

We're so glad you're here!

Please **register your attendance** using the pad on your pew or the QR code on the bulletin cover.

Flowers on the altar are given to the Glory of God and in honor of Joe Lee for his upcoming birthday by Rosemary Lee.

The **rose on the altar** honors the birth of James Greer Butler, born February 13 to Morgan and Jordan Butler.

Children's Lenten Choir rehearsals begin Wednesday at 4:30PM in Room 204. Please register on our Events page.

If Huntsville First has become your church home since this time last year, we would love to have you join us March 2 at noon for a **Welcome Lunch**. Details and registration can be found on our Events page.

Our Fat Tuesday **Pancake Supper** will be March 4 from 5:30 to 7PM in the Fellowship Hall. Please register on our Events page.

Ash Wednesday services will be March 5 at the noon in the Chapel and at 6PM in the Historic Sanctuary.

If you would like to **place flowers on the altar in honor of memory of a loved one**, the following dates are available: June 22, July 27, August 3, 10 and 17, September 28 and December 28. First-come, first-served. Please contact barry@huntsvillefirst.org.

Each year at Huntsville First, **awards and scholarships** are offered for higher education students. Scholarship information and applications are available on the Huntsville First website. Deadline is March 28.



HUNTSVILLE FIRST
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

called to influence our community to know the love of Christ

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OFFICE HOURS
Monday-Thursday 8:30AM - 4PM
Friday 8:30AM - Noon



This Week @
**HUNTSVILLE
FIRST**

Today

Nursery is open for children through age 3. Register children ages 4 (as of September 1) through second grade for Children's Church at the Welcome Desk in the Wesley Center. Sermon Notes for third through sixth graders are in the back of the sanctuary.

The **church library** is open from 9:20 to 10:50AM.

Student Ministry, **Sunday Night United**, 6PM, Wesley Center.

Wednesday

Pastor Bill's Bible Study, 10AM, Room 129.

Music ensemble rehearsals: **Children's Lenten Choir**, 4:30-5:30PM, Room 204; **First Family Singers**, 6-7PM, Room 220; **Heavenly Honkers**, 6-7PM, Room 212; **Sanctuary Choir**, 7-8:30PM, Room 204.

The **church library** is open from 1 to 3PM.

Friday

Men's Breakfast Group, 7:30AM, Room 129. Cost is \$10. Email Dick Titus at rctitus@cowboys.uwyo.edu for details.

