

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 (Please sign & pass the registration folder)

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERTORY "Holy Gifts We Offer" (Southbridge)

* DOXOLOGY "Doxology" #815

***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

**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.**

* CLOSING HYMN "Peace like a River" #750

* CHORAL BENEDICTION "May Our Paths Meet Again"
(Albrecht/Althouse)

* BENEDICTION

* POSTLUDE "Go Joyfully" (Williamson)

Mother



Let her
deeds
praise her.
—Proverbs 31:31

FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Rev. Mark Gabbard— Preaching

Brenda Ransom, CRE - Liturgist

Music - Kay E. Boyne

May 14, 2017 10:00 AM Worship Service

5th Sunday of Easter/Mother's Day

OUR APPROACH TO GOD

PRELUDE "Morceau in G" (Wiley)

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.**

* PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of God be with you.

And also with you.

Greet one another in Peace.

ANTHEM "As a Little Child" (Martin)

Soloists: Brenda, Kamryn & Kacie Corbiere

Ginger, Tiffeney, & Isabella Stratton

CHILDREN'S SERMON

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

* HYMN "Blest Be the Tie That Binds" #426

THE WORD OF GOD

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Acts 7:55 – 60 (pages 109 – 110, NT)

1 Peter 2:2 - 10 (page 206)

John 14:1 – 14 (page 95, NT)

SERMON "Heaven"

* HYMN "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" #324

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Let us say what we believe.

The Apostles' Creed

This Week's Calendar May 14, 2017 - May 21, 2017

Sunday, May 14	Monday, May 15
Mother's Day 9:00 AM Early Social Hour (WR) 9:00 AM Adult Sunday School (SH) 10:00 AM Worship Service 10:00 AM Sunday School 11:30 AM Christian Education Meeting 12:00 PM Soup Kitchen	5:30 PM Session Meeting (WR) 5:30 PM Trustee Meeting (Lib) 7:00 PM Boy Scout Troop #105 (SH) 7:00 PM ACT Study Group (WR)
Tuesday, May 16	Wednesday, May 17
9:30 AM Ladies Coffee Hour (WR) 12:00 PM Lock City Meeting (Lib)	9:00 AM Women's Bible Study (Lib) 6:30 PM Choir Rehearsal
Thursday, May 18	Friday, May 19
10:00 AM Textile Social (SH) 12:00 PM Lock City Meeting (Lib)	9:00 AM Men's Bible Study (SH)
Saturday, May 20	Sunday, May 21
9:00 AM NA (WR) 7:00 PM AA (WR)	9:00 AM Early Social Hour (WR) 9:00 AM Adult Sunday School (SH) 10:00 AM Worship Service 10:00 AM Sunday School 11:15 AM Deacon's Meeting (Lib) 12:00 PM Soup Kitchen 2:00 PM Freightier View Service

SH = Social Hall

Lib = Library

WR = Westminster Room

"I am the way, and the truth, and the life.
No one comes to the Father except through me."

John 14:6 (NSRV)

About First United Presbyterian Church

Church Staff

Minister	Rev. Mark D. Gabbard pastor@soopresbyterian.org
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**Church Office Hours: 8:00 A.M. to 11:30 A.M.
and 12:00 P.M. to 2:30 P.M.
(Monday through Friday)**

Church Website: www.soopresbyterian.org



To Our Visitors

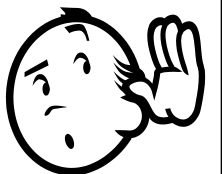
We are happy to have you worshipping with us today. If you would like more information about us or are interested in becoming a member of our church family, please complete one of the Welcome cards found in the pew rack and place it in the offering plate. You may also contact the church office, at 632-7771.

Some notes about our services:

- ✦ We have one Worship service on Sunday
10:00 AM — Worship Service
(Children join our worship service for the first 15 minutes, to hear the Children's Sermon)
- ✦ Sunday School
9:00 AM—Adult Sunday School (Social Hall)
10:15 AM—K through 12th Grade,
all meet in lower level classrooms
- ✦ The nursery is available for your use during the worship service, with an attendant.
- ✦ An asterisk (*) preceding a service element indicates the congregation should stand.
- ✦ **Bold** indicates congregation participation.

Hearing Assistance

is now available. For those who would like to use a receiver, please ask an Usher for assistance.



