

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.

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

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

OFFERTORY

"Arcoso"

(Lander)

✦ 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 Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life, O God, may we find in him the source of our strength. As we carry gifts to you, empower our hands to lift others to Christ. As we offer our praise, place on our lips the good news of your love. As we hear your word spoken, lead us to new wisdom to impart the truth of the gospel; your people are free! Accept all that we do in the name of the Christ who makes all things new.

✦ HYMN

"Peace like a River"

#750

✦ BENEDICTION

✦ POSTLUDE

"Postlude in F"

(Nordman)



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FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Rev. Mark Gabbard

Music - Kay E. Boyne / Liturgist - Mark Strange

May 7, 2023

Fifth Sunday of Easter



OUR APPROACH TO GOD

PRELUDE "Springtime Reverie" (Callender)

INTROIT "When I Look into Your Holiness" (Perrin)

CALL TO WORSHIP

In you, O Lord, I seek refuge; do not let me ever be put to shame.

Incline your ear to me, rescue me speedily. Be a rock of refuge for me, a strong fortress to save me.

You are indeed my rock and my fortress; for your name's sake lead me and guide me.

Into your hand I commit my spirit; you have redeemed me, O Lord, faithful God.

Let us worship God!

PRAYER OF PRAISE AND ADORATION

✦ HYMN "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" #648

✦ LITANY OF ASSURANCE

Come to Christ, the living stone, chosen and precious in God's sight.

We are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's chosen people.

Like living stones, be built yourselves into a spiritual house.

We are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's chosen people.

Offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

We are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's chosen people.

Declare the wonderful deeds of Christ who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

We are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people.

Once you were no people but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy but now you have received mercy.

We are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people.

✦ 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 "Like the Gentle Rain" (Lightfoot)

CHILDREN'S SERMON

(children are dismissed to the Classrooms for Sunday School)

THE WORD OF GOD

Acts 7:55 – 60 (pages 109 – 110, NT)

1 Peter 2:2 - 10 (page 206, NT)

John 14:1 – 14 (page 95, NT)

SERMON "Peace"

* HYMN "Let Us Break Bread Together" #460

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S TABLE

INVITATION

COMMUNION

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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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 May 7 - May 14, 2023

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	
9:00am Coffee Hour (WR) 9:15am Choir Practice (MR) 10:00am Worship Service 10:15am Sunday School Soup N' Sandwich Communion	7:00pm Boy Scout Troop #105 (SH)	3:30pm Food Pantry	
Wednesday	 Presbyterian Church (USA)		
9:30am Women's Bible Study (WR) 6:00pm Choir Practice (S)			
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:

Roland Akre, Dolores leuvoy, Patty Russell, Carolyn Trumble, Susan Alexander, Robert Corbin, 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, William 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 Choir meets on Wednesdays at 6:00pm in the Sanctuary; and Sunday at 9:15am, all are invited to come sing with us!

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 10:00am to 1:00pm in the Social Hall.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY Our Women's bible study group May Mission is again asking for non-food items for our FUPC food pantry, such as paper towels, laundry soap, toothpaste, soap, and toilet paper. We appreciate the support you have given in the past, and prayerfully ask for your continued support. If you want to suggest an organization for future support, please see Nicole in the church office or talk to any of us in the Bible study group.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY Meets on Wednesdays at 9:30am in the Westminster Room (This group does not meet the second Wednesday of the month)

CIRCLE 3 will be meeting on May 11th at 9:30am in the Westminster Room with guest speaker Tracy Holt doing the program. She will be providing information on the recently opened Teen Home on East 3 Mile Rd. Please join us to learn more about this Mission field right here in our own home town.

GRADUATES! If someone in your family is graduating from high school or college, FUPC would like to recognize them during the May 21st worship service. Please provide their name and a brief bio to the church office by Monday, May 15th. Any questions can be directed to Jessica Kuenzer or Melissa Gabbard.

PRESBYTERY POINT CAMP WEEKEND Opening Camp - May 5-7
Working Hours: Friday 8am to 5pm, Saturday 8am to 5pm, and Sunday 8am to 3pm. Looking for volunteers to help open and clean up buildings, and prepare the camp for the 2023 summer season. Questions can be directed to: director@presbyterypoint.org We are also looking for an Assistant Lifeguard - June 18 to August 6. Volunteers needed to counsel High School Camp - July 9-15

FUPC MEETINGS Session will meet on Monday May 15th at 5:30pm. Trustees will meet Tuesday May 16th at 5:30pm. Deacons will meet Sunday May 21st at 11:15am.



SERVING US THIS WEEK

Greeters: Cheryl Thoreson & Alegra Soorus

Ushers: Sara Jones, Laura Moening, Mindy Fox, & Tom Thoreson

SERVING US NEXT WEEK

Greeters: Cheryl Thoreson & Alegra Soorus

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

Last week's attendance: 81

Last week's offering: \$3,503