



FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

January 18, 2026

2nd Sunday after Epiphany

✠ PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Our desire is to do your will, O God; your law is in our hearts. But when misfortunes beyond counting press from all sides, and iniquities overtake us, our sight fails. When we are tempted by the vain promises of a life full of ease, our courage forsakes us and we submit to their charm. When enemies overpower us and mock our faith, we shrink back in disgrace and abandon what Christ taught. O God, we are poor and in need. You are our help and salvation. Come to our aid and make no delay.

✠ ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Grace and peace is given to you in Jesus Christ. All you call upon his name he claims as his own. God will keep you firm to the end, without reproach on the Day of our Lord Jesus. It is God who called you to share in the life of God's Son, Jesus Christ. God keeps faith and forgives our sin.

✠ GLORIA PATRI "Glory Be to the Father" #812

***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.***

✠ PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of God be with you.

And also, with you.

Greet one another in Peace.

THE CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

Congregational Life

ANTHEM "Hear us, O Father"

(Besig)

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Children are dismissed to Sunday School.

THE WORD OF GOD

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 49: 1-7

1 Corinthians 1: 1-9

John 1: 29-42

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New 145 201

New 80 112

SERMON "God Marches On"

✠ HYMN "O Worship the King" #104

✠ THE NICENE CREED
(Please see insert)

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

The Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

OFFERTORY "Sweet Hour of Prayer" (Ritter)

✠ DOXOLOGY #815
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
As the Lamb of God takes away the sins of the world, we remember that we are baptized as a sign of new life. Accept these gifts, O God, which we offer as we recommit ourselves to ministry in Christ's name. May your Spirit empower us for the tasks that await, and the waters refresh us as we go forth to serve.

✠ HYMN "Freely, Freely" #436

✠ BENEDICTION

✠ POSTLUDE "Trumpet Tune in C" (Ryan)

WE WELCOME EVERYONE TO THE FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH!

We pray you'll be nourished in faith as you hear God's message for you. Jesus welcomed everyone; that is our aim, too. Whether you're here for the first time or the thousandth, we count ourselves blessed by your presence. Persons interested in more information about the First United Presbyterian Church, or in joining this congregation, are invited to fill out a 'Welcome' card found in the pews, or to call the church office. Please be sure to sign our Guest Book near the entrance to the Sanctuary. Thank you for worshiping with us today.

GENERAL INFORMATION

- ✦ Sunday Worship - 10:00 AM
The nursery is available for your use during the worship service.
- ✦ A Celtic cross (✦) preceding a service element indicates the congregation should stand.
- ✦ **Bold** indicates congregation participation.
- ✦ If you need the Pastor after office hours, please call the church and leave a message on the Pastor's voicemail. If you call during office hours and he is not available, the staff may be able to provide his cell #.
- ✦ Pre-service refreshments are available each Sunday in the Westminster Room.

FOR THE  **HEARING IMPAIRED**

Hearing assistance devices are available. If you would like to use a receiver, please ask an Usher for assistance.



***The Purpose of the First United Presbyterian Church is to:
Invite people to know and glorify God
Grow together as followers of Christ
Serve others through the power of the Holy Spirit***

We ask that you remember these people in your prayers throughout the coming week:



Tom Thoresen, Marcia Michaud, David Blackburn,
The Family and Friends of Bob Aldrich,
Marge Simpkins, Dee Leuvoy, Geraldine Carnahan,
Mackenzie (Kalchik) Paul, Crisanne Riordan,
Ronan Mouw, Dr. Pat Newhouse, all those who are
sick, all those who are traveling,
all missionaries, and all members of the
U.S. Armed Forces.

Please keep us up to date on your prayer request.

Unless we are informed otherwise, names are listed for 2 weeks.

FUPC Meetings/Groups—standard gathering times / or as noted

Choir Practice—Every Wednesday at 5:00pm / every Sunday at 9:00am

Circle 3—2nd Thursday at 9:30am (WR)

Deacons—2nd Sunday at 11:15am (WR)

Men's Study Group—Every Friday at 9:00am (WR)

Presbyterian Women—3rd Tuesday at Noon (SH)

Session—3rd Monday at 5:30pm (WR)

Textile Social Group—1st, 3rd & 4th Thursdays at 9:30am (SH)

Trustees—3rd Monday at 5:30pm (LB)

Women's Bible Study—1st, 3rd & 4th Wednesdays at 9:30am (WR)

Minister: Rev. Mark D. Gabbard / pastor@soopresbyterian.org

Commissioned Ruling Elder: Brenda Ransom

Clerk of Session: Julie Walsh

President of Trustees: Leanne Deuman

Chairman of Deacons: Jeanne Shibley

Music Director/Organist: Kay Boyne / *Guitarist: David Blackburn*

Administrative Assistant: Maria Price / office@soopresbyterian.org

Sexton: Jason Fuller

Office Hours: 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM, Monday-Friday

Pastor's Office Hours: 9:15 AM to 12:00 PM, Monday-Friday

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THE ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING will be held on Sunday, **February 1st**, immediately after service.

CHURCH CHOIR PRACTICE is held at 5:30PM every Wednesday in the Sanctuary. As always, everyone is welcome to join.

PRESBYTERY POINT CAMP ONLINE REGISTRATION is now available! Simply log on to presbyterypoint.org

THE FEBRUARY CHIMES NEWSLETTER DEADLINE is January 20th.

RIDES TO CHURCH are available. Should you need a ride to church, please call the church office before Friday each week and the Deacons will arrange a pickup time.

OUR FOOD PANTRY is still seeking clean, gently used jackets and coats to distribute on the scheduled Food Pantry distribution days. Donations may be dropped off at the church workroom. Thank you!

UPCOMING EVENTS



DATES TO REMEMBER:

- January 18th – 2nd Sunday after Epiphany / Coffee & Cookies
- January 22nd - Chimes deadline
- January 25th – Distribution of 2025 Annual Reports / 3rd Sunday after Epiphany
- February 1st – Communion / Annual Congregational Meeting

This Week at a Glance

Sunday, 1/18

9:00am - Coffee Hour (WR)
9:15am - Choir Practice (S)
10:00am - Worship Service (S)
***2nd Sunday after Epiphany**

10:15am – Sunday School
***Coffee & Cookies**

Monday, 1/19

5:30pm – Trustees Meeting (L)
5:30pm – Session Meeting (WR)
7:00pm - Scout Troop #105 (SH)

Tuesday, 1/20

12:00pm - PW Meeting (SH)

Wednesday, 1/21

9:30am – Women’s Bible Study (WR)
5:30pm – Choir (S)

Thursday, 1/22

9:30am – Textile Social (SH)
6:00pm – Scout Leader Meeting

Friday, 1/23

9:00am – Men’s Study Group (WR)

Saturday, 1/24

7:00pm - AA

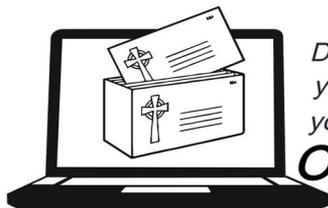
Sunday, 1/25

9:00am - Coffee Hour (WR)
9:15am - Choir Practice (S)
10:00am - Worship Service (S)
***3rd Sunday after Epiphany**

10:15am – Sunday School

***Distribution of 2025 Annual Report**

WR-Westminster Room, MR-Music Room, S-Sanctuary, LB-Library, SH-Social Hall



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your offerings*

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