

OFFERTORY "What a Friend We Have In Jesus"

(Loree/ Converse)

✦ 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

"We gather together to ask the Lord's blessing; he chastens and hastens his will to make known." We do gather before you, O God, and ask that you will bless the fruits of our labor. Hasten to make your will known among us, so that all that we do shall be to your glory. Accept the gifts that we offer for the furtherance of your peace; in Christ's name we pray.

✦ HYMN

"His Eye Is on the Sparrow"

#624

✦ POSTLUDE

"Triumphal March"

(Stickles)



Remember the wonders
HE HAS DONE,
HIS MIRACLES,
and the judgments
HE PRONOUNCED.

PSALM 105:5, NIV



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FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Rev. Mark Gabbard

Music - Kay Boyne

Liturgist - D Boogerd

September 17, 2023

24rd Sunday in Ordinary Time



OUR APPROACH TO GOD

PRELUDE "I Walked with God this Day" (Birchwood)

INTROIT "As We Come Together" (Pethal)

CALL TO WORSHIP

In the presence of God the sea shall flee, the mountains shall skip like rams and the hills like lambs.

We are bold to approach you and call you our God. We come into your presence with singing and into your courts with praise.

Let us worship God!

PRAYER OF PRAISE AND ADORATION

✦ HYMN "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" #210

✦ PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We are mindful that each time we come into your presence how willing you are to forgive seventy times seven. Yet when people betray us we bear grudges and think ill of them. We are quick to anger when we feel we've been wronged. We do not hasten to seek reconciliation even when we would rather things were less stressful and tense. Forgive us when we hesitate to emulate your example and help us to seek the peace Christ taught us to practice.

✦ 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 "You are Precious, Lord to me" (Nolan/Stevens)

CHILDREN'S SERMON

(children are dismissed to the Classrooms for Sunday School)

THE WORD OF GOD

Exodus. 14:19 - 31 (page 57, OT)

Romans 14:1 - 12 (pages 142 - 143, NT)

Matt. 18:21 - 35 (pages 17 - 18, NT)

SERMON "164,000 Years"

✦ HYMN "Amazing Grace" #343

✦ 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.

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

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

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 September 17, – September 24, 2023			
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	
9:00am Coffee Hour (WR) 9:15am Choir Practice (MR) 10:00am Worship Service 10:15am Sunday School	7:00pm Boy Scout Troop #105 (SH)	12:00pm P.W. Meeting	
Wednesday	 <i>Presbyterian Church (USA)</i>		Thursday
9:30am Women's Bible Study (WR) 6:00pm Choir Practice (S)			9:30am Textile Social (SH)
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	



IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS THIS WEEK

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

Marlin Maas, 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.

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, October 12th 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 has resumed. 6pm in the sanctuary.

MEMORIAL AND DEDICATION SERVICE The Memorial Committee would like to invite you to our annual Memorial and Dedication service on October 15, during the 10:00 am Worship service. Candles will be lit in memory of church members and friends who have passed away during the past year. We will also dedicate new purchases from the Memorial Fund. Please call Sara Jones, at 635-0740, or the Church office if you have any questions. Coffee hour will follow the service.



SERVING US THIS WEEK

Greeters: Julie Walsh & Margaret Eagle

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

SERVING US NEXT WEEK

Greeters: Margaret Eagle, & Steve Carlson

Ushers: Cathy Akre, Cheryl Thoresen, and JoAnne Lussier

Last week's attendance: 69

Last week's offering: \$2,675