



**FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

January 25, 2026

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany



✠ PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**If we claim to have fellowship with Christ, yet walk in darkness, we are liars. If we claim to possess the light, but hide it under a bushel, of what use is such wisdom to the world? If we rest secure in our abundance, while all about us others go hungry and their lives are imperiled, what has become of our call to share the good news? You know our inmost selves, O God. We cannot hide from you. Forgive our betrayal of your Son and restore us to fellowship with him. Amen.**

✠ ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Jesus said, "I am the light of the world." Whoever follows the Christ will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life. He has come as light into the world, so that whoever believes in him may not remain in darkness. Come now to that light, for in Him we are restored and forgiven.

✠ 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 "Seek the Lord While He May Be Found"

(Purifoy)

CHILDREN'S SERMON

*Children are dismissed to Sunday School.*

THE WORD OF GOD

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 9: 1-4

1 Corinthians 1: 10-18

Matthew 4: 12-23

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Old 597 780

New 145 201

New 3 4

SERMON "Repent"

✦ HYMN "When I Survey the Wonderous Cross" #324

✦ THE NICENE CREED  
(Please see insert)

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

The Prayers of the People

**The Lord's Prayer**

OFFERTORY "Arioso" (Bach)

✦ 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  
**Christ, you invite us to follow and become fishers of others. You equip us with talents and gifts for our venture. We humbly respond to your gracious invitation and place our gifts at your disposal. As we go out to serve, receive the results of our efforts in your name. Turn them to good where we have erred. Shed light on our path as we seek to abide in your way. Amen.**

✦ HYMN "Ye Servants of God" #38

✦ BENEDICTION

✦ POSTLUDE "Postlude in B-Flat" (Simpler)

## **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:***



Jennie McCain, 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 5:30pm / every Sunday at  
9:15am

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](mailto: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](mailto: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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**STEWARDSHIP LETTERS** were mailed out on Monday, January 19<sup>th</sup>. Emails were sent the same day. Pledge cards are in the annual giving statements, which were mailed this past week. Pledge cards are also available in the Narthex. Please return your completed pledge card to the office or place it in an envelope and put it in the offering plate. Cards should be returned no later than February 8<sup>th</sup>.

**THE ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** will be held on Sunday, **February 1<sup>st</sup>**, immediately after service. Annual reports are now available in the Narthex. Please pick up your copy today for review before next week's meeting.

**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.

**PRESBYTERY POINT CAMP ONLINE REGISTRATION** is now available! Simply log on to [presbyterypoint.org](http://presbyterypoint.org)

**OUR FOOD PANTRY** is 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 25<sup>th</sup> – Distribution of 2025 Annual Reports / 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany
- February 1<sup>st</sup> – Communion / Annual Congregational Meeting
- February 8<sup>th</sup> Soup & Sandwich

## This Week At A Glance

### Sunday, 1/25

9:00am - Coffee Hour (WR)  
9:15am - Choir Practice (S)  
10:00am - Worship Service (S)

### **\*3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany**

10:15am – Sunday School

### **\*Distribution of the 2025**

**Annual Reports**

### Monday, 1/26

7:00pm - Scout Troop #105 (SH)

### Tuesday, 1/27

3:30pm – Food Pantry

### Wednesday, 1/28

9:30am – Women’s Bible Study (WR)

5:30pm – Choir (S)

### Thursday, 1/29

Drink hot cocoa

### Friday, 1/30

9:00am – Men’s Study Group (WR)

### Saturday, 1/31

7:00pm - AA

### Sunday, 2/1

9:00am - Coffee Hour (WR)

9:15am - Choir Practice (S)

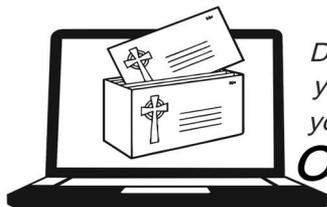
10:00am - Worship Service (S)

### **\*Communion and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany**

10:15am – Sunday School

### **\*11:00am – Annual**

**Congregational Meeting (S)**



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