

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT
February 22, 2026 – 10 a.m.

INTROIT Alpha Brass
"Knoxville 1800" by James Curnow

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
Living our Faith, Nurturing Families,
Serving our Communities.

***GREETING**

MUSIC FOR GATHERING Alpha Brass
"A Sky Full of Stars" arr. Dorothy Gates

***CALL TO WORSHIP** Rev. Boruff

ONE: As we enter these 40 days of Lent, we are reminded how Jesus sustains us.

ALL: Jesus went to the mountaintop to pray.

ONE: Jesus went into the city to heal.

ALL: Jesus walked to Samaria to extend love.

ONE: Jesus went to the water's edge to teach.

ALL: Jesus went to places of peace and connection,

ONE: But Jesus also went to the wilderness.

ALL: There is nowhere we can go that Jesus does not walk with us. Let us worship our sustaining God!

***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.

2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear the
hour I first believed.

3. Through many dangers, toils, and snares,
I have already come;
'tis grace hath brought me safe thus far,
and grace will lead me home.

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.

OFFERING TO GOD
FAMILY MINISTRY
OFFERTORY

Claire Miller
Alpha Brass

"Consecration" by Brian Bowen

***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**

Claire Miller

ANTHEM

Alpha Brass
"For the Beauty of the Earth" arr. Dorothy Gates

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Jason Sherron

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** "Beneath the Cross of Jesus" #297

1. Beneath the cross of Jesus, I fain would take my stand,
the shadow of a mighty rock within a weary land;
a home within the wilderness, a rest upon the way,
from the burning of the noontide heat,
and the burden of the day.

2. Upon that cross of Jesus mine eye at times can see
the very dying form of One who suffered there for me;
and from my stricken heart with tears
two wonders, I confess:
the wonders of redeeming love and my unworthiness.

***GOSPEL**

Jason Sherron

Luke 7:36-38 (NRSV)

³⁶ One of the Pharisees asked Jesus to eat with him, and he went into the Pharisee's house and took his place at the table. ³⁷ And a woman in the city, who was a sinner, having learned that he was eating in the Pharisee's house, brought an alabaster jar of ointment. ³⁸ She stood behind him at his feet, weeping, and began to bathe his feet with her tears and to dry them with her hair. Then she continued kissing his feet and anointing them with the ointment.

Mark 14:3-9 (NRSV)

³ While he was at Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, ^[a] as he sat at the table, a woman came with an alabaster jar of very costly ointment of nard, and she broke open the jar and poured the ointment on his head. ⁴ But some were there who said to one another in anger, 'Why was the ointment wasted in this way?' ⁵ For this ointment could have been sold for more than three hundred denarii, ^[b] and the money given to the poor.' And they scolded her. ⁶ But Jesus said, 'Let her alone; why do you trouble her? She has performed a good service for me. ⁷ For you always have the poor with you, and you can show kindness to them whenever you wish; but you will not always have me. ⁸ She has done what she could; she has anointed my body beforehand for its burial. ⁹ Truly I tell you, wherever the good news ^[c] is

proclaimed in the whole world, what she has done will be told in remembrance of her.'

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

Thanks be to God!

SERMON "Unlikely Offering: Mary of Bethany"
Rev. Boruff

HYMN "Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross" #301

1. Jesus, keep me near the cross; there a precious fountain, free to all, a healing stream, flows from Calvary's mountain.

Refrain:

In the cross, in the cross, be my glory ever,
till my raptured soul shall find rest beyond the river.

4. Near the cross I'll watch and wait,
hoping, trusting ever,
till I reach the golden strand
just beyond the river. (Refrain)

MUSIC FOR SENDING Alpha Brass

"Jesus Loves Me" by James Anderson

***BENEDICTION**

Enter Lent knowing your life has been touched by the presence of Jesus Christ. Let the God of life sustain you.

We go surrounded by the love of Christ. Amen!

**Please stand as you are able.*

THANK YOU
for assisting in worship!
Worship Leaders: Claire Miller & Jason Sherron
Music: Alpha Brass
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:** 101 guests were served last Sunday. It was a blessing to serve the community.
- **200 ENVELOPES FUNDRAISER:** Family Ministry Fundraiser is 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 Family Ministries!
- **LENTEN STUDY GROUPS:** It is NOT TOO LATE! Join a study of your choice—various leaders, days, times and locations available. Be a part of this powerful opportunity!
- **SUMMER CAMP:** Do you have a child or student interested in attending an Impact summer camp? Check out the website and let Ally Hall know if you would like to participate. You will receive a special code to use during registration. Spots are limited, so please let us know soon! Early bird registration is open now & ends on April 20.
<https://impact2818.org/summer-camps/>
- **WHAT IS YOUR UNLIKELY OFFERING?** Pray this week about these questions that will prepare us for Easter: How will I let love grow? What will I take on? What will I let go?

We give thanks for today's:

Ushers: Dick Falkenberry, Debbie Millikan,
Dale Mendenhall, Andre Streaty

Greeters: Betsey Bachman, Miriam & Charlie Jones

Coffee Hosts: The Cortes Family

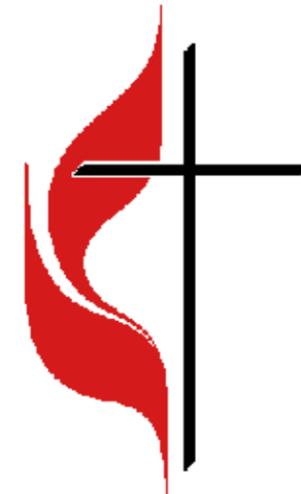
Weekly Schedule

Sun 02/22			
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 02/23			
10:30 am	Lenten Study	North/South Parlor	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
7:00 pm	Budget Vendors Committee Meeting	Conference Room	Downtown
Tues 02/24			
9:00 am	Sew Day	Fellowship Hall	Downtown
1:00 pm	Outreach Committee Meeting	Conference Room	Downtown
4:00 pm	AACC Rehearsal	Sanctuary, Choir Room	Downtown
Wed 02/25			
3:00 pm	Coffee With Corinne		Facebook
4:30 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	Lenten Study	North/South Parlor	Downtown
6:00 pm	Bell Choir Rehearsal	Bell Room	Downtown
7:00 pm	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary, Choir Room	Downtown
Thurs 02/26			
No activities to report			
Fri 02/27			
9:00 am	PlainSong Concert Set-up	Sanctuary	Downtown
9:00 am	Bible Study	North/South Parlor	Downtown
12:00 pm	Downtown Devotions		Facebook Page
6:00 pm	PlainSong Concert	Sanctuary	Downtown
Sat 02/28			
8:00 am	Lenten Breakfast—Ford St Church	925 Ford St	Lapel, IN
9:00 am	AA Meeting	Est/West Parlor	Downtown
9:00 am	PlainSong Rehearsal	Sanctuary	Downtown
11:00 am	PlainSong Concert	Sanctuary	Downtown
3:00 pm	PlainSong Concert	Sanctuary	Downtown
Sun 03/01			
10:00 am	Worship	Sanctuary	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