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 "He Touched Me" (Gaither)

Flute: Jackie Tastor

\* 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

You pour out your love upon us, O God; you give us eternal life. As your mercy is made manifest in Jesus, may thanksgiving be shown by our gifts. Accept what we offer as signs of our humble gratitude for all that you do on our behalf. Make us useful servants of Christ in bringing your sons and daughters to a greater sense of your glory.

\* CLOSING HYMN "Freely, Freely" #436

\* CHORAL BENEDICTION "May Our Paths Meet Again"

(Albrecht/Althouse)

\* BENEDICTION

\* POSTLUDE "Priests March" (Mendelssohn)



# THE DEVIL PROWLS AROUND LIKE A ROARING LION, SEEKING SOMEONE TO DEVOLR.

**1 PETER 5:8, ESV** 

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# FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Rev. Mark Gabbard— Preaching
Don Myers, CRE - Liturgist
Music - Kay E. Boyne
May 28, 2017 10:00 AM Worship Service
7th Sunday of Easter

# OUR APPROACH TO GOD

PRELUDE "Sunday Morning" (Broughton)

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

#### CALL TO WORSHIP

Let the righteous be joyful; let them exult before God; let them be jubilant with joy.

# We ascribe you all power and majesty, O God, and sing you our praises.

Awesome is God in the sanctuary, the same God of Israel who gives power and strength to the people.

We ascribe you all power and majesty, O God, and sing you our praises.

Let us worship God!

#### PRAYER OF PRAISE AND ADORATION

\* HYMN "To God Be the Glory" #56

#### \* LITANY OF ASSURANCE

Rejoice in so far as you share Christ's sufferings, that you may be glad when Christ's glory is revealed.

# To God be the dominion for ever and ever.

Humble yourselves under God's mighty hand, that in due time God may exalt you.

# To God be the dominion for ever and ever.

Cast all your anxieties on God, for God cares about you.

#### To God be the dominion for ever and ever.

Be sober, be watchful. Your enemy the devil prowls around seeking some one to devour.

To God be the dominion for ever and ever.

\* GLORIA PATRI "Glory Be to the Father"

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.

#### RECOGNITION OF TEACHERS AND STUDENTS

ANTHEM "Come Follow Me" (Besig)

Flute: Jackie Tastor

#812

#### CHILDREN'S SERMON

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

\* HYMN "How Firm a Foundation" #408

# THE WORD OF GOD

### **SCRIPTURE LESSONS**

Acts 1:6 – 14 (pages 102 – 103, NT) 1 Peter 4:12 - 14, 5:6 - 11 (page 208)

John 17:1 – 11 (page 97, NT)

SERMON "God's Endgame"

\* HYMN "Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty" #3

#### \* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Let us say what we believe.

The Apostles' Creed

# This Week's Calendar May 28, 2017 - June 4, 2017 Monday, May 29 Sunday, May 28 **Memorial Day Recognition Sunday** 9:00 AM Early Social Hour (WR) Office Closed 9:00 AM Adult Sunday School (SH) 10:00 AM Worship Service 10:00 AM Sunday School 11:30 AM Coffee & Cookies Fellowship(SH) 12:00 PM Soup Kitchen Tuesday, May 30 Wednesday, May 31 12:00 PM Lock City Meeting (Lib) 9:00 AM Women's Bible Study (Lib) 6:30 PM Choir Rehearsal Thursday, June 1 Friday, June 2 12:00 PM Lock City Meeting (Lib) 9:00 AM Men's Bible Study (SH) Saturday, June 3 Sunday, June 4 **Pentecost Sunday** 9:00 AM NA (WR) 7:00 PM AA (WR) **Pentecost Offering** 9:00 AM Early Social Hour (WR) 9:00 AM Adult Sunday School (SH) 9:15 AM Choir Rehearsal 10:00 AM Worship/Communion Service 10:00 AM Sunday School 12:00 PM Soup Kitchen

SH = Social Hall	Lib = Library	WR = Westminster Room
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<sup>&</sup>quot;If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you."

I Peter 4:14 (NSRV)

# About First United Presbyterian Church

# Church Staff

Minister	Rev. Mark D. Gabbard pastor@soopresbyterian.org	
Commissioned Ruling Elder	Donald H. Myers Brenda Ransom	
Clerk of Session	Audrey A. Zane	
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Chairman of Deacons	Jeanne Shibley	
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Sexton	Jesse Witte	

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: Evalyn Jacobson, 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, Kevin Tastor, Tara Jean Brody, Jim Schmidt, 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

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.

**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 call the church office (632-7771) before Friday of each week, and the deacons will arrange a pick up time.

**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.

**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.

**COMMUNION SERVICE** .. Next Sunday, June 4th is Pentecost Sunday. It will be a Communion Service and a special Pentecost Offering will be collected for PCUSA.

# CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR GRADUATES!

**RECOGNITION SUNDAY** ... Today we will be recognizing our Sunday School students, along with High School, College graduates and our Sunday School teachers. Join us in the Social after the service for Coffee & Cookies Fellowship.

**HONORARY LIFE MEMBERSHIP AWARD** ... Nominations for the PW Honorary Life Membership Award will be accepted until July 2nd. Letters with nominee name and information can be left in an sealed envelope at the Church Office or PW mailbox. The award presentation will be on Sunday, September 17th.

**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

#### **SERVING US THIS WEEK**

Greeters: Brenda Ransom and Barb Kenn
Ushers: Bob Nicholls, Roland Akre, Barb Kenn, Jo Anne Lussier, & Rosalee Mullins

Soup Kitchen: - Faith Lutheran church

**Coffee & Cookies Fellowship Today Christian Education** 

#### **SERVING US NEXT WEEK**

Greeters: Chad Folkersma and Cathy Akre

Ushers: Sara Jones, Denise Folkersma, Jackie Johnson, Sharon Sheppard,

& Cheryl Thoresen

**Soup Kitchen: - Kraft Sisters Trio** 

**Sunday School Attendance: 10** 

Attendance Last week: 94 Last week's offering: \$2,128

Year-to-05/14/17 offerings: \$69,447 Year-to-05/14/17 expenses: \$70,403