

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT  
March 1, 2026 – 10 a.m.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

\*GREETING

MUSIC FOR GATHERING Susan Finger  
"My Faith Looks Up to Thee"

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

ONE: We are on a journey of faith. Jesus is our leader and our guide.

**ALL: We place our trust in him.**

ONE: As the daylight hours grow longer, our journey takes on a urgency.

**ALL: We must prepare our hearts for Jerusalem**

ONE: Hold onto Hope! God goes before us, into Jerusalem, into the world.

**ALL: Amen!**

\*HYMN "My Hope is Built" #368

1. My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness. I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

Refrain:

On Christ the solid rock I stand, all other ground is sinking sand;  
all other ground is sinking sand.

2. When Darkness veils his lovely face, I rest on his unchanging grace. In every high and Stormy gale, my anchor holds within the veil.  
(Refrain)

4. When he shall come with trumpet sound, O may I then in him be found! Dressed in his righteousness alone, faultless to stand before the throne! (Refrain)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Ally Hall

OFFERING TO GOD

INVITATION Maizen Hochstetler  
OFFERTORY Wesley Chorale  
"Come Thou Fount"

\*DOXOLOGY

**Praise God, from m 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 Maizen Hochstetler

ANTHEM Wesley Chorale  
"Precious Lord, Take My Hand"

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Mary Brown

\*HYMN "In the Cross of Christ I Glory" #295

1. In the cross of Christ I glory, towering o'er the wrecks of time; all the light of sacred story gathers round its head sublime.

2. When the woes of life o'ertake me, hopes deceive, and fears annoy, never shall the cross forsake me. Lo! it glows with peace and joy.

\*GOSPEL John 3:16-17 (NRSV) Mary Brown

<sup>16</sup>For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. <sup>17</sup>Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

Mark 14:66-72 (NRSV)

<sup>66</sup>While Peter was below in the courtyard, one of the servant-girls of the high priest came by. <sup>67</sup>When she saw Peter warming himself, she stared at him and said, 'You also were with Jesus, the man from Nazareth.' <sup>68</sup>But he denied it, saying, 'I do not know or understand what you are talking about.' And he went out into the forecourt. Then the cock crowed. <sup>69</sup>And the servant-girl, on seeing him, began again to say to the bystanders, 'This man is one of them.' <sup>70</sup>But again he denied it. Then after a little while the bystanders again said to Peter, 'Certainly you are one of them; for you are a Galilean.' <sup>71</sup>But he began to curse, and he swore an oath, 'I do not know this man you are talking about.' <sup>72</sup>At that moment the cock crowed for the second time. Then Peter remembered that Jesus had said to him, 'Before the cock crows twice, you will deny me three times.' And he broke down and wept.

This is God's Word for us today.

**Thanks be to God.**

SERMON "Unlikely Opposition: The Servant Girl"  
Rev. Boruff

HYMN "My Jesus, I Love Thee" #172

1. My Jesus, I love thee, I know thou art mine;  
for thee all the follies of sin I resign.  
My gracious Redeemer, my Savior art thou;  
if ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

2. I love thee because thou hast first loved me,  
and purchased my pardon on Calvary's tree;  
I love thee for wearing the thorns on thy brow;  
if ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

May the Lord of the journey be with you.

**And also with you.**

Pilgrims of God, lift up your hearts.

**We offer them to the One who denied himself to carry us into eternal life.**

Out of that barrenness called chaos you called into life all that is good and true, Extravagant God:

....Therefore, we join our voices with those from every time and in every place, forever singing your praises:

**Holy, holy, holy, God who calls life into being. All the ends of the earth and far corners of the universe sing of your glory. Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is the One who comes to take up his cross. Hosanna in the highest!**

When Jesus could have stumbled over our distrust,.... we declare that in his crucifixion and resurrection we find the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died; Christ is Risen; Christ will come again.**

Here, at this Table,.... all glory and honor are yours, Almighty God, now and forever. **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER (unison)

SHARING THE ELEMENTS

*All are welcome to share in Christ's gift.*

HYMN "Rock of Ages" #361

1. Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in thee;  
let the water and the blood, from thy wounded side  
which flowed, be of sin the double cure; save from wrath  
and make me pure.

