

But those who hope
in the Lord will
Renew their strength.
They will soar
on wings like eagles;
they will run
and not grow weary, they will
walk and not be faint.



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FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Rev. Mark Gabbard

Liturgist - Mark Strange

Music - Kay Boyne

February 4, 2024

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

OUR APPROACH TO GOD

PRELUDE "Largo" (Handel)

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

It is good to sing praises to our God. God is gracious and a song of praise is fitting.

Great is the Lord, and abundant in power, whose understanding is beyond measure.

Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving; make melody to our God with the lyre.

You take pleasure in those who fear you and hope in your steadfast love.

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 "Come, Christians, Join to Sing" #225

✠ PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, you heal the brokenhearted; save us from sin when we inflict pain on our neighbors. We bear grudges against those who deceive us. We seek revenge on those who hurt us.

Some we judge inferior, since they don't meet our standards. Others we deem unworthy of our respect and support. Jesus had compassion upon all who were afflicted. Forgive us, O

About First United Presbyterian Church

Church Staff

To Our Visitors

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

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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.

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!

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.

INSTALATION OF OFFICERS Will be Sunday February 11th.

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


SERVING US NEXT WEEK

Greeters: Jessica Kuenzer & Cheryl Thoresen

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

Last week's attendance: 87

Last week's offering: \$

This Week's Calendar February 4 – February 11, 2024			
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	
9:00am Coffee Hour (WR) 9:15am Choir Practice (MR) 10:00am Worship Service communion Soup N' Sandwich	7:00pm Boy Scout Troop #105 (SH)		
Wednesday	 Presbyterian Church	Thursday	
6:00pm Choir Practice (S)		9:00am Textile Social (SH) 9:30am Circle 3	
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 Installation of officers	

God, when our hearts are hardened against neighbors in need.

✦ ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The assurance of our pardon resides in Christ, "who, though he was in the form of God . . . emptied himself, taking the form of a slave." Today, he intercedes on behalf of human weakness before the great throne of God. Therefore, let every knee bow, and let every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord. Therein lies our assurance that 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 "My God Is Love" (Perry)

CHILDREN'S SERMON

(children are dismissed to the Classrooms for Sunday School)

THE WORD OF GOD

Isaiah. 40:21 - 31 (pages 627 – 628, OT)

1 Cor. 9:16 - 23 (Pages 150 - 151, NT)

Mark 1:29 - 39 (pages 30 - 31, NT)

SERMON "What Do You Seek?"

✦ HYMN "Let Us Break Bread Together" #460

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S TABLE

INVITATION

COMMUNION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

✦ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH The Apostles' Creed

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.

THE CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH
CONGREGATIONAL LIFE
THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

✠ 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.*

⬠ HYMN “Jesus Is All the World to Me” #512

♣ POSTLUDE “Postlude on “Italian Hymn”” (Broughton)