

Elijah taken up to heaven



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FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Rev. Mark Gabbard

Liturgist - Mark Strange

Music - Kay Boyne

February 11, 2024

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time



OUR APPROACH TO GOD

PRELUDE "Through The Eyes of Love" (Hamlisch)
Guitar: David Blackburn

INTROIT "We've Come, O Lord" (Neufeld)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Sing praise to the Lord, O you faithful one, and give thanks to
God's holy name.

Hear, O Lord, and be gracious to me! O Lord, be my helper!
You have turned my mourning into dancing; you have clothed
me with joy.

So that my soul may praise you and not be silent. O Lord, my
God, I will praise you forever.

Let us worship God!

PRAYER OF PRAISE AND ADORATION

Eternal God, we come rejoicing with gladness of heart, singing
your praises and adoring your wondrous gifts of love. You
cause the darkness of night to steal away with the dawn. You
bring us promise of new life in the gift of Jesus our Savior. We
arise refreshed from the rest you give, and wait for your Spirit to
fill us with the hope of the gospel. Come, Creator Spirit, and
dwell here among us. Hear our songs of thanksgiving as we
seek to worship you in thought, word, and deed.

✠ HYMN "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" #33

✠ PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, hear our confession as we pray in Christ's name.

We claim to be faithful, but we obey not your commandments.
We boast of our hope, yet we dwell not in faith. We gather
security about us while others go hungry. We arm ourselves
mightily as though we could buy peace of mind. We hear

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:
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Chairman of Deacons:
 Jeanne Shibley

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 Kay E. Boyne

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 Nicole McKelvie
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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.

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.

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 Mailes, 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



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 worshipping with us today.

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.

PW 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 is also available in the church office for only \$8!

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

WBS MISSION PROJECT Our February Mission Project is "Adopt A Blue Devil." The money raised is used for those students who have unmet needs such as a pair of glasses, boots/shoes, jackets and bedding as these items are size specific and not kept on hand. At the holidays, these funds are used for gifts for those who are in need of a little cheer. With over 700 students at the high school, there is no lack of opportunity to give a helping hand. All of February, there will be a locked box in the Narthex each Sunday for donations. If writing a check, please make it out to Sault High Pantry and note in the memo line "Adopt A Blue Devil Fund." As always, our heartfelt thank you for your generosity in supporting these mission projects each month. Like God's Word says "it is more blessed to give than to receive."



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: Jessica Kuenzer, & Cheryl Thoresen

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

SERVING US NEXT WEEK

Greeters: Jessica Kuenzer & Cheryl Thoresen


Ushers: Charlie Zane, Margaret Money, Alegra Soorus, & Audrey Zane

Last week's attendance: 77

Last week's offering: \$7,490

This Week's Calendar

February 11 – February 18, 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
9:00a Coffee Hour (WR) 9:15a Choir Practic (MR) 10:00a Worship Service Ordination and Installation of Board Members	7:00p Boy Scout Troop #105 (SH)	3:30p Food Pantry
Wednesday	<div style="text-align: center;">  <i>Presbyterian Church (USA)</i> </div>	Thursday
9:00a Womens Bible Study (WR) 6:00p Choir Practice (S)		9:00a Textile Social (SH)
Friday	Saturday	Sunday
9:00a Men's Bible Study (WR)	7:00p A.A. (WR)	9:00a Coffee Hour (WR) 9:15a Choir Practic (MR) 10:00a Worship Service Coffee & Cookies

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

Christ's words of assurance, but we live not in his promise.

Forgive our ambivalence, as in Christ we repent.

✠ ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Our help is in God. "It is God who justifies. . . . It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ?" Know that as we confess our sin, God is just. Through Jesus Christ, who intercedes on our behalf, we have assurance that God forgives us.

✠ 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 "Lord, Help Me Be Thy Servant" (Besig)

CHILDREN'S SERMON

(children are dismissed to the Classrooms for Sunday School)

THE WORD OF GOD

2 Kings 2: 1 - 12 (Pages 310, OT)

1 Cor. 4:3 - 6 (Page 148, NT)

Mark 9:2 - 13 (page 30, NT)

SERMON "Times Are A Changing"

✠ HYMN "Just a Closer Walk with Thee" #564

SERVICE OF ORDINATION/INSTALLATION

INTRODUCTION OF ELDERS, DEACONS, AND TRUSTEES
(see insert)

✠ 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 "It Is Well With My Soul" (Bliss)
Solo Loren Corbin
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
God of all grace and goodness, throughout the ages you have looked after the needs of your children; we thank you for your mercy. Bless the words we speak, that they may proclaim your greatness. Look with favor on those acts we perform, that we may show others your tender love. Make us responsive to the high calling of Jesus, as we offer you gifts in his name.

✦ HYMN "Onward, Christian Soldiers" #731

✦ POSTLUDE "Majestic Postlude" (Williams)