

Oh, I can't count that high
One, two, three
Up to infinity
I'd run out of numbers
Before I could thank You for everything

God, I'm still counting my blessings
All that You've done in my life
The more that I look in the details
The more of Your goodness I find

Father on this side of Heaven
I know that I'll run out of time
But I will keep counting my blessings
Knowing I can't count that high
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*BENEDICTION “The Blessing” Carnes, Jobe

The Lord bless you, and keep you; make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace. Amen, Amen, Amen. Amen, Amen, Amen. Amen.

*POSTLUDE

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Organist - Nancy Hipple

Greeters - Hobert and Terry Flory, Jeff Meier, Jerry Meier

Liturgist—Darren Miller

Ushers—Riley Resor and Jim Clark

Ministers of First UCC are its members
Assisting them is Rev. Kerri Sandusky

SERMON NOTES/TAKEAWAYS

February 1, 2026 **10 a.m.**

Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

Welcome to First United Church of Christ

600 Mulberry St., Tipton, IA (563) 886-6361
www.firstuccipton.org ♦ office@firstuccipton.org

*We are pleased that you have decided to worship with us today!
Hearing assistance is available; ask an usher for a receiver.*

*The offering plate is located on the small table outside of the sanctuary.
You are welcome to give using this QR code or Venmo.*



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***THOSE WHO ARE ABLE PLEASE STAND**

PRELUDE

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CELEBRATIONS

***OPENING PRAYER**

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

L: The peace of Christ be with you, P: And also with you!

***GLORIA PATRI**

**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.**

***HYMN #539 “Won’t You Let Me Be Your Servant” - Verse 1,2,4**

INSTALLATION OF THE 2026 LEADERSHIP TEAMS

CHILDREN’S LESSON

***HYMN #292 “Breathe on Me, Breath of God”**

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 5: 1-12

Now when Jesus saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him, and he began to teach them.

He said:

“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.
Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.
Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness,

for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.”

“Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. Rejoice and glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

L: The Word of our Lord

P: Thanks be to God

SERMON “A Beatitudes Attitude”

HOLY COMMUNION

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 sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen

SHARING OF THE ELEMENTS

“Jesus Took The Bread” - Teresa King and Tony Fletcher

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

***HYMN** “Counting My Blessings” Seph Schlueter

It's like it was yesterday
I was a praying for a miracle
Scared to have a little hope
And now looking back today
Seeing all the things You've done
I can't even add them up

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And I know the seasons never lost forever
So God, I will remember
All of the reasons my heart has to be grateful
All the times You've been faithful to me

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All that You've done in my life
The more that I look in the details
The more of Your goodness I find
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I know that I'll run out of time
But I will keep counting my blessings
Knowing I can't count that high

THIS WEEK'S CHURCH CALENDAR

Mon.	Feb. 2	6:30 p.m.	Scouts—All Dens Meeting
Tues.	Feb. 3	10 a.m.	Bible Study
		2 p.m.	Prairie Hills Worship
		6:30 p.m.	Bible Study
Wed.	Feb. 4	4:45 p.m.	Radiate Youth Choir
		5:30 p.m.	Radiate Youth Group (6th—8th)
		6:15 p.m.	Dinner for Radiate Youth Group
		6:45 p.m.	Radiate Youth Group (9th—12th)
Thurs.	Feb. 5	10 a.m.	Caregivers Support Group
		5 p.m.	AA Meeting
		7 p.m.	Trustee Meeting
Fri.	Feb. 6	7:50 p.m.	First Friday Donuts, parking lot
Sat.	Feb. 7	8 a.m.	Book Study
Sun.	Feb. 8	9 a.m.	Super Bowl Sunday
		9 a.m.	Sunday School: Pre K—5th
		9 a.m.	Adult Sunday School
		9 a.m.	Confirmation Class
		10 a.m.	Worship
		11:15 a.m.	Pick up Subs

SERMON NOTES/TAKEAWAYS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ♦ **Bible Study** will meet on Tues., Feb. 3 when we will continue watching and discussing *The Chosen* season three at 10 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.
- ♦ **Caregivers Support Group** will meet on Thurs., Feb. 5 at 10 a.m. in the Fireside Room.
- ♦ **First Friday Donuts** is Fri., Feb. 6, at 7:50 a.m. in the parking lot. You are invited to come and encourage the students into the new year!
- ♦ Do you want to focus on spiritual disciplines? Join us for **Book Study** on the first and third Saturdays of February and March from 8—9 a.m. when we will discuss a section of *The Ruthless Elimination of Worry* by John Mark Comer. There are still some books available from the church library.
- ♦ **Super Bowl** Sunday is Sun., Feb. 8. Sub sandwich meals will be available at 11:15 a.m. Orders must be in by the end of today. Funds will go toward mission activities throughout the year.
- ♦ **Table Talk** is a “Dutch treat” conversational time for everyone which meets Thurs., Feb. 12 at 8:30 a.m. at Tipton Family Restaurant.
- ♦ We are always in need of **Liturgists and Ushers**. Please contact the office, sign up on the Kiosk or use Sign Up Genius.
- ♦ Ready for a FUN night? On Feb. 14 at 5 p.m. we will host a **Speed Puzzle Competition!** Gather your team of 4 (any age) to race to complete a 300-piece puzzle. Soup and drinks will be provided; you are welcome to bring a snack to share. Cost is \$10/team which includes the puzzle you get to keep. You must register. Please sign up using the link on the flyer on the kiosk, in your UCC weekly email, or on the kiosk. Please contact Lori Miller or Bobbie Lieser with any questions.
- ♦ The season of **Lent begins** on Ash Wednesday, Feb. 18 at 6:30 p.m. There will be a service with imposition of the ashes.