

**...it is written,  
“Worship the  
Lord your God,  
and serve  
only him.”**

**Matthew 4:10, NRSV**



**FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

**February 22, 2026**

**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Lent**



✠ ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Scripture declares that Christ is “a sure and steadfast anchor of the soul.” He is able for all time to save those who draw near to God through him. He lives to make intercession for all. In Christ, our high priest, abides the assurance of the haven we seek. Amen.

✠ 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 “God So Loved the World” with “When I Survey the  
Wondrous Cross.” (Stainer/Pethel)

CHILDREN’S SERMON

*Children are dismissed to Sunday School.*

THE WORD OF GOD

SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 2: 15-17, 3: 1-7

Romans 5: 12-19

Matthew 4: 1-11

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SERMON “The Dangers of Sin”

✠ HYMN “Be Thou My Vision” #562

✠ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**Let us say what we believe.**

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

The Prayers of the People

**The Lord's Prayer**

OFFERTORY "Were You There?"

(Tornquist)

✠ 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

**O God, through your grace the foundations of faith have been laid. Christ, the cornerstone, has once and for all been set in place, and you have called us to be your building in whom the Spirit dwells. Each of us is a builder, too; in the Day of Christ our work will be revealed. Accept what we do and the gifts that we bring. May they fit your design and prove enduring. Amen.**

✠ HYMN "He Leadeth Me"

#690

✠ BENEDICTION

✠ POSTLUDE "Recessional"

(Otis)

## **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 are 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 Marcia Michaud,  
Jennie McCain, Tom Thoresen,  
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:** Ron Meister

**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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**EASTER LILY ORDER FORMS ARE DUE** back to the office on or before Monday, March 16<sup>th</sup>. The Easter Lily Honor and Dedication Insert will be included with the bulletins on Easter Worship Service on Sunday, April 5<sup>th</sup>.

**THE WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY'S MONTHLY MISSION PROJECT** for February is to collect non-food items for our Churches Food Pantry. These items include toilet paper, shampoo, toothbrushes and toothpaste, dental floss and mouthwash, hand soap, dish soap, laundry soap and the like. Donations may be left in the Narthex. Cash donations are also appreciated and envelopes designated "Food Pantry" are available in the pew pockets. Our Food Pantry is open the second and fourth Tuesday of each month from 3:30 –5:00pm.

**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 continuing to collect 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!

**SAFETY TRAINING!** There will be a safety and security training event open to all churches in the Chippewa County area that will be held on March 19<sup>th</sup> from 2PM to 5PM at the LSSU Cisler Center. The event will cover security and some first-aid training. If any congregation members would like to attend, please contact the office to let us know as soon as possible. Limited spots are available for about 4 – 5 people per church to attend.

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

**OUR WEEKLY OFFERING FOR 2/15/26:** **\$2,640 .00**

**ATTENDANCE FOR 2/15/26:** **51**

# UPCOMING EVENTS

**DATES TO REMEMBER:**

- February 22<sup>nd</sup> – 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Lent
- March 1<sup>st</sup> – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Lent
- March 8<sup>th</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Lent
- March 15<sup>th</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent
- March 16<sup>th</sup> – Lily Order Forms Due
- March 17<sup>th</sup> – Happy St. Patrick’s Day!

**This Week At A Glance**

**SUNDAY, 2/22**

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

**MONDAY, 2/23**

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

**TUESDAY, 2/24**

- 3:30pm – Food Pantry

**WEDNESDAY, 2/25**

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

**THURSDAY, 2/26**

- 9:30am – Textile Social (SH)
- 6:00pm – Scout Troop Meeting (WR)

**FRIDAY, 2/27**

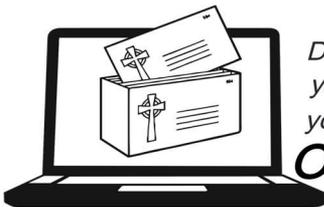
- 9:00am – Men’s Study Group (WR)

**SATURDAY, 2/28**

- 7:00pm - AA

**SUNDAY, 3/1**

- 9:00am - Coffee Hour (WR)
- 9:15am - Choir Practice (S)
- 10:00am - Worship Service / Communion (S)
- 10:15am – Sunday School
- \*Soup & Sandwich**



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you can give  
your offerings  
**ONLINE ?***

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