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First United Presbyterian Church



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Pastor's Message

"Times, they are a changing" is a line from a song written in the 60's. This line was in reference to all the social changes occurring at the time. We too live in a world that constantly is in flux. Once cherished beliefs are no longer held in common. Agreed upon points of reference in our culture that formed the backbone of a shared reality have vanished. Some of the changes have been, of course, good. Others not so much. There is a real struggle for many people in our society today to find meaning and have productive relationships with others. The Church has been subject to this change both from within and without. The Bible has many stories when God's people were facing similar dynamics although the circumstances could be very different. One such case is In Haggi 2:1-6

In the twenty-first day of the seventh month, the word of the Lord came through the prophet Haggai: 2 "Speak to Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, to Joshua son of Jozadak, the high priest, and to the remnant of the people. Ask them, 3 'Who of you is left who saw this house in its former glory? How does it look to you now? Is it not in your sight as nothing? 4 But now be strong,

Zerubbabel,' declares the Lord. 'Be strong, Joshua son of Jozadak, the high priest. Be strong, all you people of the land,' declares the Lord, 'and work. For I am with you,' declares the Lord Almighty. 5 'This is what I covenanted with you when you came out of Egypt. And my Spirit remains among you. Do not fear ' 6 "This is what the Lord Almighty says: 'In a little while I will once more shake the heavens and the earth, the sea and the dry land

This is part of the story when the Israelites returned from Babylon. Construction on the second Temple began in about 521 BC and ended in 516 BC. Some of those who had seen the First Temple wept when the Second Temple was completed. Why? The First Temple, or the Temple of Solomon, was far greater than the Second Temple. To those who had seen the First Temple, the Second Temple paled in comparison. God spoke directly to them through the prophet Haggai. The message was one of hope. Even if the Second Temple was not as grand, God assured them of his presence, he had plans for them and one day even greater things would happen.

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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***

***Newsletters are
sent by email
unless you have
made other
arrangements.***



REQUESTS FOR PRAYER

Robert Corbin, Erick Florip, Terry Mason, Karen Brook, Scott Wallace, Nellie Harrington, Tom Woodgate, Gina Gough, Kimberly (Swick) Jewell, John Burgess, Joyce Cross, Sandy Shaw, Jane Kellan, Jeffrey Burgess, Carolyn Shaw, Della Porter, Donna LaPlaunt, William Kellan, Lillian Donelson, Patricia Farnhill, Dave & Leslie Henderson, Geraldine Carnahan, Tara Jean Brody, Wendy (Menard) James and all members of missionaries and the U.S. Armed Forces.

Please keep us up to date on your prayer requests.

Rides Available

Transportation Deacons

If you need a ride to church please contact the office



March 19th
immediately
following
worship
service



Out of Town

Della Porter
Cross Roads Village
6600 Constitution Blvd
Room 605
Portage, MI 49024

Freighter View Assisted Living

605 West Portage Avenue
Audrey Bush

Medi-Lodge

1011 Meridian
Jane Kellan

At Home

Mary Jane Bernier
Flora Fortin
Carolyn Shaw

McKinley Manor

2023 West 4th Avenue
Ardith Bawks
John and Barb Kenn
Peg Zenda



Ron & Lisa Meister	03/10
David & Cheryl Bernier	03/11
Lee & Kristeen Mason	03/19
Terry & Danna Sanderson	03/25



9:15 am Sundays

6:00 pm Wednesdays





Carolyn Trumble	03/02	Tom Corbin	03/12
William Bernier	03/03	Judy Bawks	03/13
Rudy Gazvoda	03/03	Abby Gazvoda	03/14
Kathy Gerrish	03/05	James Mackie	03/15
Mary Jane Bernier	03/06	Lucas Moening	03/17
Pat Newhouse	03/06	Everly Rath	03/17
Ronald Miester	03/09	Catherine Akre	03/23
Suzanne Stevenson	03/09	Ardith Bawks	03/23
Janet Cardinal	03/10	Rachel Sabourin	03/25
Mathew Dueman	03/10	Roger Blair	03/28
Lee Mason	03/10	Gregory Gorsuch	03/28



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In times when the culture or circumstances seem to be running against God's people; we need to remember that God is with us, he has promised us his Spirit and he has much greater things in store for us. The Second Temple is the one Jesus taught in and by the time he taught in the Temple, some 500 years later, it had been expanded and renovated to the point of rivaling or surpassing the First Temple. No longer was anyone looking forlornly at the Second Temple.

It is amazing what God can do.

Mark D. Gabbard
Pastor



Communion
March 5th



**Newsletter
Deadline**

**15th of each
month**

If you would like anything placed in the newsletter, please provide all of the information, in written form, to Nicole no later than the deadline each month. Emailed items are best.



