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FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Rev. Mark Gabbard

Liturgist - Judy Bawks

Music - Kay Boyne

January 7, 2024



OUR APPROACH TO GOD

PRELUDE "Cantate Domino" (Landon)

INTROIT "I Love You, Lord" (Klein)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Hear the word of the Lord, O nations, and declare it
in the coastlands far away.

They shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion;
they shall be radiant over the goodness of the Lord.
I will turn their mourning into joy; I will comfort them,
and give them gladness for sorrow.

For thus says the Lord: proclaim, give praise, and say,

"Save, O Lord, your people, the remnant of Israel."

Let us worship God!

PRAYER OF PRAISE AND ADORATION

It is good to sing you our praises, O God, for you are
gracious and a song of praise is fitting. You heal the
brokenhearted and bind up their wounds. You determine
the number of stars and give them their names. Your
greatness abounds and your understanding is beyond
measure. We will sing to you hymns of thanksgiving and
make melody with songs of praise. As you take pleasure in
those who hope in your steadfast love, be pleased with
our worship as we lift our voices in glad adoration.

✦ HYMN "We Gather Together" #790

✦ PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, you chose us in Christ before the
foundation of the world to be holy and blameless, yet we
do not love our brothers and sisters as he taught. You
destined us for adoption as your children through Jesus

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

President of Trustees:
 Michael Lussier

Chairman of Deacons:
 Jeanne Shibley

Music Director/Organist:
 Kay E. Boyne

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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.

Family of Patricia Russell, 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. You may also request the use of a microphone.*

VISITORS, WELCOME 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.

CIRCLE 3 Circle 3 will be meeting on Thursday January 11th, we hope to see you there!



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

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

Textile Social Group—the 1st, 3rd, and 4th Thursday of each month, from 9:30am to 1:00pm (SH)

Women's Bible Study—1st, 3rd, & 4th Wednesdays at 9:00 am

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

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



SERVING US THIS WEEK

Greeters: Alegra Soorus & Margaret Eagle

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


SERVING US NEXT WEEK

Greeters: Alegra Soorus & Margaret Eagle

Ushers: Ron Meister, David Bernier, Fred Michels, Roger Roe,
& Paul Sabourin

Last week's attendance: 60

Last week's offering: \$1,968.37

This Week's Calendar January 7 – January 14, 2024			
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	
9:00am Coffee Hour (WR) 9:15am Choir Practice (MR) 10:00am Worship Service	7:00pm Boy Scout Troop #105 (SH)	3:30pm Food Pantry	
Wednesday	 Presbyterian Church	Thursday	
6:00pm Choir Practice (S)		9:00am Textile Social (SH) 9:30am Circle 3 (WR)	
Friday	Saturday	Sunday	
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 11:15am Deacons Meeting	

Christ, yet we take our status for granted and fail to obey Christ when he calls us to follow. With all wisdom and insight you have made known to us the mystery of your will, yet we stubbornly refuse to study your Word. Forgive our sin, O God, and help us set our hope on Christ that we may live for the praise of his glory.

✦ ASSURANCE OF PARDON

In Christ, when we heard the word of truth, the gospel of our salvation, and believed in him, we were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit. This is the pledge of **our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people**, to the praise of his glory. In this promise lies our assurance, in Jesus Christ 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, Amen.*

✦ PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of God be with you.
And also with you.
Greet one another in Peace.

ANTHEM "Let There Be Peace on Earth" (Miller/Jackson)

THE WORD OF GOD

Gen. 1:1-5 (pg.1 OT)
Acts 19:1-7 (pg.122 NT)
Mark 1:4-11 (pg.30 NT)

SERMON "The One who Sets all things Right"

✦ HYMN "Spirit of the Living God" #389

✦ 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 "Andante Religioso" (Czerny)

✦ 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

As in Christ we have obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to your purpose, O God, we seek to live now for the praise of your glory. Accept these gifts we bring as symbols of our renewed **commitment to Christ's will for our lives. Use them to** enhance your kingdom beyond the walls of this sanctuary and bring a sense of your presence to all that they benefit. Make us ever mindful of those who are needy and more diligent in our use of the means of your grace.

✦ HYMN "Peace Like a River" #750

✦ POSTLUDE "Voices Exultant" (Nolte)