The Purpose of the First United Presbyterian Church is to:

Invite people to know and glorify God

Grow together as followers of Christ

IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS THIS WEEK

We encourage you to remember these people in your prayers throughout the coming week:
Family of Charles Addis, Alice Soorus, Andrea Klier, Charles Porter, Jean Smith,
Gina Gough, Dorothy Smart, Geraldine Carnahan, Rev. Dennis Boogerd,
Christine Mickelson, Pat White, Joyce Cross, Jane Kellan, Lillian Donelson,
Shane Miller, Tara Jean Brody, Jim Schmidt, Kevin Tastor, William Kellan,
Alex McCready, Kristi (Dee Musgrave's daughter), Tom and Ellen Woodgate,
Wendy (Menard) James, and all members of missionaries
and the U.S. Armed Forces.

Please keep us up to date on your prayer request.

If you would like 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 at 632-7771. Rev. Gabbard will be in contact with you. Please be sure to sign our Guest Book, near the entrance to the Sanctuary. Thank you for worshiping with us today.

P.W. COFFEE HOUR ... Ladies are invited to join us Tuesday at 9:30 for informal coffee hour. We will be discussing the annual tea and Bazaar to be held Nov. 4th. Several ideas have been suggested and we are always looking for more input. We are trying to simplify as this is huge project so come and help us plan.

STAIN GLASS WINDOW UPDATE ... The stain glass window committee is in the process of completing the circular window above the cross in front of the church. Anyone wishing to contribute to the cost of this project in any amount would be appreciated. The picture of the window is displayed in the narthex. Envelopes are available by the picture and the pews. These can be put in the offering plate or dropped off in the office. Please have your donations in by June 1, 2017, so we can have this completed by fall.. For more information please contact Denise in the church office Monday thru Friday 8 am to 2:30 pm.

RECOGNITION SUNDAY ... Before we know it, the end of the school season will be upon us. As Recognition Sunday approaches, we would like to be able to give the proper recognition to not only our high school graduates, but also our college graduates. If you know of a graduate in our church family to be recognized, please turn the information in to the church office.

FOOD PANTRY NEWS .. Meijer's has selected the FUPC Food Pantry for it's spring *Simply Give* campaign from May 14-June 18. Meijer's will match each purchase of a \$10 gift card, and double the match on June 2-3. The funds will be used to purchase food items for our pantry shelves.

PRESBYTERY POINT CAMP REGISTRATION ... It is time to register for Presbytery Point Camp. The Kennedy family established the Kennedy Fund for the purpose of providing financial assistance to Presbytery Point campers. . Again we are pleased to announce that through the Kennedy Fund, FUPC will pay half of the camp fees from Choice 1 of the registration forms. Presbytery Point registration forms can be found in the Narthex or on-line at www.presbyterypoint.org. Return your forms to the church office Monday through Friday from 8:00 AM to 2:30 PM.

Choice 1 is supported by Friends of the Point gifts to help with camper costs.
Choice 2 includes partial support sponsored by camp alumni
Choice 3 more closely reflects the true costs of camp

CARE NET PREGNANCY CENTER ... We are looking for folks to come out and help give our building and flowerbeds a face lift. We have a number of maintenance projects that need to be done, including painting, repairing a window, replacing stones in our foundation, and garden cleanup. Please join us Saturday, May 20 at 9:00 a.m. to complete these projects. We will have a hot dog cookout at noon. And plenty of water will be available to stay hydrated. If you have tools to help in any way feel free to bring them along. Contact Care Net with any questions.

DEACON PRAYER CHAIN ... Please continue to remember the Deacon Prayer Chain, if you, or someone you know, are in need of prayers. Contact Ginger Stratton. Thank you.

SERVING US THIS WEEK

Greeters: Brenda Ransom and Barb Kenn

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

Soup Kitchen: - Cooper Family

Coffee & Cookies Fellowship May 28th Christian Education

SERVING US NEXT WEEK

Greeters: Brenda Ransom and Barb Kenn

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

Soup Kitchen: - Faith Lutheran church

Sunday School Attendance: 13

Attendance Last week: 116

Last week's offering: \$4,146

Year-to-05/07/17 offerings: \$66,420

Year-to-05/07/17 expenses: \$66,592