

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 "I Believe" (Drake, Shirl, Stillman, Graham)
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
As you delivered Rebekah from her barrenness so also you fill our lives with your blessings. Send us in Christ's name into the world to sow your seeds of righteousness and peace. We offer ourselves to your service with the prayer that we become receptive to your command. Nourish us with the gift of your Spirit that we may grow more pleasing in your sight. We pray that the fruit of our faith shall lead others to you.

✦ HYMN "In My Heart There Rings a Melody" #502

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

✦ POSTLUDE "Praise" (Otis)



There is
therefore now
no condemnation
for those who are in
CHRIST JESUS.

ROMANS 8:1, NRSV



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FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Rev. Mark Gabbard

Music - Kay E. Boyne

Liturgist - Rev. David Blackburn

July 16, 2023

15th Sunday in ordinary time



OUR APPROACH TO GOD

PRELUDE "Idyll" (Denton)

INTROIT "Spirit of God" (Jacobs)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

Accept my offerings of praise, O Lord, and teach me your ordinances.

Your decrees are my heritage forever; they are the joy of my heart.

I incline my heart to perform your statutes forever, even unto the end.

Let us worship God!

PRAYER OF PRAISE AND ADORATION

✦ HYMN "O Worship the King" #104

✦ LITANY OF CONFESSION

The law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death.

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do.

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, God condemned sin in the flesh.

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

So that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according

to the Spirit.

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

✦ 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 "Everlasting Arms" (Callaway)

CHILDREN'S SERMON

(children are dismissed to the Classrooms for Sunday School)

THE WORD OF GOD

Gen. 25:19 - 34 (page 20, OT)

Romans 8:1 - 11 (page 137 - 138, NT)

Matt. 13:1 - 23 (page 12, NT)

SERMON "Selling The Birthright"

✦ HYMN "Shine, Jesus, Shine" #431

✦ 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;

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 July 16– July 23, 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	5:30pm Session Meeting 7:00pm Boy Scout Troop #105 (SH)	12:00pm PW Meeting 5:30pm Trustee Meeting	
Wednesday	 Presbyterian Church (USA)		
Friday			
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	
		Thursday	
		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, 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 Will not be meeting until September, have a great summer!

FUPC MEETINGS Deacons will meet today, at 11:15 am. Session will meet July 17th at 5:30 pm. Trustees will meet July 18th at 5:30 pm.

PW MEETING Presbyterian Women will meet Tuesday July 18th at noon.

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. Drop off for items will be Monday July 31st-Thursdays August 3rd, from 9am-noon, with evening drop off on Wednesday August 2nd, 6pm-8pm. Contact Doris or Anita for more information.

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!

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.

MESSAGE FROM KAY Thank you to my awesome choir and to my church family for the surprise birthday party. Also for all the beautiful flowers, lovely cards, gifts, for the gorgeous cake and the musical bag that the quilting gals made for me. Made my birthday a very special one! Thank you so much!



SERVING US THIS WEEK

Greeters: Cheryl Thoresen & Gordon Rohweder

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

SERVING US NEXT WEEK

Greeters: Cheryl Thoresen, & Gordon Rohweder

Ushers: Cathy Akre, Cheryl Thoresen, & JoAnne Lussier

Last week's attendance: 65

Last week's offering: \$3,500