



The LORD your  
God will raise up  
for you a prophet ...  
you shall heed such  
a prophet.

Deuteronomy 18:15. NRSV



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**FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

**Rev. Mark Gabbard**

***Liturgist - Judy Bawks***

**Music - Kay Boyne**

**January 28, 2024**

**Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

## OUR APPROACH TO GOD

PRELUDE      "Meditation"      (Troutman)

INTROIT      "I Love You, Lord"      (Klein)

## CALL TO WORSHIP

I will thanks to the Lord with my whole heart. Praise the Lord!

Your work is full of honor and majesty, and your righteousness endures forever.

The works of your hands are faithful and just; all your precepts are trustworthy.

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; all who practice it have good understanding.

Let us worship God!

## PRAYER OF PRAISE AND ADORATION

Great God of the universe, whose wisdom pervades all creation, we gather before you to give you all praise and honor. Wonderful and majestic are your works; righteousness is seen in all that you do. You make a covenant and call us as heirs of its promise. You establish your law, showing all people that you are to be trusted. In company with the redeemed of all ages, we lift our voices to acclaim your worth.

✠ HYMN "O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing" #21

✠ PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of mercy, show compassion as we make our confession. You command us to tell of your mighty deeds, yet we remain silent. You call us to act faithfully, yet we are

# About First United Presbyterian Church

## Church Staff

## To Our Visitors

**Minister:** Rev. Mark D. Gabbard  
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**Commissioned Ruling Elder:**  
 Brenda Ransom

**Clerk of Session:** Jessica Kuenzer

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 Kay E. Boyne

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 Nicole McKelvie  
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**Sexton:** Jason Fuller

Welcome! We are happy to have you worshipping with us today.

✦ Sunday Worship - 10:00 AM  
*(Children join the worship service for the first 15 minutes to hear the Children's Sermon)*

✦ Sunday School - 10:15 AM  
*K through 12th Grade - all meet in lower level classrooms*

✦ The nursery is available for your use during the worship service.

✦ An asterisk (\*) preceding a service element indicates the congregation should stand.

✦ **Bold** indicates congregation participation.

✦ Soup and Sandwich is held the 1st Sunday of each month in the Social Hall. Please join us!

✦ If you need the Pastor after hours, call Church Office to make appointment, or ask Nicole for Pastor Mark's cell phone number.

**Pastor's Office Hours:**      **Office Hours:**

9:15 AM to 12:00 PM      9:00 AM to 1:00 PM  
 (Monday-Friday)      (Monday-Thursday)

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Hearing Assistance devices are available. If you would like to use a receiver, please ask an Usher for assistance.

Please Silence all electronics prior to worship service.



*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*



## IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS THIS WEEK

We ask that you remember these people in your prayers throughout the coming week.

Crisanne Riordan, Jamison Strange, Annette Mailles, Dolores Leuvoy, Carolyn Trumble, Erick Florip, Terry Mason, Scott Wallace, Nellie Harrington, Aaron Corbiere, Carolyn Shaw, Della Porter, Gina Gough, Jon Burgess, Kimberly (Swick) Jewell, Jeffrey Burgess, Donna LaPlaunt, Sandy Shaw, Jane Kellan, Patricia Farnhill, Geraldine Carnahan, Lillian Donelson, Dave & Leslie Henderson, Tara Jean Brody, and all missionaries, and members of the U.S. Armed Forces.

***Please keep us up to date on your prayer request.***

***If you would to add individuals to the prayer list or your prayers have been answered and you would like to be removed from the list, please contact the office***

***Prayer requests during service: In order for your request to be clearly heard, please fill out a request slip and hand it to an usher prior to the service. Request slips can be found on the table just outside the sanctuary.***

### **WELCOME TO ALL VISITORS 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 First United Presbyterian Church, or in joining this congregation, are invited to fill out a 'Welcome' card found in the pews, or call the church office.

Please be sure to sign our Guest Book near the entrance to the Sanctuary. Thank you for worshiping with us today.

**PW FUNDRAISER ITEMS** The PW famous dish cloths are for sale at \$1.25 each. Buy several —the price is right! Get yours today! Ultimate Cloths, no chemicals needed, cleans with just water using MiraFiber technology! Guaranteed 5 years general use! Come on in to the Church office and get yours for only \$6 or 5 for \$25. Presbyterian Women's Second Edition Favorite Salads cookbook also available in the church office for only \$8!

**MISSION PROJECT** The January mission project is for the Salvation Army. They have requested paper products like toilet paper and paper towels, feminine hygiene products, as well as general hygiene products like soap, toothpaste and deodorant. Thank you for your generous giving through the years, and thank you for your giving this month.