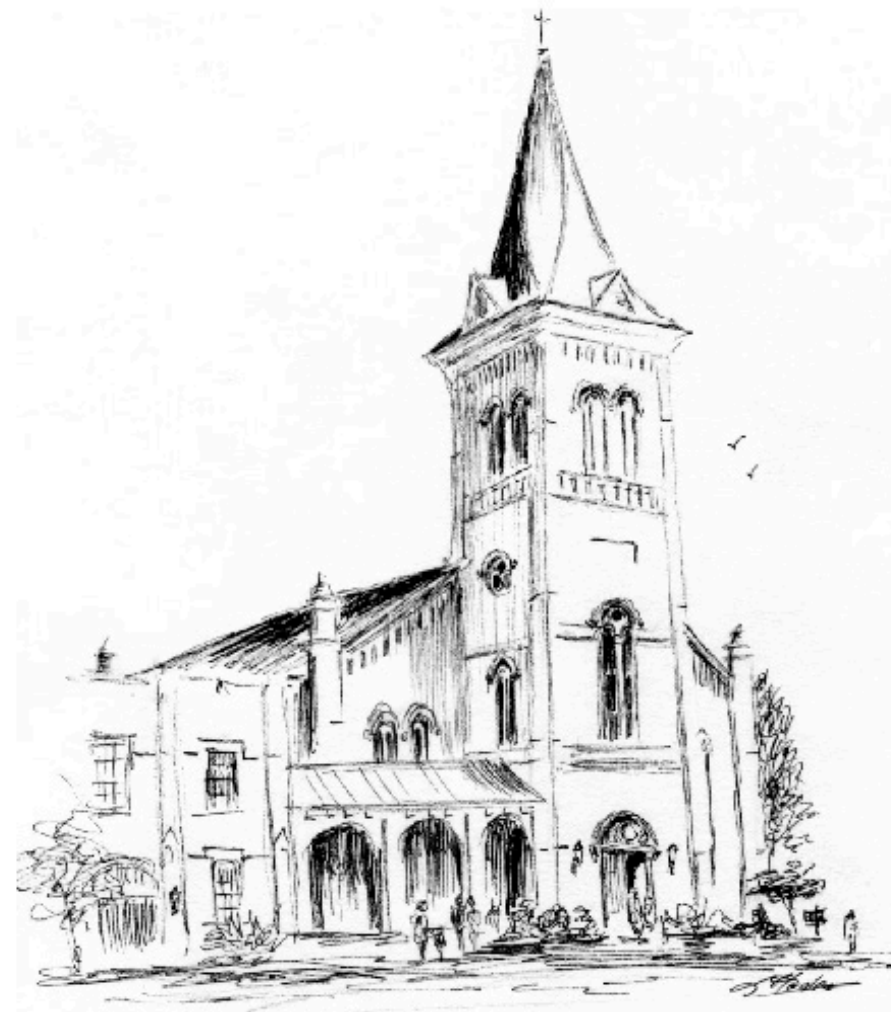
SENIOR PASTOR

Rev. Byron Vance

ASSOCIATE PASTORS

Rev. Bill Crosby, Rev. Coy Hallmark,
Rev. June Wilson, Rev. Joe Vonderheide

HUNTSVILLE FIRST
United Methodist Church



TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany

23 FEBRUARY 2025 | 9 & 11AM

Using your smartphone camera, please scan the QR Code at right to register your attendance.

WIFI password JoHn3:16



Welcome to worship!

You are invited to read/sing the **bold print** appearing throughout the bulletin. Kindly silence all electronic devices.

UMH = United Methodist Hymnal

FWS = The Faith We Sing

*please stand as able



PRELUDE

Adagio in E minor | Frank Bridge

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist: We gather today to worship the One who created us,

People: The One who calls us,

Liturgist: The One who equips us,

People: The One who loves us without end.

All: With joyful hearts, let us worship God.

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN UMH 162

Alleluia, Alleluia | ALLELUIA NO. 1

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH UMH 881

**I believe in God the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth;**

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord:

**who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;
the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

*GLORIA PATRI UMH 70

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen. Amen.**

*GREETING ONE ANOTHER

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER AND 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.

OFFERTORY

Hymn of Promise | Jeremy J. Bankson

*DOXOLOGY UMH 95

**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 and BLESSING OF THE CHILDREN

Children ages 4 through second grade are invited to come to the back of the sanctuary and go with a "Shepherd" to Children's Church (Wesley Center, Room 208/210). Pick up children in the Wesley Center after the service.

*HYMN OF PREPARATION UMH 707

Hymn of Promise | PROMISE

*SCRIPTURE READING

1 Corinthians 14:26-40 (pew Bible, page 166, New Testament)

11AM | ANTHEM | SANCTUARY CHOIR

In This House of Worship | Allen Pote

I was glad when they said unto me:

"Let me go to the house of the Lord."

I was glad when they said unto me:

"Let us go to the house of the Lord!"

How lovely, how lovely is your dwelling place,
O Lord, my soul longs, indeed it faints for the courts of the Lord.
My heart and my flesh sing for joy for the living God.
Blessed are they who dwell in the house ever singing,
ever singing your praise.

In this place of worship may we dedicate our lives,
as we listen and receive your Holy Word.

May your living spirit move among us and inspire,
as we sing and offer thanks for what we've heard.

May the circle of this fellowship to which we all belong,
be a blessing to each one who enters here.

May this place of worship bring us to a faith that makes us strong,
may we feel your holy presence ever near.

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"Let us go to the house of the Lord!"

Blessed are they who dwell in your house ever singing,
ever singing your praise! Amen!

SERMON

Rev. Bill Crosby

*CLOSING HYMN UMH 312

Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise | LLANFAIR

The light of Christ, symbolically carried by the acolytes, leads us into the world to spread the good news.

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Festival Toccata | Percy Fletcher

As the music plays, you may depart or remain seated in prayerful meditation.

11AM | THE CARILLON



**Clergy Assist
Director of Music/Organist
Acolytes**

Rev. Coy Hallmark
Jillian Gardner
9AM Hartwell Eleazer, Ben Hardy
11AM Benton Craig, Ellie Handley
9AM Richard Demming, Henry Rigsby,
Joe Spearman
11AM Alan Bragg, Steve Cragon,
Mark Shull
9AM David Lucas
11AM Courtney Copeland

Ushers

Lay Liturgists