

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT
March 15, 2026 – 10 a.m.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**PATHWAY: Living our Faith, Nurturing Families,
Serving our Communities.**

***GREETING**

MUSIC FOR GATHERING

Susan Finger
"Concerto in C' by Vivaldi

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Chris Tupling

ONE: Come, all ye faithful...

ALL: To worship, praise, and pray.

ONE: Come, all ye unfaithful...

ALL: For God's love welcomes us home.

ONE: Come into the presence of Christ...

ALL: For Christ's grace makes us new and whole.

ONE: Let us pray.

ALL: God of ages past and present, your faithfulness welcomes us into your love, as we worship you this day. Draw closer to us, that we might trust your promises and follow your ways. In hope and faith, we pray. Amen.

***HYMN** "O God, Our Help in Ages Past" #117

1. O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come, our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home.

2. Under the shadow of thy throne, still may we dwell secure; sufficient is thine arm alone, and our defense is sure.

6. O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come; be thou our guide while life shall last, and our eternal home.

OFFERING TO GOD

INVITATION

Chris Tupling

OFFERTORY

Handbell Quartet

"This Is My Fathers World"

***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**

Chris Tupling

ANTHEM

Handbell Quartet
"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

DeWayne Landwehr

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**

"The Church's One Foundation" #545

1. The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord; she is his new creation by water and the Word. From heaven he came and sought her to be his holy bride; with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.

4. Mid toil and tribulation, and tumult of her war, she waits the consummation of peace forevermore; till, with the vision glorious, her longing eyes are blest, and the great church victorious shall be the church at rest.

***GOSPEL**

DeWayne Landwehr

Matthew 5:39-42

³⁹ But I say to you: Do not resist an evildoer. But if anyone strikes you on the right cheek, turn the other also, ⁴⁰ and if anyone wants to sue you and take your shirt, give your coat as well, ⁴¹ and if anyone forces you to go one mile, go also the second mile. ⁴² Give to the one who asks of you, and do not refuse anyone who wants to borrow from you.

Mark 15: 20-24

²⁰ After mocking him, they stripped him of the purple cloak and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him out to crucify him. ²¹ They compelled a passer-by, who was coming in from the country, to carry his cross; it was Simon of Cyrene, the father of Alexander and Rufus. ²² Then they brought Jesus to the place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull). ²³ And they offered him wine mixed with myrrh, but he did not take it. ²⁴ And they crucified him and divided his clothes among them, casting lots to decide what each should take.

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

Thanks be to God!

SERMON

"Unlikely Companionship: Simon of Cyrene"

Rev. Boruff

HYMN

"Take Up Thy Cross" #415

1. "Take up thy Cross," the Savior said,
"if thou wouldst my disciple be;
deny thyself, the world forsake,

and humbly follow after me."

4. Take up thy cross and follow Christ,
nor think till death to lay it down;
for only those who bear the cross
may hope to wear the glorious crown.

MUSIC FOR SENDING

Susan Finger

"Darwell's 48th" by Lasky

***BENEDICTION**

**Please stand as you are able.*

THANK YOU

for assisting in worship!

Worship Leaders: Chris Tupling & DeWayne Landwehr

Music: Handbell Quartet

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
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:** 79 guests were served last Sunday. It was a blessing to serve the community.
- **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/>
- **BREAKFAST LENTEN SERIES:** On March 21 the breakfast and program will be at St. Ambrose Church in Anderson. The speaker will be Rev. Steve Holdzkom and music will be provided by Matt McClintick. Breakfasts are 8—9:30 a.m. All are welcome!
- **EGGSTRAVAGANZA:** On Saturday, March 21, noon -2 p.m. we will be offering a Drive-thru experience and a sensory-friendly Easter event at our downtown location! We will offer egg hunt kits, crafts, games, and pictures with the Easter Bunny. This free event is perfect for all ages, offering a sensory-safe environment where everyone can celebrate the resurrection of Jesus.
- **CANDY DONATIONS:** We invite you to contribute individually wrapped, non-chocolate candies or small toys for Anderson First's Easter Event! Please make sure that donations are able to fit inside of Easter eggs!
- **INDOOR EGG HUNT:** On April 5, Easter Sunday at 10 a.m. our First Kids Classes will celebrate the joy of Easter with exciting confetti poppers and a free indoor Easter egg hunt in the Fellowship Hall at

We give thanks for today's:

Ushers: Dick Falkenberry, Ryan Falkenberry, Bonnie Belangee, Jeff Dyer

Greeters: Jim Ault, Pat Walker

Coffee Hosts: Judy Whitney

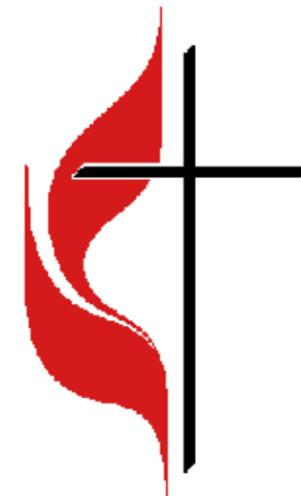
Weekly Schedule

Sun 03/15			
9:00 am	Trustee's Meeting	Conference Room	Downtown
9:25 am	Kids Choir	Choir Room	Downtown
10:00 am	Worship Service	Sanctuary	Downtown
2:00 pm	Worship		Primrose
4:30 pm	Food@First	Narthex	Downtown
Mon 03/16			
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
Tues 03/17			
9:00 am	Sew Day	Fellowship Hall	Downtown
10:00 am	Staff Meeting	Conference Room	Downtown
12:00 pm	Willing Workers	North/South Parlor	Downtown
5:00 pm	Gateway Board Meeting	East/West Parlor	Downtown
Wed 03/18			
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
Thurs 03/19			
6:00 pm	Staff Parish Committee Meeting	Conference Room	Downtown
Fri 03/20			
9:00 am	Bible Study - Lenten Study	North/South Parlor	Downtown
11:30 am	JOY Lunch	North/South Parlor	Downtown
12:00 pm	Downtown Devotions		Facebook Page
Sat 03/21			
8:00 am	Lenten Breakfast — St. Ambrose Church	2801 Lincoln St	Anderson
9:00 am	AA Meeting	East/West Parlor	Downtown
12:00 pm	Easter Eggstravaganza	Portico, Fellowship Hall	Downtown
Sun 03/22			
9:25 am	Kids Choir	Choir Room	Downtown
10:00 am	Worship	Sanctuary	Downtown
11:15 am	AFS Youth Group	Youth Room	Downtown
2:00 pm	Worship		Primrose
4:30 PM	Community Café	Fellowship Hall	Downtown



First United Methodist

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