



## THIS WEEK IN WORSHIP

Senior Pastor, Steve Autrey

I hope everyone has a tremendous Thanksgiving. I am grateful for the privilege of serving this congregation as your Senior Pastor and for the honor of serving alongside our excellent church staff. Likewise, as I celebrate my 10th Thanksgiving in this appointment, I am grateful for the deep and meaningful relationships we have built together. Several years ago, 2017 to be exact, I shared a quote from one of my favorite preachers/theologians named Fred Craddock. I invite us to revisit Craddock's take on gratitude, as I have yet to find anything to surpass his insight on the topic.

*Can you bow your head and say a word of thanks? "Thank God for this." This is the final test, because gratitude is the central virtue of the Christian life. There is no other virtue like gratitude - none. I've never known a grateful person who was, at the same time, mean, small, bitter, or hurtful. Not when you're grateful. When our kids were small, if an angel had come into the room and said, "Now you may receive one virtue, one quality for each child; what will it be?" I am sure my wife and I would discuss it, but I already know what my request would be. Make them always grateful.*

*-Rev. Dr. Fred Craddock, The Collected Works of Fred B. Craddock*

Happy Thanksgiving  
Pastor Steve

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## GENEROSITY REPORT

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**Total Received =  
\$1,009,156**

(\$21,938 average per Sunday)

**2024 Comparison = \$1,010,723  
(\$21,972 Average per Sunday)**

**2025 Ministry Operations  
Budget = \$1,442,316**



As we enter into the Advent Season, December's worship schedule will look different. Every Sunday in December will be in various locations at various times. Please see schedule below:

**December 7th:** Christmas Cantata in **Sanctuary** (at 9:00am/11:00am)

**December 14th:** Christmas PRAISEntation in **FLC** (at 9:00am/11:00am)

**December 21st:** Traditional One Service in **Sanctuary** at 10:00am

**December 24th:** Christmas Eve Services (*below*)

2:00pm: Lightly Blended Service in **Sanctuary**

5:00pm: Acoustic Contemporary Service at **Arbor**

11:00pm: Candlelight Traditional Service in **Sanctuary**

**December 28th:** Traditional One Service in **Sanctuary** at 10:00am

Please make note of the changes in worship schedule and plan to come together to celebrate the real reason for the season, God's greatest gift to this world: His Son, Jesus Christ!



### Combined Worship Playlist

This Sunday's service is a Combined worship atmosphere, including Chancel Choir and Praise Team, with a very special moment of participation from the children during the first song! It is also the First Sunday of Advent! Please plan to join us at **10:00am in the Sanctuary** to offer praise and adoration together as we celebrate God's gift of Hope to this world through His Son, Jesus.



November 23, 2025 Combined Worship Attendance	
10:00	260
Children	17
Total	277
Average Online Views	60

Please see the calendar for upcoming events.



## Upcoming Events

11/27	<b>Happy Thanksgiving! Church Office Closed</b> (thru 11/30)   <a href="mailto:news@denverumc.org">news@denverumc.org</a>
11/30	10am   <b>Combined Family Worship in Sanctuary</b>   <a href="mailto:worship@denverumc.org">worship@denverumc.org</a>
12/1	10:30am   <b>Helping Hands Meeting</b>   <a href="mailto:helpinghandsdenvernc@gmail.com">helpinghandsdenvernc@gmail.com</a>
12/3	9:30am   <b>Chicken Pickin'</b>   <a href="mailto:rdwelke.rw@gmail.com">rdwelke.rw@gmail.com</a>
12/4	10am   <b>Prayer Team</b>   <a href="mailto:prayers@denverumc.org">prayers@denverumc.org</a>
12/4	11am   <b>First Thursday Lunch</b>   <a href="mailto:rdwelke.rw@gmail.com">rdwelke.rw@gmail.com</a>
12/6	1pm   <b>Kids Christmas Party</b>   <a href="mailto:kids@denverumc.org">kids@denverumc.org</a>
12/7	9 & 11am   <b>Choir Cantata</b>   <a href="mailto:worship@denverumc.org">worship@denverumc.org</a>
12/11	11am   <b>J.O.Y. Group Meeting</b>   <a href="mailto:rosannekocher@gmail.com">rosannekocher@gmail.com</a>
12/14	9 & 11am   <b>PRAISEntation</b>   <a href="mailto:worship@denverumc.org">worship@denverumc.org</a>
12/14	5pm   <b>Youth Christmas Party</b>   <a href="mailto:youth@denverumc.org">youth@denverumc.org</a>
12/21	9 & 11am   <b>Breakfast With Santa</b>   <a href="mailto:kids@denverumc.org">kids@denverumc.org</a>
12/21	10am   <b>Combined Worship in Sanctuary</b>   <a href="mailto:worship@denverumc.org">worship@denverumc.org</a>
12/21	4pm   <b>Christmas Caroling</b>   <a href="mailto:sara.lee@denverumc.org">sara.lee@denverumc.org</a>

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### First Thursday Lunch - December 4th!

Join us on Thursday, December 4, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00



p.m. in the FLC for chicken pie, baked spaghetti, chili dogs, sides, homemade desserts, and lots of fellowship! Dine in or take out. To order 8"x8" whole pies, call the church office at 704-483-1601 or [order online](#) by **Tuesday, December 2**, to ensure availability.

Volunteers are needed to help prepare and serve the meal. Contact [Roger Welke](#) for details.

Join us on Wednesday, December 3, in the FLC at 9:30 a.m. to help pick chicken! New pickers are always welcome! All proceeds support local children and their families.

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