

Those who drink of the
water that I will give them
will never be thirsty.

- John 4:14

*FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
March 8th, 2026
3rd Sunday in Lent*

source of counsel and power. We confess ignoring such guidance, since we do not respond. Forgive us our sin and help us through Christ to enter the rest you have promised. Amen.

✠ ASSURANCE OF PARDON

“Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand...But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.” Brothers and sisters, in Jesus Christ we are forgiven! 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 “O Wondrous Cross! O Love Divine! (Blake)

CHILDREN’S SERMON
Children are dismissed to their classrooms.

THE WORD OF GOD

SCRIPTURE READING	Test.	Blk pg.	Red pg.
Exodus 17: 1-7	Old	59	79
Romans 5: 1-11	New	135	188
John 4: 5-42	New	82	115

SERMON “Conversations with Jesus”

✠ HYMN “Just as I Am” #488

✠ 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, died, and was buried;
he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended to heaven and sitteth at 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

OFFERTORY "The Glory of These Forty Days" (Leatherman)

✠ DOXOLOGY #814
*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

**Just as our worship of you, O God, is not confined to this place, so
also our praise is not limited to certain times or seasons. Accept
the offerings that we bring as a witness to your Spirit, who dwells
in all that we do. May our acts of forbearance and love testify to
Christ's truth pervading our lives. Use what we give so that others
may come into your presence with joyful songs of hope and
thanksgiving. Amen.**

✠ HYMN "Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken" #400

✠ BENEDICTION

✠ POSTLUDE "A Joyful Song" (Livingston)

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 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 prayer throughout the coming week:



Leitha Vollick, Tom Thoresen, Jennie McCain,
Dee Leuvoy, Marge Simpkins, Crisanne Riordan,
Ronan Mouw, Dr. Pat Newhouse,
Geraldine Carnahan, 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

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

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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TAKE NOTE
OF WHAT IS
HAPPENING!



PRESBYTERY POINT CAMP

registration is available at www.presbyterypoint.org In addition, camp scholarship applications are available in the church office M-F 9AM – 1PM.

THE WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY'S MONTHLY MISSION PROJECT for MARCH will be collecting *non-food* items for our food pantry. These items include toilet paper, shampoo, toothbrushes & toothpaste, dental floss, mouthwash, hand soap, dish soap, laundry soap, feminine care products, and the like.

Donations may be left on the cart in the Narthex. Cash donations are also appreciated and envelopes designated "Food Pantry" are available in the pew pockets or may be left in the cash case on Sundays. Our food pantry is open the second and fourth Tuesday of each month from 3:30 – 5:00 PM.

THE TEXTILE SOCIAL MEETINGS have been cancelled until April 16th.

EASTER LILY ORDER FORMS are available in the Narthex and are due back to the office on or before Monday, March 16th at 1:00 PM. Thank you for your cooperation.

A REMINDER TO ALL...When last to leave the building, please make sure that all lights are off and the doors are locked. Thank you!

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

MONTHLY OFFERING TOTAL FOR JANUARY 2026: \$15,677.00

CHURCH OPERATING EXPENSES FOR JANUARY 2026: \$14,805.57

MONTHLY OFFERING TOTAL FOR FEBRUARY 2026: \$21,950.00

CHURCH OPERATING EXPENSES FOR FEBRUARY 2026: \$26,244.29

UPCOMING EVENTS



DATES TO REMEMBER:

- **March 15th – 4th Sunday in Lent**
- **March 16th – Lily order forms due**
- **March 17th – Happy St. Patrick’s Day!**
- **March 29th – Palm Sunday / Holy Week Begins**

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

SUNDAY 3/8

9:00am - Coffee Hour (WR)
9:15am - Choir Practice (S)
10:00am - Worship Service (S)
10:15am - Sunday School
11:15am – Deacons Mtg (LB)

MONDAY, 3/9

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

TUESDAY, 3/10

3:30pm – Food Pantry

WEDNESDAY, 3/11

5:30pm – Choir Practice (S)

THURSDAY, 3/12

9:30am – Circle 3 Meeting (WR)

FRIDAY, 3/13

9:00am - Men’s Study Group (WR)

SATURDAY 3/14

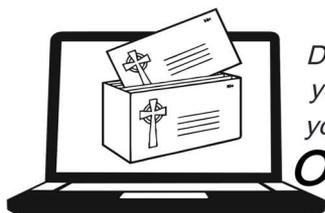
7:00pm - AA (WR)

SUNDAY, 3/15

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

***Cookies & Coffee**

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



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your offerings
ONLINE ?*

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