IN CHRIST
STEWARDSHIP SERIES
October 11, 2026 - 10:00 a.m.

WELCOME Rev. White

***GREETING**

MUSIC FOR GATHERING Susan Finger
"The King of Love My Shepherd Is" arr. Kim

***CALL TO WORSHIP** Mark Finger

ONE: We gather for worship today to celebrate our gifts.
ALL: We are celebrating the gifts we give to this church, the pledges we are making for the upcoming year.
ONE: We gather for worship today to celebrate our community.
ALL: We are celebrating the love and support that we give to one another as we are united by God's grace.
ONE: We gather for worship today to celebrate our future.
ALL: We are celebrating a future full of service, a future full of worship and a future full of growth. We are celebrating a future of unity.
ONE: Let us gather in celebration!
ALL: Let us worship God!

***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
CONNECTING THRU MUSIC Mark Finger
OFFERTORY "Joy and Elation" Wesley Bells
***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** Mark Finger

ANTHEM "Shall We Gather at the River" Wesley Bells

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Dick Falkenberry

LORD'S PRAYER (union)

HYMN "Sing Praise to God" #126

1. Sing praise to God who reigns above,
the God of all creation,
the God of power, the God of love,
the God of our salvation.
With healing balm my soul is filled
and every faithless murmur stilled:
To God all praise and glory.

4. Let all who name Christ's holy name
give God all praise and glory;
let all who own his power proclaim
aloud the wondrous story!
Cast each false idol from its throne,
for Christ is Lord, and Christ alone:
To God all praise and glory.

NEW TESTAMENT Dick Falkenberry
Philippians 4:1-9 (NRSVUE)

[1] Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long
for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way,
my beloved. [2] I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of
the same mind in the Lord. [3] Yes, and I ask you also, my
loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled
beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement
and the rest of my coworkers, whose names are in the book
of life. [4] Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice.
[5] Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is
near. [6] Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything
by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your
requests be made known to God. [7] And the peace of God,
which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts
and your minds in Christ Jesus. [8] Finally, brothers and
sisters, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is
just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is
commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is
anything worthy of praise, think about these things. [9] As for
the things that you have learned and received and heard
and noticed in me, do them, and the God of peace will be
with you. glory forever and ever. Amen.

***GOSPEL** Matthew 22:1-14 (NRSVUE) Rev. White

[1] Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: [2] "The
kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a
wedding banquet for his son. [3] He sent his slaves to call
those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but
they would not come. [4] Again he sent other slaves, saying,
'Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared
my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been
slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding
banquet.' [5] But they made light of it and went away, one to
his farm, another to his business, [6] while the rest seized his
slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. [7] The king was
enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers,
and burned their city. [8] Then he said to his slaves, 'The
wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy.
[9] Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone
you find to the wedding banquet.' [10] Those slaves went
out into the streets and gathered all whom they found,
both good and bad, so the wedding hall was filled with
guests. [11] "But when the king came in to see the guests,
he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding
robe, [12] and he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in
here without a wedding robe?' And he was speechless.
[13] Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand
and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where
there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' [14] For
many are called, but few are chosen."

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

SERMON Inspire Connection Rev. White
Description: Paul gives thanks for his co-workers in Philippi. The early church relied on Christian community to survive and spread the gospel.

HYMN "The Church's One Foundation" #546

1. The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ our Lord;
we are his new creation by water and the Word;
from heaven he came and sought us that we
might ever be his living servant people, by
his own death set free.

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

5. We now on earth hath union with God the Three
in One, and share through faith communion
with those whose rest is won. Oh, happy ones, and
Holy! Lord, give us peace that we like them,
the meek and lowly on high may dwell with thee.

A STEWARD'S RESPONSE Dick Falkenberry
Through God's grace, our stewardship changes from specific acts to a lifestyle of stewardship. Because God transforms our hearts, we are eager to do what pleases and honors God.
Grant us, Lord, the faith we need to live each day as stewards!

MUSIC FOR SENDING Susan Finger
"To God Be the Glory" arr. Johnson

***BENEDICTION** Dick Falkenberry

**Please stand as you are able.*

THANK YOU
Worship Leaders: Mark Finger & Dick Falkenberry
Musicians: Wesley Bells
Sound: 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:** 82 guests were served last Sunday. It was a blessing to serve the community.
- **PASTOR APPRECIATION:** Sunday, October 11 with the entire month of October recognized as Pastor Appreciation Month in the United Methodist Church. Meaningful ways to celebrate this is 1. Say it with food; Letter of encouragement & appreciation; Gifts of rest; Cover them in prayer; Practical support.
- **AWAY:** Pastor Corinne is enjoying her family, and her daughter's wedding the weekend of October 11.
- **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.
- **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!
- **CANDY:** Your candy donations are still needed for the Fall-a-Palooza treats. Collection crates are in the narthex or at Ally's office.
- **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.

We give thanks for today's:
Greeters: Becky Ball, Kay and Kaylyn McConnell
Ushers: Bill Kahle, Dorinda and Richard Cassiday, Bob Ballenger
Coffee Host: Juanita Slattery

Weekly Schedule

Sun 10/11			
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 10/12			
1:00 pm	AARP	Fellowship Hall	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
Tues 10/13			
9:00 am	Sew Day	Fellowship Hall	Downtown
10:00 am	Staff Meeting	Conference Room	Downtown
Wed 10/14			
9:00 am	Energy Assistance Day	Door #2	Downtown
9:00 am	Helping Hands Pantry	Door # 3	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	Fireplace Room	Downtown
6:00 pm	Bell Choir Rehearsal	Bell room	Downtown
7:00 pm	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary, Choir Room	Downtown
Thurs 10/15			
10:00 am	Grant Team Committee Meeting	Conference Room	Downtown
Fri 10/16			
9:00 am	Bible Study	North/South Parlor	Downtown
11:30 am	JOY Lunch	North/South Parlor	Downtown
12:00 pm	Downtown Devotions		Facebook Page
Sat 10/17			
9:00 am	Men's Breakfast		Primrose
9:00 am	AA Meeting	East/West Parlor	Downtown
12:00 pm	Fall-a-palloza		Davis Park
Sun 10/18			
9:00 am	Trustee's Meeting	Conference Room	Downtown
9:25 am	Kids Choir	Choir Room	Downtown
10:00 am	Worship	Sanctuary	Downtown
11:15 am	Stewardship Meal Pitch-in	Fellowship Hall	Downtown
2:00 pm	Worship		Primrose
4:30 PM	Food@First	Narthex	Downtown

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