_IN_ CHRIST
STEWARDSHIP SERIES
September 27, 2026 – 10:00 a.m.

Add your puzzle piece to the IN CHRIST puzzle to show that you are a part of the Body of Christ.

WELCOME

***GREETING**

MUSIC FOR GATHERING Susan Finger
"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

***CALL TO WORSHIP** Matt McClintick

ONE: We come to celebrate God's blessings to us and we proclaim: Surely God is in this place!

ALL: We come to open ourselves to God's guidance and love and we say: Surely God is in this place!

ONE: We come to see more clearly God's presence in our lives and we cry: Surely God is in this place!

ALL: We come to see God in community both far and near, and we hold fast to the promise: Surely God is in this place!

ONE: We come to pray, praise, and offer ourselves to God and we exclaim: Surely God is in this place! Come, let us worship!

ALL: We look and see God with us—alive and at work. Our God is here!

*HYMN "Come, Christians, Join to Sing" #158

1. Come, Christians, join to sing, Alleluia, Amen!
Loud praise to Christ our King, Alleluia, Amen!
Let all with heart and voice Before his throne rejoice;
Praise is his gracious choice; Alleluia, Amen!

2. Come, lift your hearts on high; Alleluia, Amen!
Let praises fill the sky; Alleluia, Amen!
He is our Guide and Friend; To us he'll condescend;
His love shall never end; Alleluia, Amen!

3. Praise yet the Lord again; Alleluia, Amen!
Life shall not end the strain; Alleluia, Amen!
On Heaven's blissful shore His goodness we'll adore,
Singing forever more, Alleluia, Amen!

OFFERING TO GOD
STEWARDSHIP INVITATION Matt McClintick
OFFERTORY Wesley Chorale
"Amazing Grace"

***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** Matt McClintick

ANTHEM Wesley Chorale
"Ride Up in the Chariot"

PROVIDING HOPE Susan Selby

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 "Take My Life, and Let It Be" #399

1. Take my life, and let it be
consecrated, Lord, to thee.
Take my moments and my days;
let them flow in ceaseless praise.
Take my hands, and let them move
at the impulse of thy love.
Take my feet, and let them be
swift and beautiful for thee.

3. Take my will, and make it thine;
it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is thine own;
it shall be thy royal throne.
Take my love, my Lord, I pour
at thy feet its treasure-store.
Take myself, and I will be
ever, only, all for thee.

NEW TESTAMENT Ron McNabney
Ephesians 1:3-14 (NIV)

3 Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus
Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with
every spiritual blessing in Christ. 4 For he chose us in him
before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless
in his sight. In love 5 he[a] predestined us for adoption to
sonship[b] through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his
pleasure and will— 6 to the praise of his glorious grace,
which he has freely given us in the One he loves. 7 In
him we have redemption through his blood, the
forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of
God's grace 8 that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and
understanding, 9 he[c] made known to us the mystery of
his will according to his good pleasure, which he
purposed in Christ, 10 to be put into effect when the
times reach their fulfillment—to bring unity to all things
in heaven and on earth under Christ. 11 In him we were
also chosen,[d] having been predestined according to the
plan of him who works out everything in conformity with
the purpose of his will, 12 in order that we, who were the
first to put our hope in Christ, might be for the praise
of his glory. 13 And you also were included in Christ
when you heard the message of truth, the gospel of
your salvation. When you believed, you were marked
in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, 14 who is
a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the
redemption of those who are God's possession—to the
praise of his glory.

Ephesians 2:10
10 For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus
to do good works, which God prepared in advance
for us to do.

This is God's Word for God's people today.
Thanks be to God!

SERMON Invest in Hope Rev. Boruff

HYMN "Rejoice, the Lord Is King" #715

1. Rejoice, the Lord is King! Your Lord and King adore;
mortals, give thanks and sing, and triumph evermore.
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice; rejoice;
again I say, rejoice.

2. Jesus the Savior reigns, the God of truth and love;
when he had purged our stains, he took his seat above.
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice; rejoice,
again I say, rejoice.

