



AMES FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

*To make disciples of Jesus,
who serve beyond the walls.*

5:30 PM Saturday

Fourth Week after the Epiphany

February 1, 2025

THE GATHERING

Ilene Riitano

"Holy is the Lord" - Franz Schubert, arr. Fred Bock
"Holy, Holy, Holy" - John B. Dickens, arr. Fred Bock

GREETING

SHARING NEWS OF THE CHURCH ALIVE

*PASSING OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 71:1-12

794, UMH

*HYMN

"Lord of the Dance"

261, UMH

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

881, UMH

*GLORIA PATRI

"Glory Be to the Father"

70, UMH

SHARING OF JOYS, CONCERNS, & GOD-SIGHTINGS

PASTORAL PRAYER w/ The Lord's Prayer **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**

MUSIC FOR MEDITATION

Ilene Riitano

"Father, I Adore You" - Terrye Coelho, arr. Fred Bock

SECOND SCRIPTURE

Luke 4:21-30

SERMON

"In Your Hometown"

Rev. Amanda Gordon

HYMN OF REFLECTION AND PREPARATION FOR COMMUNION

"In Remembrance of Me"

2254, TFWS

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

INVITATION TO OFFER OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

*CLOSING HYMN "O Jesus, I Have Promised" v. 1, 2, & 4 396, UMH

*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

SENDING FORTH Ilene Riitano
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LEAVING FOR SERVICE

*Please stand in body or spirit



Worship through Giving

1. Gifts may be dropped in the basket at the back of the Chapel
2. Scan the QR code to give online
3. Text "Firststames Budget" to 73256 and follow the prompts



Mission Trip



JULY 12TH THROUGH JULY 19TH

APPALACHIA SERVICE PROJECT SEEKS TO REPAIR AND REPLACE HOMES FOR LOW-INCOME FAMILIES. THERE IS SPACE FOR EVERYONE REGARDLESS OF YOUR CONSTRUCTION EXPERIENCE.

**WE ARE EXCITED TO ONCE AGAIN SERVE ON ASP!
ANYONE OVER THE AGE OF 11 HAVING COMPLETED 6TH GRADE IS WELCOME TO JOIN US. CONTACT PASTOR NIKKI AT NIKKI@AMESFIRSTUMC.ORG WITH ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT THE TRIP.**

**LET PASTOR NIKKI KNOW IF YOU ARE INTERESTED.
COME SERVE WITH US!**

Puppy Bowl Sunday!

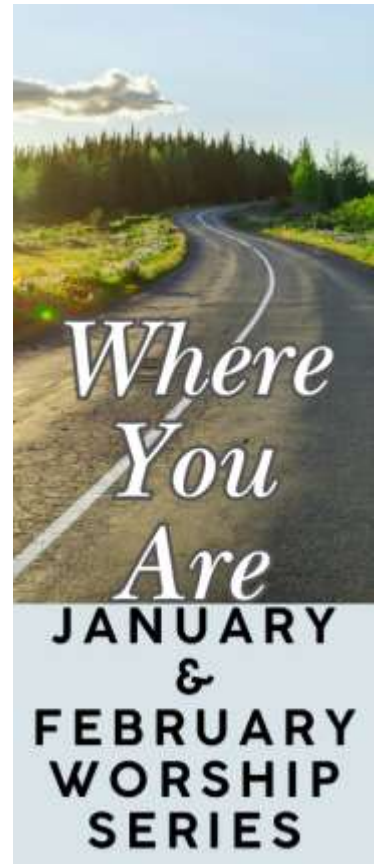
For the fourth year in a row, Ames First will be celebrating the Puppy Bowl by helping out our local animals. We encourage EVERYONE to check out the pets up for adoption. Bring your new, unopened pet food items in the same week as the Soup-er Bowl and place them in the bin for Team Fluff or Team Ruff.

Soup-er Bowl Sunday

Opportunity for ALL AGES to Serve!

This year we will be meeting up during the Sunday School hour on Super Bowl Sunday, **February 9**, to make the soups and sides for the Food at First meal. All are welcome to jump in to the soup-making fun in Fellowship Hall!

We will also be holding a food and funds drive from February 1 through 9. Bins will be decorated for the teams in this year's Super Bowl. and will be by the office so non-perishable food items can be dropped off into "your team's" bin. You can also send or drop off monetary donations to the office that week. Mark the memo for Soup-er Bowl.



Weekly Calendar

Sunday, February 2

Scout Sunday

8:30am Sunday Service/Sanc/
9:30am Coffee and Conversation/
FH
9:45am Sunday School
11:00am Sunday Service/Sanc
6:30pm Youth Group/Kitchen

Monday, February 3

6:00pm Worship Committee/CR

Tuesday, February 4

9:30am Quilters/QR
10:00am Staff Meeting/CR
2:00pm Life Group/CR
5:30pm SPRC/CR

Wednesday, February 5

10:00am Wonderful Wednesday
Women/CR
6:15pm Bells Choir/BC
7:30pm Chancel Choir/Sanc

Thursday, February 6

5:30pm Church Council/MPR and
Zoom

Saturday, February 8

10:00am Prayer Shawls/Parlor
5:30pm Saturday Night Service/
Chapel

+Weekly: Scouts, Golden Kiwanis,
Noon Kiwanis, AA

CHURCH STAFF

Rev. Amanda Gordon, Senior Pastor
Rev. Nikki Ross Bishop, Associate Pastor
Nicole Smith, Christian Education Director
Ilene Riitano, Organist and Music Director
Julie Minot, Office Manager
Vivian Severson, Office Assistant
Reid Cummer, Business Manager
Kris Hinders, Digital Coordinator
James Minot, Maintenance Custodian
Matt Woodworth, Part-time Custodian

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Mon-Thurs 9:00 - 4:00 / Friday 9:00 - 1:00

CONTACT INFORMATION

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Audio/Video/Streaming Volunteers

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+Abbreviations for Room Names:

CR-Conference Rm / FH - Fellowship
Hall / HSR - High School Rm / MPR -
Multi Purpose Rm / Sanc -
Sanctuary / QR - Quilt Rm / HL -
History Library