

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

THE CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH  
CONGREGATIONAL LIFE  
THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE  
**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

OFFERTORY "Savior's Shadow" (Shelton, Alexander, Randall)  
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

**Treasures lose their luster, and riches are easily spent, but your kingdom endures forever. We approach you, O God, trusting your will for our lives. You give us assurance of your abiding presence. You provide us with confidence as we follow Christ's call. Accept now the gifts that we offer, so that your truth may be known throughout the land.**

✦ HYMN "I Am Thine, O Lord" #552

✦ 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 of the Prophets" (Stickles)



[Nothing] will be able to  
separate us from the love of God  
in Christ Jesus our Lord.

ROMANS 8:39



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# FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Rev. Mark Gabbard

Music - Kay E. Boyne

Liturgist - Rev. David Blackburn

July 30, 2023

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time



## OUR APPROACH TO GOD

PRELUDE "Perhaps Love" (Denver)  
Guitar: David Blackburn

INTROIT "Spirit of God" (Jacobs)

## CALL TO WORSHIP

The Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought.

**We know that all things work together for good for those who love God.**

What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us?

**You, who did not withhold your own Son, will you not also give us all things through him?**

Let us worship God!

## PRAYER OF PRAISE AND ADORATION

✦ HYMN "Shine, Jesus, Shine" #431

## ✦ PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Gracious God, have mercy upon us as we make our confession. We question your judgment when your will conflicts with our own. We are reluctant to follow the course you prescribe. Our patience grows thin when you intrude in life's journey, causing us to veer from the path we pursue. We seek to be faithful and obey your directions, but our own desires delay us in fulfilling your will. Have mercy upon us and deliver us from self-deception.**

## ✦ 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 "Beloved, Let Us Love One Another" (Hayes)

## CHILDREN'S SERMON

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

## THE WORD OF GOD

Gen. 29:15 - 28 (page 24, OT)

Romans 8:26 - 39 (pages 138 - 139 NT)

Matt. 13:31 - 33, 44 - 52 (page 13, NT)

SERMON "The Way"

✦ HYMN "Near to the Heart of God" #617

✦ 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  
*office@soopresbyterian.org*

**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 July 30 – August 6, 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	9 am-12 pm Rummage Sale drop off 7:00pm Boy Scout Troop #105 (SH)	9 am-12 pm Rummage Sale drop off	
Wednesday	 <i>Presbyterian Church (USA)</i>		Thursday
9 am-12:00pm Rummage Sale drop off 6 pm-8:00pm Rummage Sale drop off			9:-12 pm: Rummage Sale drop off 9:30am Textile
Friday	Saturday	Sunday	
9:00am Men's Bible Study (WR)	9 am-1 pm Rummage Sale 7:00pm A.A.	9:00am Coffee Hour (WR) 9:00am Choir Practice (S) 10:00am Worship Service 10:15am Sunday School <b>Communion</b>	



## 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 August 20th 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** It has arrived! Our Annual Rummage Sale is Saturday August 5 from 9am-1pm. Starting tomorrow July 31st, we will be setting up tables, accepting, and sorting your sale donation items daily from 9am-1:30pm. There will be an evening drop off on Wednesday August 2nd, from 6:00pm thru 8:00pm.

**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.

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### **SERVING US THIS WEEK**

**Greeters:** Cheryl Thoresen & Gordon Rohweder

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

### **SERVING US NEXT WEEK**

**Greeters:** Julie Walsh & Margaret Eagle

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

**Last week's attendance: 70**

**Last week's offering: \$2,373**