

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: Lauren 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
O God, we have been led to acknowledge Christ Jesus as the source of new life. With Hagar we have come to observe the wellsprings of your love. As you have called us to be your people, accept now the offerings we bring you. Use them to spread your message from east to west and from south to north, so that those who come after us may be led to proclaim you God of their lives.

✦ HALVERSON BENEDICTION
**You go nowhere by accident.
Wherever you go, God is sending you.
Wherever you are, God has put you there; He has a purpose in your being there.
Christ, you indwells you, has something he wants to do through you, where you are.
Believe this and go in His grace and love and power.**

✦ HYMN "God Is So Good" #193

✦ BENEDICTION

✦ POSTLUDE "Postlude on a Theme By Haydn" (Carrler)



Consider
yourselves
dead to sin

and

ALIVE
to **GOD** in
CHRIST
JESUS.

ROMANS 6:11



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FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Rev. Mark Gabbard

Music - Kay E. Boyne / Liturgist - Tom Corbin

June 25, 2023

12th Sunday in Ordinary Time



OUR APPROACH TO GOD

PRELUDE "Ave Marla" (Bach/Gounod)

INTROIT "Seeking, Trusting, Lord I Come to You" (Fontana)

CALL TO WORSHIP

You are my God; be gracious to me, O Lord, for to you I cry all day long.

For you, O Lord, are good and forgiving, abounding in steadfast love to all who call on you.

For you are great and do wondrous things; you alone are God.

Teach me your way, O Lord, that I may walk in your truth; give me an undivided heart to revere your name.

Let us worship God!

PRAYER OF PRAISE AND ADORATION

✦ HYMN "Come, Thou Almighty King" #8

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, in Christ Jesus, have mercy upon us. We are not quick to proclaim Christ as our savior. We have our own desires that demand our devotion. Other people have power over us that we dare not deny. We sometimes confuse Christ's will and our own. At times it is awkward to confess him the source of new life. With compassion he suffers, aware of our plight. O God, hear our confession, and through Christ keep us upright.

✦ 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'll Walk With God" (Brodzsky)

CHILDREN'S SERMON
(children are dismissed to the Classrooms for Sunday School)

THE WORD OF GOD

Gen. 21:8 – 21 (page 15-16, OT)

Romans 6:1 - 11 (pages 136, NT)

Matt. 10:24 - 39 (page 9, NT)

SERMON "Is God Unfair?"

✦ HYMN "I Sing the Mighty Power of God" #128

✦ 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
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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 25—July 2, 2023			
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)		
Wednesday	 Presbyterian Church (USA)		
Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Thursday
9:00am Men's Bible Study (WR)	7:00pm A.A.	9:00am Coffee Hour (WR) 9:00am Choir Practice (S) 10:00am Worship Service 10:15am Sunday School Communion	9:30am Textile



IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS THIS WEEK

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

Dolores Leuvoy, Patty Russell, Carolyn Trumble, Susan Alexander, 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, 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.

CHOIR PRACTICE Sunday at 9:00am in the Sanctuary; all are invited to come sing with us!

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!

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 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.

CHIPPEWA COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY Is holding an exhibit this month featuring Marcia Schreiner's matchbook collection, this is a temporary exhibit so come check it out before its too late! (Located at 115 Ashmun St.)

RUMMAGE SALE 2023 Our PW Rummage Sale is officially in the planning stage with a date of August 5, 2023. We are hoping you will remember our event as you clean out your basements, attics, garages, sheds, and downsizing. This is one of the best fundraising events towards our yearly mission projects. Contact Doris or Anita for more information.

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.

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSURE The church office will be closed from Monday, July 3 thru Thursday, July 6. Normal office hours will resume Monday, July 10th.

OUR SUMMER CELEBRATION was a great success! We had many ladies from our congregation as well as several of our local churches and outreaching Presbyterian churches. We received lots of praise for putting the program together. You never know how many to expect and wonder if it is worth all the effort and then on the actual day it just blossoms. We had about 60 in attendance and all enjoyed the good food, fellowship and very informative presentations from Tracey Holt of Hospice of the EUP and our own Brenda Ransom representing HOPE and dog therapy. Doris Boogerd led us in devotions and provided a wonderful uplifting message. Thank you Margaret Eagle for sending out our invitations and being our reservation contact. Thank you one and all for attending this event, for helping with food, setup and cleanup. It was a success because of you. Ladies are already asking about next year's event so it is not too early to get planning.



SERVING US THIS WEEK

Greeters: Julie Walsh & Margaret Eagle

Ushers: Cathy Akre, Cheryl Thoresen, & JoAnne Lussier

SERVING US NEXT WEEK

Greeters: Julie Walsh & Margaret Eagle

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

Last week's attendance: 72

Last week's offering: \$1,608