

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT
March 22, 2026 – 10 a.m.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. White
**PATHWAY: Living our Faith, Nurturing Families,
Serving our Communities.**

***GREETING**

MUSIC FOR GATHERING Susan Finger
"Steal Away" arr. Kindell

***CALL TO WORSHIP** Candy Short

ONE: Break open our hearts this morning to hear
your word, O God.

**ALL: Let our fears disappear, our spirits
restored!**

ONE: Come and let us worship with great joy!

**ALL: Let us drop the things of the past which
weighed us down!**

ONE: God is about to do something new in our
lives!

**ALL: Let God's will be the foundation of our
lives. 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 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.

5. Yet she on earth hath union with God the Three
in One, and mystic sweet communion
with those whose rest is won.

O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace
that we like them, the meek and lowly,
on high may dwell with thee.

OFFERING TO GOD

INVITATION Candy Short
OFFERTORY Sanctuary Choir
"O Love That Will Not Let Me Go"

***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** Candy Short

ANTHEM "Cry No More" Sanctuary Choir

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Ron McNabney

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** "Can It Be That I Should Gain" #363

1. And can it be that I should gain
an interest in the Savior's blood!
Died he for me? who caused his pain!
For me? who him to death pursued?
Amazing love! How can it be
that thou, my God, shouldst die for me?
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3. He left his Father's throne above
(so free, so infinite his grace!),
emptied himself of all but love,
and bled for Adam's helpless race.
'Tis mercy all, immense and free,
for O my God, it found out me!
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***GOSPEL** Ron McNabney

Matthew 27:55-56 (NRSV)

⁵⁵ Many women were also there, looking on from a
distance; they had followed Jesus from Galilee,
ministering to him. ⁵⁶ Among them were Mary
Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James and
Joseph, and the mother of the sons of Zebedee.

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

Thanks be to God!

SERMON "Unlikely Courage: The Women at the Cross"
Rev. White

HYMN "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" #400

1. Come, thou Fount of every blessing,
tune my heart to sing thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing,
call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet,
sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it,
mount of thy redeeming love.

2. Here I raise mine Ebenezer;
hither by thy help I'm come;
and I hope, by thy good pleasure,
safely to arrive at home.

Jesus sought me when a stranger,
wandering from the fold of God;
he, to rescue me from danger,
interposed his precious blood.

3. O to grace how great a debtor
daily I'm constrained to be!
Let thy goodness, like a fetter,
bind my wandering heart to thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,
prone to leave the God I love;
here's my heart, O take and seal it,
seal it for thy courts above.

MUSIC FOR SENDING Susan Finger
"Postlude o Nivea" arr. Lasky

***BENEDICTION** Ron McNabney

**Please stand as you are able.*

THANK YOU
for assisting in worship!
Worship Leaders: Candy Short and Ron McNabney
Music: Sanctuary Choir
Sound Tech: Mark Murray
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!
- **FOOD@FIRST:** 75 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 and ends on April 20.
<https://impact2818.org/summer-camps/>
- **BREAKFAST LENTEN SERIES:** On March 28 the breakfast and program will be at Anderson First UMC with Rev. Brian White as the speaker and the Murray Family providing the music. Breakfasts are 8—9:30 a.m. All are welcome!
- **INDOOR EGG HUNT:** On April 5, Easter Sunday at 10:00 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 11:15 a.m.
- **EASTER LILIES:** Order yours in Honor or Memory of loved ones. Please complete a form and include \$15/lily by March 30. Take them home Easter Sunday.
- **SPRING BIBLE STUDY :** “The Lord and His Prayer” by N.T. Wright on April 13–May 24, Mondays at 10:30 a.m. Led by Pastor Brian White in the North/South Parlor or online. Sign up today!
- **JOY LUNCH RESCHEDULED:** J.O.Y. Lunch with Steve Jackson presenting will be on **Friday, March 27**. Make your reservations by Wednesday, March 25. See You there!
- **HOLY WEEK:** Begins next Sunday, Palm Sunday!

We give thanks for today’s:

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

Greeters: Betsey Bachman, Mariam & Charlie Jones

Coffee Hosts: Jim Ault

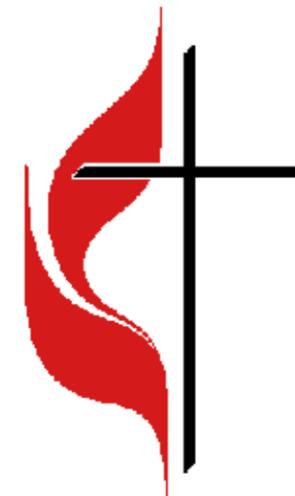
Weekly Schedule

Sun 03/22			
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 Café	Fellowship Hall	Downtown
Mon 03/23			
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
6:00 pm	Alpha Brass Rehearsal	Alpha Brass Room	Downtown
Tues 03/24			
9:00 am	Sew Day	Fellowship Hall	Downtown
10:00 am	Staff Meeting	Conference Room	Downtown
4:00 pm	AACC Rehearsal	Sanctuary, Choir Room	Downtown
Wed 03/25			
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 03/26			
6:00 pm	Adapt Dinner	North/south Parlor	Downtown
Fri 03/27			
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 03/28			
7:00 am	Lenten Breakfast Set-up	Fellowship Hall	Downtown
8:00 am	Lenten Breakfast—AFUMC	Fellowship Hall	Downtown
9:00 am	AA Meeting	East/West Parlor	Downtown
1:00 pm	Smiles In The City Easter Egg Hunt		Davis Park/Lodge
Sun 03/29 PALM SUNDAY			
9:25 am	Kids Choir	Choir Room	Downtown
10:00 am	Worship	Sanctuary	Downtown
2:00 pm	Worship		Primrose
3:00 pm	Alpha Brass Spring Concert	Sanctuary	Downtown
4:30 pm	Community Café	Fellowship Hall	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