



“Blessed  
are those  
who are  
**persecuted** for  
righteousness’  
sake, for  
theirs is  
**the kingdom**  
of heaven.”

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Matthew 5:10

**FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

February 1, 2026

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany



✠ LITANY OF CONFESSION

When the cross appears as folly instead of God's power;

**Let those who boast, boast of the Lord.**

When some demand signs and others seek wisdom;

**Let those who boast, boast of the Lord.**

When the favored of the world claim the favor of God;

**Let those who boast, boast of the Lord.**

We despise the weak and long to be strong;

**God's foolishness is wisdom; God's weakness is strength.**

We despise the ignorant and seek to be wise;

**God's foolishness is wisdom; God's weakness is strength.**

We despise the lowly and struggle for status;

**God's foolishness is wisdom; God's weakness is strength.**

✠ 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 "Fill My Cup, Lord"

(Blanchard)

CHILDREN'S SERMON

*Children are dismissed to Sunday School.*

THE WORD OF GOD

SCRIPTURE READING

Micah 6: 1-8

1 Corinthians 1: 18-31

Matthew 5: 1-12

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SERMON "Good Living"

✠ HYMN "Let Us Break Bread Together"

#460

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S TABLE

Invitation

**Communion**

**The Lord's Prayer**

OFFERTORY "Supplication"

(Daniels)

✠ 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

**We offer but a portion of the bounty that you bestow, O God. Receive our gifts as we seek to walk in your way. Where justice is sought, use these gifts to bring Christ's liberating word. Where there is pain, may they bring the healing of Christ's love. Where there is want, let them assure others that you know of their needs before they are voiced. Continue to enhance what we give to you, as we become more obedient to Christ's will for our lives. Amen.**

✠ HYMN "In His Time"

#681

✠ BENEDICTION

✠ POSTLUDE "Rejoicing in Him"

(Mallard)

## **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 worshipping 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:***



The Family and Friends of Mackenzie (Kalchik) Paul, Jennie McCain, Tom Thoresen, Marcia Michaud, Marge Simpkins, Dee Leuvoy, Geraldine Carnahan, 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

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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 last week. Pledge cards are also available in the Narthex. Please return your completed pledge card, in a sealed envelope, to the office or place it in the offering plate. Cards should be returned no later than February 8<sup>th</sup>.

**THE ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** will be held today immediately following service.

**SOUP AND SANDWICH** has been moved to next Sunday, February 8<sup>th</sup>.

**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!

**WEEKLY OFFERING FOR 1/4/26:                   \$2,566.00**

**WEEKLY OFFERING FOR 1/11/26:               \$1,275.00**

**WEEKLY OFFERING FOR 1/18/26:             \$9,176.00**

**WEEKLY OFFERING FOR 1/25/26:           \$2,660.00**

# UPCOMING EVENTS



## **DATES TO REMEMBER:**

- February 1<sup>st</sup> – Communion / Annual Congregational Meeting / 4th Sunday after Epiphany
- February 8<sup>th</sup> Soup & Sandwich
- February 14<sup>th</sup> – Valentine’s Day
- February 15<sup>th</sup> – Cookies & Coffee

## **This Week At A Glance**

### **Sunday, 2/1**

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

**\*Communion**

**\*4th Sunday after Epiphany**

10:15am – Sunday School

**\*11:00am Annual Congregational Meeting (S)**

### **Monday, 2/2**

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

### **Tuesday, 2/3**

Build a Snowman

### **Wednesday, 2/4**

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

### **Thursday, 2/5**

9:30am Textile Social (SH)

### **Friday, 2/6**

9:00am – Men’s Study Group (WR)

### **Saturday, 2/7**

7:00pm - AA

### **Sunday, 2/8**

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

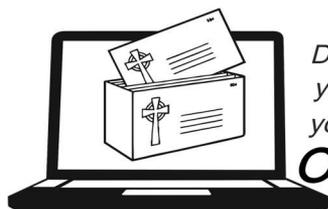
**\*Installation of new officers**

10:15am – Sunday School

**\*Soup & Sandwich**

**\*5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany**

11:15am – Deacons Meeting (WR)



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you can give  
your offerings*

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