

FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
December 28th, 2025

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Music Director: Kay Boyne / Guitar: David Blackburn



OUR APPROACH TO GOD

PRELUDE “An Angel to the Shepherds Spoke” (Broughton)

INTROIT “Adoration” (Rouse)

CALL TO WORSHIP

I will recount the gracious deeds of the Lord, the praiseworthy acts of God most high.

Because of all that the Lord has done for us, according to the abundance of God’s love.

It was your presence that saved the house of Israel, your love and pity redeemed them.

We join with them as your people, O God, your Children who sing you our praises.

Let us worship God!

PRAYER OF PRAISE AND ADORATION

We praise the name of the Lord, O God; the heavens praise you and the waters above the heavens. You commanded and they were created; you established them forever and ever. Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars, wild animals and all cattle, creeping things and flying birds all praise you. Young men and women alike, old and young together exalt your name. Your glory is above earth and heaven and yet you have chosen to live amongst us. In the name of Jesus of Nazareth, we praise your name.

✠ HYMN “Love Has Come” #256

✠ LITANY OF AFFIRMATION

It was fitting the God, should make the pioneer of our salvation perfect through sufferings.

For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father.

For this reason, Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters.

✠ **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 "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear" (Eithun)

✠ 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

Great Shepherd of the sheep, you feast our soul with abundance and satisfy your people with goodness. We dine on your mercy and are filled by your grace. Having received your gift of Christ our Redeemer, we no longer languish in barrenness but are full of new life. Accept these gifts that we bring you in response to the love you have shown us in Christ.

✠ HYMN "Go Tell it on the Mountain" #258

✠ BENEDICTION

✠ POSTLUDE "Be Thou Exalted" (Nordman)

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:***



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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SUNDAY SCHOOL will not be held today. It will resume as normal next Sunday.

THANK YOU to all who generously gave to the **Simply Give Program** this year! Our Food Pantry is vitally important to our community, and we thank you so much for your support.

TAKING DOWN THE GREENS in the Sanctuary will occur after service next Sunday.

TEXTILE SOCIAL will meet again on January 15th.

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.

JANUARY 18TH IS STILL AVAILABLE FOR HOSTING COOKIES & COFFEE!

Please contact Brenda Ransom or Maria Price if you are able to help.

OUR FOOD PANTRY is seeking clean, gently used jackets and coats (mittens, gloves, scarves and boots are welcome, also) to distribute on the scheduled Food Pantry distribution days. Donations may be dropped off at the church workroom. Thank you!

ATTENTION ALL COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS: Just a friendly reminder to be working on your annual reports. Reports are due January 6th.

Happy New Year!

UPCOMING EVENTS



DATES TO REMEMBER:

- January 1st – New Year's Day / Presbytery Point Camp registration begins
- January 4th – Epiphany of the Lord / Soup and Sandwich
- January 11th – Baptism of the Lord

This Week at a Glance

Sunday, 12/28

9:00am - Coffee Hour (WR)
9:15am - Choir Practice (S)
10:00am - Worship Service (S)
***1st Sunday of Christmas**

Monday, 12/29

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

Tuesday, 12/30

Build a Snowperson

Wednesday, 12/31

***OFFICE CLOSED**
9:30am – Women's Bible (WR)
5:00pm – Choir (S)

Thursday, 1/1

***OFFICE CLOSED**
HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Friday, 1/2

***OFFICE CLOSED**
9:00am – Men's Study Group (WR)

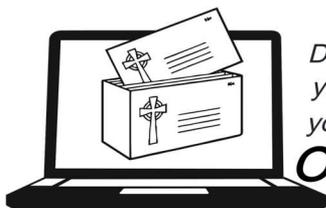
Saturday, 1/3

7:00pm - AA

Sunday, 1/4

9:00am - Coffee Hour (WR)
9:15am - Choir Practice (S)
10:00am - Worship Service /Soup
& Sandwich
***2nd Sunday of Christmas**
10:15am – Sunday School

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



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your offerings*

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