

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

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

OFFERTORY            "It Took A Miracle"            (Peterson)  
Solo: Jackie Tastor  
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  
Moment by moment your arms embrace us, O God, with the  
bountiful gifts of your grace and mercy. We are mindful  
each day of how you care for our needs. Be pleased with  
our worship of praise and thanksgiving and receive now our  
offerings we gratefully bring. May they be used to further the  
mission Christ brought to the nations and enhance his efforts  
to bring peace, love and justice on earth.

✦ HYMN                "Freely, Freely"            #436

✦ BENEDICTION

✦ POSTLUDE        "Recessional March"            (Smart)



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# FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Rev. Mark Gabbard

Music - Kay E. Boyne / Liturgist - Tom Corbin

June 11, 2023

9th Sunday in ordinary time



## OUR APPROACH TO GOD

PRELUDE "A Quiet Song" (Smith)

INTROIT "When I Look into Your Holiness" (Perrin)

## CALL TO WORSHIP

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

**Therefore we will not fear; though the earth should change, though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea.**

Be still, and know that I am God! I am exalted among the nations; I am exalted in the earth.

**The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.**

Let us worship God!

## PRAYER OF PRAISE AND ADORATION

✦ HYMN "All Creatures of Our God and King" #63

## \*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, we confess that all of us sin and fall short of your glory. We are idle when we should be active. We listen to gossip more than we listen to the gospel. When called to serve we have excuses rather than excitement. We hesitate rather than hasten to do what you ask. Time is short for we know not when you will call us to judgment. Help us to be mindful of how precious each moment is and be quick to fill them with deeds of discipleship in response to your will.

## \* ASSURANCE OF PARDON

✦ 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 "I Shall Not Be Moved" (Pyle)

## CHILDREN'S SERMON

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

## THE WORD OF GOD

Gen. 12:1-9 (page 9, NT)

Rom. 4:13-25 (page 134)

Matt. 9:9-13, 18-26 (page 8, NT)

SERMON "It Begins"

\* HYMN "They'll Know We are Christians" #429

✦ 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.**

# About First United Presbyterian Church

## Church Staff

## To Our Visitors

**Minister:** Rev. Mark D. Gabbard  
*pastor@soopresbyterian.org*

**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

**Administrative Assistant:** Nicole McKelvie  
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**Sexton:** Jason Fuller

**Pastor's Office Hours:** 9:15 AM to 12:00 PM (Monday-Friday)  
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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.

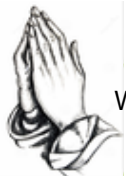
**Please Silence**  
**all electronics**  
**prior to worship**  
**service.**



***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***

### This Week's Calendar June 11 – June 18, 2023

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	
9:00am Coffee Hour (WR) 9:00am Choir Practice (S) 10:00am Worship Service 10:15am Sunday School	7:00pm Boy Scout Troop #105 (SH)	3:30pm Food Pantry	
Wednesday	 <i>Presbyterian Church (USA)</i>		
Friday	Saturday	Sunday	
9:00am Men's Bible Study (WR)	7:00pm A.A.	9:00am Coffee Hour (S) 9:00am Choir Practice (S) 10:00am Worship Service 10:15am Sunday School 11:15am Deacons Meeting	
		9:30am Textile	



## IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS THIS WEEK

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

The Family of Robert Corbin, Erick Florip, Terry Mason, Scott Wallace, Nellie Harrington, Dolores Leuvoy, Patty Russell, Carolyn Trumble, Susan Alexander, Aaron Corbiere, Carolyn Shaw, Della Porter, Gina Gough, Jon Burgess, Kimberly (Swick) Jewell, Jeffrey Burgess, Donna LaPlaunt, Sandy Shaw, Jane Kellan, William Kellan, Patricia Farnhill, Geraldine Carnahan, Lillian Donelson, Dave & Leslie Henderson, Tara Jean Brody, and all members of missionaries, and 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**



### **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 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.

**PRAYER REQUESTS** We have Prayer Request slips available in the narthex, near the sanctuary doors. If you would like to request prayers today, please fill out a slip and hand it to one of the ushers prior to the service.

**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.

**PW FUNDRAISERS** 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 church office for only \$8!

**CHOIR PRACTICE** Choir meets Sunday at 9:00am in the sanctuary, all are invited to come sing with us!

**TEXTILE SOCIAL** The Textile Social Group meets the 1st, 3rd, and 4th Thursday of each month, from 9:30am to 1:00pm in the Social Hall.

**WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY** With Presbytery Point Camp opening once again for the season, our June Monthly Mission will be to help them with needed supplies. A few suggestions are: food storage containers, white laundry baskets, 12 matching salt & pepper shakers or craft projects. There is also a listing of more items on the bulletin board across from the church office. As always, your help with these mission projects throughout the past years have been so appreciated by the recipients of your generosity. It's a good feeling to know we are following Christ's command in loving and helping others in need. God Bless!

**WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY** Will not be meeting until September, have a great summer!

**FUPC MEETINGS** Deacons will meet June 18th at 11:15 am. Session will meet June 19 at 5:30 pm. Trustees will meet June 20th at 5:30 pm.

**CELEBRATE SUMMER** June 20, 2023 at 12:00 noon we will be hosting our second "Celebrate Summer" luncheon and social. We are inviting all local Sault Ste. Marie church women as well as all Presbyterian Women from Newberry east to DeTour/Neebish Island. We have a salad luncheon planned, which will be followed by two speakers: Tracy Holt from Hospice of the EUP and Brenda Ransom of HOPE. All FUPC women are invited and urged to come represent our church. Please RSVP by June 14th to Margaret Eagle at 906-259-5028 or Alegra Soorus at 906-632-3972. Mark your calendar now and come enjoy good food and fellowship.

**PRESBYTERY POINT CAMP** It is time to think about church camp! Presbytery Point is open and ready for the camping season. Registrations are now being accepted. Sign up is easy from the website at [www.presbyterypoint.org](http://www.presbyterypoint.org) and the church has scholarships to help pay half for your camper! Got questions and can't find the answers on the website? Let Brenda Ransom or Peggy Osborne know and they will help you out.



### **SERVING US THIS WEEK**

**Greeters:** Cheryl Thoreson & Alegra Soorus

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

### **SERVING US NEXT WEEK**

**Greeters:** Cheryl Thoreson & Alegra Soorus

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

**Last week's attendance: 98**

**Last week's offering: \$3,538.02**