**DEACON PRAYER CHAIN** Please remember the Deacon Prayer Chain, if you, or someone you know, are in need of prayers. Contact Jeanne Shibley at (906) 630-1707.

**RIDES TO CHURCH** If anyone needs a ride to church, please contact the church office before Friday of each week and the Deacons will arrange a pick up time.

**BULLETIN BOARD** Please visit the bulletin board across from the office for information concerning local events, news, and resources available in the community.

**ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** will be held immediately following the worship service today. Please stay in the sanctuary. If you did not already pick up a copy of the Annual Report, there are copies in the Narthex.

**INSTALATION OF OFFICERS** Will be Sunday February 11th.



**FUPC MEETINGS / GROUPS:** *unless otherwise noted...*

*Session*—3rd Monday of each month at 5:30pm (WR)

*Trustees*—3rd Tuesday of each month at 5:30pm (WR)

*Deacons*—3rd Sunday of each month at 11:15am (LB)

*Presbyterian Women*—3rd Tuesday at Noon (SH)

*Circle 3*—2nd Thursday of each month at 9:30am (WR)

*Textile Social Group*—Every Thursday, from 9:30am to 1:00pm (SH)

*Women's Bible Study*—1st, 3rd, & 4th Wednesdays at 9:30 am (WR)

*Choir Practice*—every Wednesday at 6:00pm (S)

*Men's Bible Study*—Every Friday at 9:00am (WR)

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



**SERVING US THIS WEEK**

**Greeters:** Alegra Soorus & Margaret Eagle

**Ushers:** Cath Akre, Cheryl Thoresen, & JoAnne LussierZane


**SERVING US NEXT WEEK**

**Greeters:** Mark Strange & Jessica Kuenzer

**Ushers:** Sara Jones, Laura Moening, Mindy Fox, & Tom Thoresen

**Last week's attendance: 66**

**Last week's offering: \$8,772**

This Week's Calendar January 28 – February 4, 2024			
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	
9:00am Coffee Hour (WR) 9:15am Choir Practice (MR) 10:00am Worship Service  <b>Annual Meeting of the Congregation</b>	7:00pm Boy Scout Troop #105 (SH)		
Wednesday			
9:00am Women's Bible Study (WR) 6:00pm Choir Practice (S)	 Presbyterian Church	9:00am Textile Social (SH)	
Friday			
9:00am Men's Bible Study (WR)	7:00pm A.A. (WR)	9:00am Coffee Hour (WR) 9:15am Choir Practice (MR) 10:00am Worship Service  <b>Soup n' Sandwich</b>	

slow to respond. We claim to be wise, but we know not your law. Our allegiance is divided, for we worship false gods. Help us to obey Christ, to whom we owe our existence, and to love our neighbors, whom we are commanded to serve.

✦ ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Paul reminds us, "There is one God . . . from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist, . . . If one loves God, one is known by God." As we confess our sin before God, God is faithful and just, and in Jesus Christ, through whom we exist, God forgives us our sin.

✦ 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, Amen.*

✦ PASSING OF THE PEACE  
The peace of God be with you.  
And also with you.  
Greet one another in Peace.

ANTHEM      "You Raise Me Up"      (Graham/Loveland)

CHILDREN'S SERMON

*(children are dismissed to the Classrooms for Sunday School)*

THE WORD OF GOD

Deut. 18:15 - 20 (page 163, OT)  
1 Cor. 8:1 - 13 (Page 150, NT)  
Mark 1:21 - 28 (page 30, NT)

SERMON      "It Is Time"

✦ HYMN      "Love Lifted Me"      #508

✦ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

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 CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

OFFERTORY

"What a Wonderful World"

(Weiss/Thiele)

Solo: Alicia Cottle

Guitar: David Blackburn

✦ DOXOLOGY "O Bless the Gifts"

#817

*O bless the gifts our hands have brought;  
And bless the work our hearts have planned.  
Ours is the faith, the will, the thought;  
The rest, O God, is in Your hand.*

✦ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Most merciful and gracious God, the good that we do we owe to your righteousness. Whatever honor we receive is due to your redeeming love in Christ Jesus. All that we have is a gift of your grace. You call us, you name us, you watch over us with care. We bring now our gifts in response to your goodness. Use them and us to further the work of your eternal benevolence, through Jesus Christ, whom we seek to obey.

✦ HYMN

"Because He Lives"

#358

✦ POSTLUDE

"Crown Him with Many Crowns"

(Elvey)