

CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK

Sunday, March 15

11:30 am Coffee Hi
6:00 pm Confirmation I

Tuesday, March 17

10:00am- Noon **Happy St. Patrick's Day**
Coffee with Pastor Katie @ The Bean

Wednesday, March 18

5:30 pm LAF
6:00 pm Confirmation II
7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, March 22

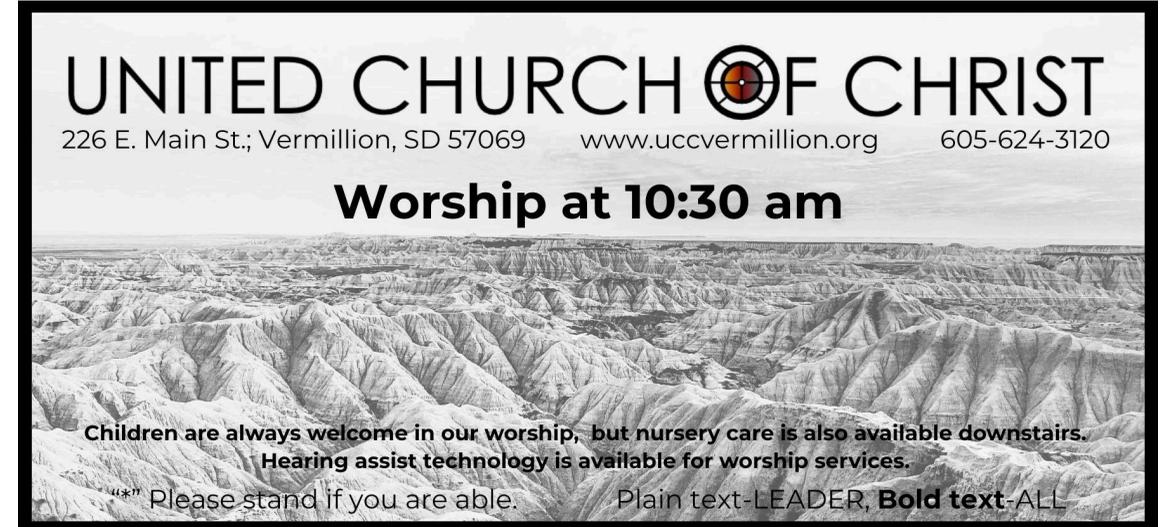
9:00 am Adult Bible Study
10:30 am Worship
11:30 am Search Committee Update
11:30 am Coffee HI
6:00 pm Confirmation I

Worship Leaders and Church Staff

Rev. Katie Miller - Sr. Minister	Rev. Elaine Miller - Minister of Visitation
Benjamin Barth - Organist	Kari Jensen - Christian Ed Director
Gretchen Burbach - Choral Director	Taylor Ebsen - Church Administrator
Anthony Burbach - Bell Director/ Piano	Sarah Gregg - Church Financial Officer
Paul Ebsen - Media Director	Kathy Hasenbank, Linda Moe - Custodians

2025-2026 Interns

Madison Maschmann- Choir, Alto
Maleah Wright - Choir, Soprano
Sam VanGerpen - Choir, Tenor
Charlee Huska - LAF, Nursery
Tommy Gress - Organ
Lucas Thomas- Media Intern



March 15, 2026

PRELUDE "Poco Allegretto" César Frank

WELCOME
Friendship Pads
Announcements
Joys and Concerns

Please also complete a "Prayer Card" and put it in the collection plate.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Introit "Give Me a Clean Heart" 188
Give me a clean heart so I may serve you. God, fix my heart so that I may be used by you. For I'm not worthy of all these blessings. Give me a clean heart and I'll follow you.

CALL TO WORSHIP

The Holy One is our shepherd. We are never alone on the journey.

We are led toward green pastures, toward rest, toward life

Even when the path winds through shadowed valleys,

Love walks beside us and courage rises within us.

Our cups overflow with goodness and mercy.

Grace follows us wherever we go.

Come, let us gather in gratitude and hope.

We come to worship the One who guides us, restores us, and calls us forward.

*HYMN "Blessed be the Tie That Binds" 393

*INVOCATION

Holy Shepherd, you call us by name and gather us into your care. In this season of broken ground, soften what has grown hard in us. Help us hear your voice and follow the path that leads to life. Shape our hearts for compassion and courage. Be present with us in this time of worship. Amen.

SCRIPTURE Psalm 23

MUSIC TO INSPIRE "Ave Verum" Mozart

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

SCRIPTURE John 10:1-18

MEDITATION "Sheep or Shepard"

HYMN OF MEDITATION "Called a Partners in Christ's Service" 495

A TIME FOR PRAYER

- Silent Prayer
- Pastoral Prayer
- Lord's Prayer

INVITATION TO GENEROSITY

Through our giving, we help create spaces of safety, rest, and belonging. Let us offer what we have with gratitude, trusting that our gifts help nurture life and hope in this community and beyond.

OFFERTORY MUSIC "Poco Andantino" César Frank

**Doxology: Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below; Praise God above, you heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.*

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Generous God, bless these gifts and the love that inspired them. May they nurture communities of compassion, support leaders who serve with integrity, and bring hope where the ground feels broken. Use them for the work of your justice and mercy. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN "Abide with Me" 99

*BENEDICTION

Go into the world listening for the voice of love that calls you by name. Care for one another with compassion. Lead with courage where you are able. And may the God who restores our souls guide your steps and fill your days with goodness and mercy. Amen.

POSTLUDE "Quasi Allegro" César Frank

- ACOLYTE: Ashtyn Searcy
- USHERS: Dawn and Jon Reuvers, Andy Hill
- COFFEE HI: Searcy Family
- DEACON OF THE DAY: Sue Jopling
- NURSERY: Nesmith Family

ANNOUNCEMENTS

VERMILLION MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATION

LENTEN PRAYER SERVICES

You're invited to Lenten Prayer Services and Lunch
Prayer Service 12:00 pm Lunch 12:30 pm.

- Friday, March 20- St. Paul's Episcopal Church
- Friday, March 27- St. Agnes Catholic Church
- Friday, April 3- First Baptist Church

SEARCH COMMITTEE UPDATE: MARCH 22

On March 22, following service, the Search Committee will provide a brief update on the beginning stages of the pastoral search in the sanctuary. We will then remain available for anyone who would like to stay and share questions or thoughts regarding the search and call of our next pastor. There is no obligation to attend, but we sincerely welcome and value your input during this important season in the life of our church.

LENT PROJECT: GAS CARD COLLECTION

During this Lenten season, our church is collecting gas gift cards to help members of our community who need assistance getting to jobs, job interviews, medical appointments, and other essential commitments. We recommend Bob's Sinclair gas gift cards, but cash, checks, or PayPal donations are also welcome. Please note "Gas Cards" in the memo line so we can direct your donation appropriately. Donations will be collected now through Easter, April 5. Gas cards or donations may be dropped off at the church office or placed in the offering plate during Sunday worship. Thank you for helping us support our neighbors with this meaningful Lenten project.

USD CHAMBER SINGERS "AMERICANA" CONCERT

The USD Chamber Singers will present their tour concert "Americana" at 7:30 pm on Saturday, March 28 at the UCC in Vermillion. The program features music in celebration of the 250th Anniversary of the founding of America. You will hear traditional choral music, as well as several American folk songs, spirituals, and pop music classics. There is no cost to attend, but a freewill donation will be collected. Contact David Holdhusen (david.holdhusen@usd.edu) for information.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Pledge Income through February:
Actual \$30,652; Budget \$21,335
YTD Pledge Shortfall: \$9,317



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