STEWARDSHIP RESPONSE
God gave us this church—this imperfect clump of humanity that gathers week after week, striving to be better, striving to do good in the world. God gave and gave, and gives and gives; and how do we respond?
We say thank you.
We give what we can.
We let it feel like a joy, not an obligation.
We let it feel like a gift, not a burden.
We show up in this space.
We believe these gifts can somehow make a difference, and we refuse to give up on this world.
Thank goodness for a God that forever outgives.
Thank goodness for the opportunity to say thank you for it all. Amen.

MUSIC FOR SENDING Susan Finger
"Festive Praise"

***BENEDICTION**

**Please stand as you are able.*

THANK YOU
for assisting in worship!
Worship Leaders: Matt McClintick, Susan Selby & Ron McNabney
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
  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:** 74 guests were served last Sunday. It was a blessing to serve the community.
- **PUZZLE PIECES:** Write your name on a puzzle piece and connect it to the IN CHRIST puzzle on the window between the sanctuary and the narthex. EVERYONE is an important part of the Body of Christ. Let everyone know that your are in Christ and Christ is in you!
- **CONNECT@FIRST** by accepting Rev. Corinne Boruff's invitation to LUNCH & ORIENTATION on **Saturday, October 3 at 11:00 a.m.** in the North/ South Parlor. Have your questions answered, here about becoming a member, schedule your Sunday to join, and meet others. The entire family is encouraged to come. Please make your reservation by the end of the day October 1 by calling the church office 765-643-6977. Hope you will join me! Pastor Corinne
- **FALL-A-PALOOZA** Anderson First's Fall Festival is Saturday, October 17 from 11:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m. at Davis Park. NOW is the time to volunteer to help! See Ally Hall to volunteer. The event would not be possible without you!
- **200TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION CONTINUES!** The Historic Display remains in the Library and the Art Display is available in the chapel.
- **BIBLE STUDY:** Pastor Brian White's study on "Philippians" continues thru November 16. Join him Mondays at 10:30 a.m. in person or online.

Weekly Schedule

Sun 09/27			
9:25 am	Kids Choir	Choir room	Downtown
10:00 am	Worship	Sanctuary	Downtown
11:15 am	AFS Youth Group	Youth Room, HS Room	Downtown
2:00 pm	Worship		Primrose
4:30 pm	Roesch Community Café	Fellowship Hall	Downtown
Mon 09/28			
10:30 am	Bible Study	North/South Parlor	Downtown
4:30 pm	Exercise Class		Davis Park/Lodge
6:00 pm	AA Big Book Study	East/West Parlor	Downtown
6:00 pm	Finance Committee Meeting	North/South Parlor	Downtown
6:30 pm	Alpha Brass Rehearsal	Alpha Brass Room	Downtown
7:00 pm	Budget Benders	Conference Room	Downtown
Tues 09/29			
9:00 am	Sew Day	Fellowship Hall	Downtown
6:00 pm	Nominations Committee Meeting	Conference Room	Downtown
Wed 09/30			
11:00 am	Grants Committee Meeting	Conference Room	Downtown
3:00 pm	Coffee With Corinne		Facebook Page
4:30 pm	Exercise Class		Davis Park/Lodge
6:00 pm	AFS Midweek	Youth Room, HS Room	Downtown
6:00 pm	First Kids Club Game Night	Gym, Kids Classrooms	Downtown
6:00 pm	Bell Choir Rehearsal	Bell Room	Downtown
7:00 pm	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary, Choir Room	Downtown
Thurs 10/01			
10:00 am	Friendship Bible Circle	North/South Parlor	Downtown
Fri 10/02			
9:00 am	Bible Study	North/South Parlor	Downtown
12:00 pm	Downtown Devotions		
Sat 10/03			
9:00 am	AA Meeting	East/West Parlor	Downtown
11:00 am	Connect@First Luncheon	North/South Parlor	Downtown
Sun 10/04			
9:25 am	Kids Choir	Choir Room	Downtown
10:00 am	Worship	Sanctuary	Downtown
11:15 am	Family Ministry Committee Meeting	Conference Room	Downtown
2:00 pm	Worship		Primrose
4:30 PM	Food@First	Narthex	Downtown

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Stewardship Series
September 27, 2026—10:00 a.m.

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