



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Vision Statement: Love all, be open to all, and connect with God.

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ADAMS

Sunday School ...
Worship ... 8 AM
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HOPEWELL

Sunday School 3rd Sunday ... 9 AM
Worship ... 11 AM
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WILBER

Worship ... 9 AM
Address ... 215 W 4th PO Box 236
Wilber 68465
Phone ... 402-821-2435

PICKRELL

Sunday School ...
Worship ... 10:30 AM
Address ... 402 Austin, Pickrell 68422

Thought for the Week ...
"Every new beginning comes from
some other beginning's end."
... Seneca

PRELUDE

(BRINGING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE CHURCH)

WELCOME/GREETINGS

Leader: Christ is Risen!

Liturgist

People: Christ is risen indeed!

+OPENING HYMN OF PRAISE

This Is The Day

#657

Wandering Heart: "And I Hope" Easter Morning (in unison)

I cannot stay away on Easter Morning. Like Peter, I would run if I could. Stop the car, pump my arms, Take the church steps two at a time, all to know— Did it happen? Did it *really* happen? Is evil no match for love? I'd slide down the center aisle. I'd grab the mic to ask the angels, the heavens, the children, *Were the stories true?*

And in response, the choir would sing, "Alleluia." The children would flower the cross. The preacher would tell me the stone was rolled away. The people would pass the peace, and welcome strangers, and make room in the pews. And with faith over doubt, I would hope. For I imagine that all of that ordinary holiness would be enough for Peter, and it would be enough for me.

+CALL TO WORSHIP (read responsively)

Leader: Yesterday we thought death had won. Yesterday, we thought all was lost. Yesterday, we thought Christ was gone.

People: But not today. Today, we know that love has won. Today, we know that hope is real. Today, we know that Christ is here.

Leader: We have a reason to hope.

People: We have a reason to sing!

Leader: Alleluia!

People: Alleluia!

All: Christ is risen today.

+OPENING PRAYER (in unison)

Open up our minds that the mystery and joy of Easter might feel within reach. Open up our hearts so that we might believe the unbelievable. And like Peter, in this hearing, may we move closer to you. God of the empty tomb, we are hungry for your good news. Speak to us now. With hope in our hearts, we listen and pray, Amen.

+HYMN OF PRAISE

Christ The Lord Is Risen Today (Vs. 1,4)

#302

BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES/ANNOUNCEMENTS

JOYS AND CONCERNS

HYMN OF RESPONSE

In His Time

#2203

PASTORAL PRAYER/APOSTLES' CREED

Pastor Makena

+HYMN

Christ Is Risen (Vs. 1)

#307

+SCRIPTURE

The Word of God for the People of God. Thanks be to God.

+Luke 24:1-12

SPECIAL MUSIC

"The Easter Song"

Cinda Goodrich

THE MESSAGE

"Wandering Heart: And I Hope"

Pastor Makena

HYMN

Come, Thou Fount Of Every Blessing (Vs. 1,3)

#400

HOLY COMMUNION

The Prayer of Great Thanksgiving

Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed!

God of second chances, God of grace, meet us here. Just as you met the disciples at the beach, meet us here. Meet us now. Walk toward us and gather us in. For God, like Peter, we have known storms. People in this room have grieved and gone through a lot this week. Fortunately, like Peter, we have also seen you stop the storms. We have seen your fingerprints in our lives in ways we did not always expect. So, with gratitude in our hearts, we come to you today to say thank you. Thank you for this church family that feels like a home. And so, we rejoice with all your people in this place and with angels and archangels to proclaim the glory of your name.

Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

On the night before Jesus died, he took a loaf of bread, gave thanks, broke it, and said, "Take and eat, whenever you do this, remember me." After supper, Jesus took the cup and blessed it, saying, "This is the new covenant, remember me as often as you drink it."

Easter Sunday

March 31, 2024

+Please stand as you are able.

We do remember. We remember his life of love, his friendship, his teaching, his dying, and his rising to life again. In sharing this meal, we live out the mystery of our faith.

Let us pray; God, we have been back and forth, to and from, on this journey of faith. For every time that you walked the valley with us, for every time that you have met us on the mountaintop, and for every time you have stayed still while we ran toward you, we give you thanks. Never stop meeting us here, meet us now as we celebrate our communion. With wandering but grateful hearts, we pray the words your son taught us to pray, saying:

Our father.....

The body of Christ, given for you. **Amen**
The blood of Christ, given for you. **Amen**

OFFERING OURSELVES AND GIFTS TO GOD

+DOXOLOGY

#95

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

+BENEDICTION

Pastor: Christ is with us in this place.

All: Alleluia!

Pastor: Christ goes with us into the world.

All: Alleluia!

Pastor: Go now in peace. Christ is risen!

All: Risen indeed! Alleluia!

+GOING FORTH

Hail The Day That Sees Him Rise (Vs. 1,4)

#312

+POSTLUDE

Centering practice | *Center yourself in darkness and light. Light a candle. Honor the darkness and see how the light shines.*
Question | **Peter runs to the empty tomb (Lk. 24:1-12). What are you running toward?**

ACTIVITIES & FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES FOR OUR CHURCHES

AT TECUMSEH ...

Coffee Hour Fellowship each Sunday	10:30 AM
Prayer Hour every Monday	10:30-11:30 AM
Martha Circle	5 PM ... April 8
Outreach Committee	Noon ... April 15
Administrative Council	6 PM ... April 25

****CHICKEN STILL AVAILABLE ...** Just a reminder... we still have 10 lb packages of wings and whole chickens in the freezer downstairs!!!

AT HOPEWELL ...

Every Sunday, Coffee Bar	10:30 AM
Sunday School every 3rd Sunday	9 AM
Dinner Church: Faith, Food, Fellowship @ Sterling Community Center every Tuesday	6-7 PM
Bloodmobile Drive @ Adams Lutheran Church	10 AM ... April 6
Women of Faith	10 AM ... April 6
Administrative Council	7 PM ... April 24
Reunion Sunday followed by Pot-Luck	June 23

AT ADAMS ...

Every Sunday Coffee Hour & Sunday School	9 AM
Adams Community Children's Ministry (ACCM) every Wednesday	3:30-5 PM
Administrative Council	7 PM ... April 17

****Pastor Makena is available for a visit every Wednesday. Please call or text 214-455-6938.**

****RIGHT NOW MEDIA ...** <https://app.rightnowmedia.org/join/adamsfumc> Text code to ADAMSFUMC to 49775

AT PICKRELL ...

Fellowship Hour with Coffee and Cookies	10 AM
Bible Study every Thursday	11:30 AM-12:30 PM

AT WILBER ...

Coffee Hour	8:30-9 AM
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ALL CHURCH ACTIVITIES ...

Pastor Makena's Day Off will be Monday, April 1

PASTOR MAKENA & CHARLES ... Spiritual Formation Academy, Apr 7-12 at St. Benedict, Schuyler

GENERAL CONFERENCE ... will be April 23-May 3, 2024 at the Charlotte Convention Center in Charlotte, North Carolina.

INVITATION FOR WOMEN ... Tecumseh is inviting all women of faith, fellowship and Kenyan Friends, April 20 @ 10 am.

There is a sign up sheet on the table where you enter the sanctuary.

Still Owe On Mission & Ministry

- \$9,064.91

Offerings Last Week

- \$875.00

Mission & Ministry Last Week

- \$0

Local Mission Fund Last Week

- \$0

Attendance Last Sunday

- 30

Organist ... Cheryl Meister

Liturgist ... Sandy Amos

Memorial Candle ...

All Saints