

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

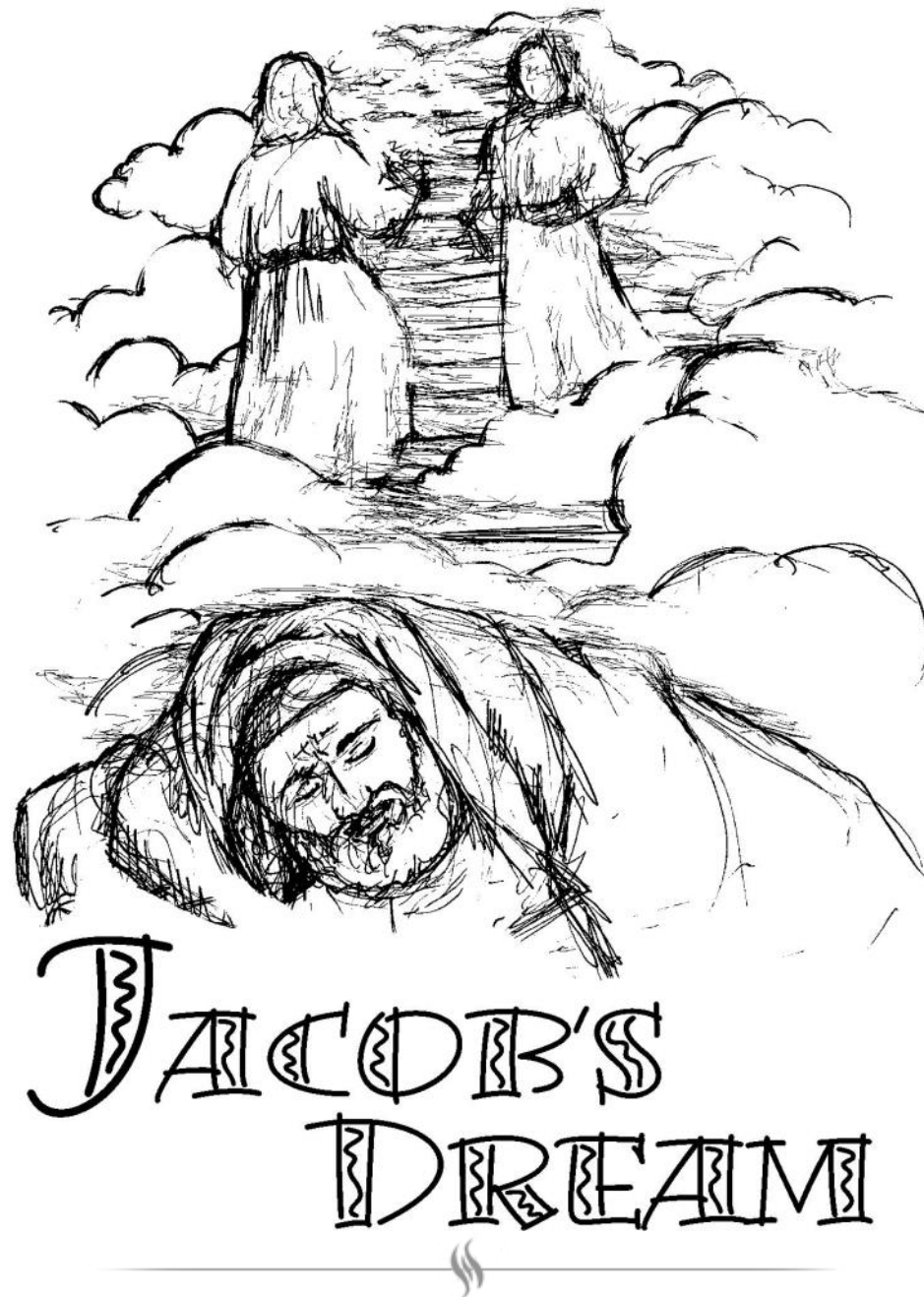
As the wheat is gathered into the barns, O God, so the fruits of our labors are brought into your house. Through the purging fire of your judgment, render our gifts acceptable in your sight. Set them aside as worthy, so that Jesus Christ, the bread of life, may nourish others.

✦ HYMN "Freely, Freely" #436

✦ 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 "March Solonelle" (Stickles)



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FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Rev. Mark Gabbard

Music - Kay E. Boyne

Liturgist - Rev. David Blackburn

July 23, 2023

16th Sunday in ordinary time



OUR APPROACH TO GOD

PRELUDE "Morning Meditation" (Frick)

INTROIT "Spirit of God" (Jacobs)

CALL TO WORSHIP

O Lord, you have searched me and known me. You discern my thoughts from far away.

You search out my path and my lying down, and are acquainted with all my ways.

Where can I go from your spirit? Or where can I flee from your presence?

Search me, O God, and know my heart. See if there is any wicked way in me and lead me in the way of everlasting.

Let us worship God!

PRAYER OF PRAISE AND ADORATION

✦ HYMN "Morning Has Broken" (Insert)

✦ PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We confess, O God, that our lives are a mixture of weeds and good seeds. The weeds choke us and limit our will to respond. We admire the good seeds and want to nourish them. When the harvest comes, we know that the good seed will be kept and all else will be judged unfit for your realm. Christ have mercy upon us as we learn of your will. Give us guidance and determination as we obey your command. Forgive our misplaced allegiance when we settle for weeds. May we broadcast the landscape with the good seed of your Word.

* 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 "Love Grows Here" (Besig)

CHILDREN'S SERMON

(children are dismissed to the Classrooms for Sunday School)

THE WORD OF GOD

Gen. 28:10 - 19 (page 23, OT)

Romans 8:12 - 25 (page 138, NT)

Matt. 13:24 - 30, 36 - 43 (pages 12 - 13, NT)

SERMON "Jacob's Suprise"

✦ HYMN "The Church's One Foundation" #401

✦ 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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Commissioned Ruling Elder: Brenda Ransom

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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 July 23– July 30, 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	 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	9:30am Textile



IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS THIS WEEK

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

Annette Mailles, Dolores Leuvoy, Patty Russell, 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 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



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. You may also request the use of a microphone.

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.

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 Sunday August 20, at 11:15 am. Session will meet August 21st, at 5:30 pm. Trustees will meet August 15th at 5:30 pm.

PW MEETING Presbyterian Women will meet Tuesday September 19th 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 Thursdays of each month, from 9:30am to 1:00pm in the Social Hall.

HIAWATHALAND COMMUNITY CHORUS Will be holding a concert on July 29th, at 7:00 pm, located at Rudyard Christian Reformed Church. (17970 S Tilson Rd. Rudyard)



FOR ALL WHO ARE
LED BY THE SPIRIT OF
GOD ARE CHILDREN
OF GOD.

ROMANS 8:14, NRSV



SERVING US THIS WEEK

Greeters: Cheryl Thoresen & Gordon Rohweder

Ushers: Cathy Akre, Cheryl Thoresen, & JoAnne Lussier

SERVING US NEXT WEEK

Greeters: Cheryl Thoresen, & Gordon Rohweder

Ushers: Jessica Kuenzer, Terri Marsh, Julie Walsh, & Terry Lamb

Last week's attendance: 70

Last week's offering: \$5,679