



FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

December 7, 2025

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT / CHILDREN'S PROGRAM

✠ PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, you judge your people with righteousness; we judge our neighbors either right or wrong. Your Servant defended the cause of the poor; it is because of our greed that many still want. You bring deliverance to the needy, but we stand in the way of its being received. You send us a Savior who will crush the oppressor, but we raise up idols in his stead. Make us mindful of your dominion, how you rule while sun and moon endure. May we bow down before you and pay you the tribute that you are due.

✠ ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Know this: if you are willing you will be taught. If you pause to listen, you will gain knowledge. Reflect on God's statutes and meditate on commandments. It is God who will give insight to your mind, and your desire for wisdom will be granted. Through Christ's intercession on our behalf, we receive the assurance that through him we are 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 "Little One, Tiny, One" (Besigl)

SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

"Ornaments, Symbols, & Traditions of Christmas"

Based on "Ornaments, Legends, Symbols, & Traditions" by
Bonner's Christmas Wonderland

✠ HYMN "Away in a Manger" **#262**

✠ 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

The Lord's Prayer

OFFERTORY "Sleep, O Lovely Child" (Simone)

✠ 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

The voice of one crying in the wilderness calls us to prepare your way, O Lord. Among the sounds of society, you choose to reveal your will. Amid its clamor we yearn to hear voices seeking your mercy. Send us forth with clear minds so that your way is proclaimed with foresight. And grant us your benediction so that our acts are sanctified by your grace.

✠ HYMN "Go, Tell It on the Mountain" #258

✠ BENEDICTION

✠ POSTLUDE "Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall Come" (Denton)

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 prayer
throughout the coming week:***



Rob Baker, Marge Simpkins, Dee Leuvoy,
Geraldine Carnahan,
Mackenzie (Kalchik) Paul,
Crisanne Riordan,
Ronan Mouw, Dr. Pat Newhouse,
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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ATTENTION ALL COMMITTEE

CHAIRPERSONS: Just a friendly reminder to begin working on your annual reports. Reports are due January 6th.

CHIMES DEADLINE this month will be Wednesday, **December 17th** at 1:00PM.

THIS YEAR'S CHRISTMAS OFFERING will go to our FUPC Food Pantry.

THE HIAWATHALAND COMMUNITY CHORUS CONCERTS WILL BE HELD:

Sunday, December 14th at 7:00PM at the Rudyard Christian Reformed Church, 17970 S Tilson Rd, Rudyard AND Tuesday, December 16th at 7:00PM at the St. Joseph Catholic Church, 606 E. 4th Ave., Sault Ste. Marie. Both are being directed by David Erfourth.

THE DEACONS ARE COLLECTING new socks to distribute to the community this winter. Help warm a set of toes and place a pair of socks on our sock tree in the narthex until January 11th.

THERE ARE OPEN DATES AVAILABLE for hosting "Cookies & Coffee" and "Soup & Sandwich" Sundays. The list is on the bulletin board across from the office. Please contact Maria in the church office if you are available to serve on one of these Sundays. Thank you.

THE 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!

THE SIMPLY GIVE PROGRAM at Meijer, for our Food Pantry, will run through December 27th. Double match day will be Saturday, December 13th. You can take the gift card from the church (located on the table in front of the bulletin board) or pick one up in the checkout lane at Meijer and contribute in amounts of \$10. If you rather not deal with going to Meijer, you can give the money to Doris Boogerd.

UPCOMING EVENTS



DATES TO REMEMBER:

- December 14th – Christmas Cantata / Endowment Dinner (11:00 AM)
Third Sunday of Advent
- December 21st - Fourth Sunday of Advent
- December 24th – 7:00 PM Christmas Eve Candlelight Service /
Communion & Christmas Offering
- December 28th – First Sunday after Christmas

This Week at a Glance

Sunday, 12/7

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

***2nd Sunday of Advent**

***Children's Program**

***Coffee & Cookies**

Monday, 12/8

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

Tuesday, 12/9

3:30pm - Food Pantry

Wednesday, 12/10

5:00pm - Choir Practice (S)
6:00pm - Cantata Practice (S)

Thursday, 12/11

7:00pm - AA (WR)

Friday, 12/12

9:00am – Men's Study Group (WR)

Saturday, 12/13

9:00am – Cantata Practice (S)
7:00pm - AA

Sunday, 12/14

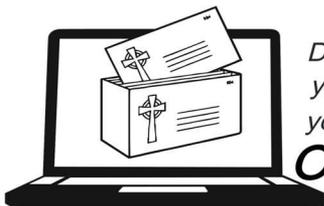
9:00am - Coffee Hour (WR)
9:15am - Choir Practice (S)
10:00am - Worship Service (S)

3rd Sunday of Advent

***Christmas Cantata**

***11:00am Endowment Dinner**

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



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