

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

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

OFFERTORY                      "Penitence"                      (Osman)

✦ DOXOLOGY                      #814

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.  
Amen.**

✦ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**O God, we offer those gifts you bestow abundantly upon us.  
Take them and blend them into a composite of  
commitment. Empower our hands to reach out to others.  
Enlighten our minds to perceive clearly your will. May the  
money we offer support the church's endeavors, as in Christ's  
name we seek faithfully to respond to your will.**

✦ HYMN                      "Seek Ye First"                      #713

✦ 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                      "Coronation March"                      (Stickles)



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# FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Rev. Mark Gabbard

Music - Kay Boyne

Liturgist - D. Boogerd

September 3, 2023

22st Sunday in Ordinary Time



## OUR APPROACH TO GOD

PRELUDE "Bread of Heaven" (Jordan)

INTROIT "As We Come Together" (Pethal)

### CALL TO WORSHIP

We will give thanks to you, O Lord, and call on your name.

**We will make known your deeds among the peoples, sing  
you our praises and tell of all your wonderful works.**

Glory in God's holy name! Let the hearts of those who seek  
the Lord rejoice.

**Praise the Lord!**

Let us worship God!

### PRAYER OF PRAISE AND ADORATION

✦ HYMN "Lead On, O King Eternal" #724

### ✦ PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**You say you hate evil, yet we seek to get even with those  
who hurt us. We are to love one another, yet we choose  
some over others. When it comes time to serve you we are  
not that zealous to act. We do not pray as we ought, nor do  
we seek your guidance often enough. Forgive us, O God,  
our wayward behavior and help us to live in harmony with  
one another. Thereby through your grace and mercy may  
we live peaceably with all.**

### ✦ 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 "We Gather At Your Table, Lord"" (Ebret)

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

## THE WORD OF GOD

Exodus. 3:1 - 15 (pages 46 – 47, OT)

Romans 12:9 - 21 (page 142, NT)

Matt. 16:21 - 28 (page 16, NT)

SERMON "Oops"

✦ HYMN "Let Us Break Bread Together" #460

## THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S TABLE

INVITATION

COMMUNION

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

✦ 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

**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 September 3, – September 10, 2023			
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	
9:00am Coffee Hour (WR) 9:15am Choir Practice (MR) 10:00am Worship Service 10:15am Sunday School Communion	7:00pm Boy Scout Troop #105 (SH)	Labor Day Office Closed	
Wednesday	 Presbyterian Church (USA)		Thursday
6:00pm Choir Practice (S)			9:30am Textile
Friday	Saturday	Sunday	
9:00am Men's Bible Study (WR)	7:00pm A.A.	9:00am Coffee Hour (WR) 9:15am Choir Practice (MR) 10:00am Worship Service 10:15am Sunday School 11:00am Soup and Sandwich Luncheon (SH)	



## IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS THIS WEEK

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

Annette Mailes, 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.

**FUPC MEETINGS** Deacons will meet September 17th at 11:15 am. Session will meet September 18th at 5:30 pm. Trustees will meet September 19th at 5:30 pm.

**PW MEETING** Presbyterian Women will meet Tuesday September 19th at noon.

**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.

**CIRCLE 3** will be gathering on Thursday, September 14th at 9:30am in the Westminster Room. All ladies are warmly invited to join us for a timely lesson, good fellowship and always, good treats!!

**WOMENS BIBLE STUDY** will be meeting in the Westminster Room beginning on Wednesday, September 20th at 9:30am. This is a good opportunity to learn more about God's Word in a friendly, warm atmosphere. We'd love to have you join us.

**WOMENS BIBLE STUDY GROUP** is once again asking our church family to support our monthly mission project. The local agency we are going to help for September is the Care Net Pregnancy Center of the EUP located at 1420 Ashmun St. Even though it's early, the agency is already planning ahead to the holidays for their clients and families. They are asking for children's toys from birth up to 10 years of age. They are also in need of diapers in sizes 5, 6 and 7. If you can donate it surely will be greatly appreciated. As always, a cart will be placed in the Narthex to collect your items.

**CHOIR** Wednesday evening Choir practice will resume September 6th, at 6:00 p.m.



### **SERVING US THIS WEEK**

**Greeters:** Julie Walsh & Margaret Eagle

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

### **SERVING US NEXT WEEK**

**Greeters:** Margaret Eagle, & Steve Carlson

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

**Last week's attendance: 60**

**Last week's offering: \$1,545**