1	Matthew 8:14-34	Leviticus 1-2	Proverbs 19
2	Matthew 9:1-17	Leviticus 3-4	Proverbs 20
3	Matthew 9:18-38	Leviticus 5-6	Proverbs 21
4	Matthew 10:1-25	Leviticus 7-8	Proverbs 22
5	Matthew 10:26-42	Leviticus 9-10	Proverbs 23
6	Matthew 11:1-19	Leviticus 11-12	Proverbs 24
7	Matthew 11:20-30	Leviticus 13	Proverbs 25
8	Matthew 12:1-21	Leviticus 14	Proverbs 26
9	Matthew 12:22-50	Leviticus 15-16	Proverbs 27
10	Matthew 13:1-23	Leviticus 17-18	Proverbs 28
11	Matthew 13:24-58	Leviticus 19	Proverbs 29
12	Matthew 14:1-21	Leviticus 20-21	Proverbs 30
13	Matthew 14:22-36	Leviticus 22-23	Proverbs 31
14	Matthew 15:1-20	Leviticus 24-25	Ecclesiastes 1:1-11
15	Matthew 15:21-39	Leviticus 26-27	Ecclesiastes 1:12-2:26
16	Matthew 16	Numbers 1-2	Ecclesiastes 3:1-15
17	Matthew 17	Numbers 3-4	Ecclesiastes 3:16-4:16
18	Matthew 18:1-20	Numbers 5-6	Ecclesiastes 5
19	Matthew 18:21-35	Numbers 7-8	Ecclesiastes 6
20	Matthew 19:1-15	Numbers 9-10	Ecclesiastes 7
21	Matthew 19:16-30	Numbers 11-12	Ecclesiastes 8
22	Matthew 20:1-16	Numbers 13-14	Ecclesiastes 9:1-12
23	Matthew 20:17-34	Numbers 15-16	Ecclesiastes 9:13-10:20
24	Matthew 21:1-27	Numbers 17-18	Ecclesiastes 11:1-8
25	Matthew 21:28-46	Numbers 19-20	Ecclesiastes 11:9-12:14
26	Matthew 22:1-22	Numbers 21	Song of Solomon 1:1-2:7
27	Matthew 22:23-46	Numbers 22:1-40	Song of Solomon 2:8-3:5
28	Matthew 23:1-12	Numbers 22:41-23:26	Song of Solomon 3:6-5:1
29	Matthew 23:13-39	Numbers 23:27-24:25	Song of Solomon 5:2-6:3
30	Matthew 24:1-31	Numbers 25-27	Song of Solomon 6:4-8:4
31	Matthew 24:32-51	Numbers 28-29	Song of Solomon 8:5-14

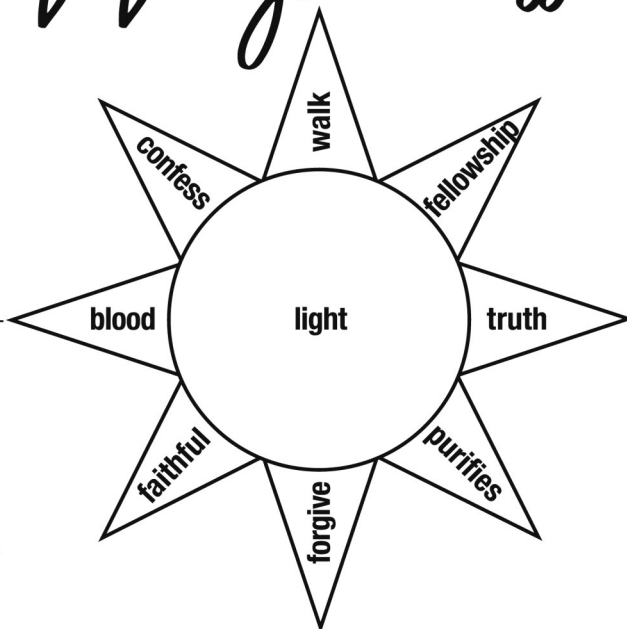


The light of forgiveness

The Lord is full of mercy and light. What happens when we confess our sins to God?

Directions:

Use the coded shapes to fill in the blanks and complete 1 John 1:7-9, NIV.



But if we _____ in the _____, as he is in the _____,
 we have _____ with one another, and the _____
 of Jesus, his Son, _____ us from all sin. If we claim to be
 without sin, we deceive ourselves and the _____ is not in us.
 If we _____ our sins, he is _____ and just and will
 _____ us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

1 JOHN 1:7-9, NIV

Answer: walk, light, light, fellowship, blood, purifies, truth, confess, faithful, forgive



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26 9:00am Early Social Hour 10:00am Sunday School 10:00am Worship Service	27 7:00pm Boy Scouts	28 3:30pm Food pantry	1 9:30am Womens Bible Study 6:00pm Choir Practice	2 10:00pm Textile	3 9:00am Mens Bible Study	4 9:00am aa 7:00pm NA
5 9:00am Early Social Hour 10:00am Sunday School 10:00am Worship Service	6 7:00pm Boy Scouts	7	8 9:30am Womens Bible Study 6:00pm Choir Practice	9 9:30am Circle 3	10 9:00am Mens Bible Study	11 9:00am aa 7:00pm NA
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Office Hours: 9:00 a.m. to 2p.m.
Monday—Thursday

Sunday Worship Schedule
Worship Service 10:00 a.m.
Sunday School (all grades) 10:00 a.m.

Church Staff

Rev. Mark Gabbard, Minister
Brenda Ransom, CRE
Kay Boyne, Music Director
Nicole Mckelvie, Financial/Administrative Assistant
Jay Baier, Sexton

**Deadline for Next issue:
15th of each month**



*How very good
and pleasant it is
when kindred live
together in unity!*

Psalm 133:1