsal	Sanctuary, Choir Room	Downtown
<b>Wed 10/01</b>			
3:00 pm	Coffee with Corinne		Facebook Page
5:00 pm	Exercise Class		Davis Park/Lodge
6:00 pm	AFS Midweek	Youth Room	Downtown
6:00 pm	First Kids Club	Fireplace Room	Downtown
6:00 pm	Bell Choir Rehearsal	Bell Room	Downtown
6:20 pm	Kids Choir	Younger Kids Classroom	Downtown
7:00 pm	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary, Choir Room	Downtown
<b>Thurs 10/02</b>			
10:00 am	Friendship Bible Study Circle	North/South Parlor	Downtown
<b>Fri 10/03</b>			
9:00 am	Bible Study	North/South Parlor	Downtown
12:00 pm	Downtown Devotions		Facebook Page
<b>Sat 10/04</b>			
9:00 am	AA Meeting	East/West Parlor	Downtown
<b>Sun 10/05</b>			
9:25 am	Kids Choir	Younger Kids Classroom	Downtown
10:00 am	Worship	Sanctuary	Downtown
2:00 pm	Worship		Primrose
4:30 PM	Food@First	Narthex	Downtown



## First United Methodist

FAITH FIRST. FAMILIES FIRST. ANDERSON FIRST.



GOD IS GREATER THAN...

**STEWARDSHIP**  
**September 28, 2025 @ 10:00 AM**

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