2. Not the labors of my hands can fulfill thy law's commands;  
could my zeal no respite know, could my tears forever flow,  
all for sin could not atone; thou must save, and thou alone.

MUSIC FOR SENDING Susan Finger  
"Precious Lord, Take My Hand"

\*BENEDICTION

We leave acknowledging that all that clutters and consumes us,

**We lay down.**

Attitudes that separate and divide us,

**We lay down.**

All those things that are obstacles to claiming you as Lord, we lay down.

**So that we may carry with us your gifts of hope, peace, love and joy! Amen!**

*\*Please stand as you are able.*

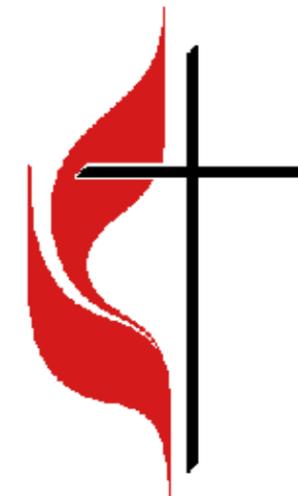
THANK YOU  
for assisting in worship!  
Worship Leaders: Maizen Hochstetler & Mary Brown  
Communion Servers: Dick & Mary Falkenberry,  
Frank & Sarah Later,  
Jessica McCleery & Skylar St. Laurent  
Music: Wesley Chorale  
Sound Tech: Mark Murray  
Visual Tech: Matt Stout

# Weekly Schedule



**First United Methodist**

FAITH FIRST. FAMILIES FIRST. ANDERSON FIRST.



**SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT  
HOLY COMMUNION  
March 1, 2026 @ 10:00 AM**

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

## GUEST PREACHER

Join me in extending our gratitude to Rev. Dale Mendenhall on March 8. He will be leading worship as Rev. Corinne Boruff will be away officiating a wedding in Northern Indiana.

## 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 CAFÉ:** 80 guests were served last Sunday. It was a blessing to serve the community.
- **TIME CHANGE:** Remember to move your clocks **1 hour ahead** next Sunday, March 8.
- **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?

<b>Sun 03/01</b>			
10:00 am	Worship Service	Sanctuary	Downtown
2:00 pm	Worship		Primrose
4:30 pm	Food@First	Narthex	Downtown
<b>Mon 03/02</b>			
10:30 am	Lenten Study	North/south Parlor	Downtown
1:00 pm	Grants Committee Meeting	Conference Room	Downtown
4:30 pm	Exercise Class		Davis Park/Lodge
6:00 pm	AA Big Book Study	North/South Parlor	Downtown
<b>Tues 03/03</b>			
9:00 am	Sew Day	Fellowship Hall	Downtown
10:00 am	Staff Meeting	Conference Room	Downtown
10:00 am	Book Club	Library	Downtown
4:00 pm	AACC Rehearsal	Sanctuary, Choir Room	Downtown
<b>Wed 03/04</b>			
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	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
<b>Thurs 03/05</b>			
10:00 am	Friendship Bible Study Circle	North/South Parlor	Downtown
4:00 pm	Investment Committee Meeting	Conference Room	Downtown
<b>Fri 03/06</b>			
9:00 am	Bible Study - Lenten Study	North/South Parlor	Downtown
12:00 pm	Downtown Devotions		Facebook Page
<b>Sat 03/07</b>			
8:00 am	Lenten Breakfast-New Horizon Church	611 E 53rd St	Anderson
9:00 am	AA Meeting	East/West Parlor	Downtown
<b>Sun 03/08</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	Downtown

We give thanks for today's:

**Ushers:** Steve Seybert, Tim Kline, Cliff Ambler, Jerry Hardacre, Dick Hines

**Greeters:** Sharon & Ron McNabney, Nina Kline

**Coffee Hosts:** Judy Whitney