

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 "Prayer" (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 you delivered Rebekah from her barrenness so also you fill our lives with your blessings. Send us in Christ's name into the world to sow your seeds of righteousness and peace. We offer ourselves to your service with the prayer that we become receptive to your command. Nourish us with the gift of your Spirit that we may grow more pleasing in your sight. We pray that the fruit of our faith shall lead others to you.

* CLOSING HYMN "In My Heart There Rings a Melody" #502

* HALVERSON BENEDICTION

Wherever you go, God is sending you, wherever you are, God has put you there; He has a purpose in your being there. Christ who indwells you has something He wants to do through you where you are. Believe this and go in His grace and love and power."

* POSTLUDE "Postludium" (Handel)

THEREFORE,



THERE IS NOW NO
CONDEMNATION FOR
THOSE WHO ARE IN
CHRIST JESUS.

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FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Brenda Ransom, CRE - Liturgist
Music - Kay E. Boyne

July 16, 2017 10:00 AM Worship Service
15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

OUR APPROACH TO GOD

PRELUDE "A Summer Idyll" (Smith)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

Accept my offerings of praise, O Lord, and teach me your ordinances.

Your decrees are my heritage forever; they are the joy of my heart.

I incline my heart to perform your statutes forever, even unto the end.

Let us worship God!

PRAYER OF PRAISE AND ADORATION

* HYMN "O Worship the King" #104

* LITANY OF CONFESSION

The law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death.

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do.

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, God condemned sin in the flesh.

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

So that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

* 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 "Walk With Me Lord" (Wagner)

CHILDREN'S SERMON

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

* HYMN "Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us" #688

THE WORD OF GOD

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Gen. 25:19 - 34 (page 20, OT)

Romans 8:1 - 11 (page 137 - 138, NT)

Matt. 13:1 - 9, 18 - 23 (page 12, NT)

SERMON "Stumbling Along the Way"

* HYMN "Shine, Jesus, Shine" #431

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Let us say what we believe.

The Apostles' Creed

**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;**

This Week's Calendar July 16, 2017 - July 23, 2017

Sunday, July 16	Monday, July 17
9:00 AM Early Social Hour (WR) 9:15 AM Choir Rehearsal 10:00 AM Worship Service 10:00 AM Sunday School 12:00 PM Soup Kitchen 2:00 PM Freighter View Service	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, July 18	Wednesday, July 19
9:30 AM Ladies Coffee Hour 12:00 PM Lock City Meeting (Lib)	
Thursday, July 20	Friday, July 21
12:00 PM Lock City Meeting (Lib)	Office Closed 9:00 AM Men's Bible Study (SH)
Saturday, July 22	Sunday, July 23
9:00 AM NA (WR) 7:00 PM AA (WR)	9:00 AM Early Social Hour (WR) 9:15 AM Choir Rehearsal 10:00 AM Worship Service 10:00 AM Sunday School 12:00 PM Soup Kitchen

SH = Social Hall

Lib = Library

WR = Westminster Room

"How sweet are your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth!"

Psalm 119:103 (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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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.

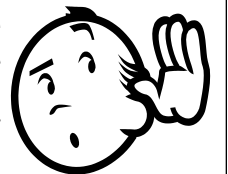
Some notes about our services:

- ✦ 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: Linda Boogerd, Jennie McCain, Marsha Cross, Evalyn Jacobson, Andrea Klier, Jean Smith, Gina Gough, Dorothy Smart, Geraldine Carnahan, Pat White, Christine Mickelson, Joyce Cross, Jane Kellan, Lillian Donelson, Shane Miller, Kevin Tastor, Jim Schmidt, William Kellan, Alex McCreedy, Tara Jean Brody, 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.

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.

RIGHTNOW MEDIA ... RightNow Media Bible Study Library is available to FUPC's congregation. Get signed up today by providing the church office with your email address. There are thousands of videos for kids, youth, and adults. Great for individual, family, & small group studies. Videos from Christian authors about parenting, relationships, and discipleships. Available on multiple devices. If you have not received an invitation please let the office know and we can send you an invite.

MUSIC IN THE PARK .. Enjoy a relaxing evening in the Soo Locks Park as they host Music in the Park every Wednesday night at 7 pm. This Wednesday, July 19 performance will be by the Blue Water Ramblers.

SOO THEATRE ... The Soo Theatre presents "Winnie the Pooh Kids" on Friday, July 21st at 2:00 P.M.

FREIGHTERS VIEW WORSHIP SERVICE ... The Worship Service at Freighters View will be held today at 2:00 pm. Join us!

BULLETIN BOARD ... Please visit the bulletin board across from the office for information concerning local events, news, and resources available in the community.

CHURCH SUPPLIES NEEDED ... It is time to ask again for donations of copier paper. We can use copier paper for the church office (20 lb, any brightness). Thank you for any donations you can make. Your generosity really helps cut our expenses!

HELP WANTED ... The St. Mary's Schools are looking for full-time teachers for the upcoming school year. If interested please contact Hedy Yanni at 635-6141 or hyanni@eupschools.org.

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PW DISH CLOTH SALE The PW famous Dish Cloths are for sale at \$1.00 each. Buy several—the price is right.

P.W. COFFEE HOUR ... Ladies are invited to join us this Tuesday at 9:30 for informal coffee hour.

SERVING US THIS WEEK

Greeters: Lee Mason and Barb Kenn

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

Soup Kitchen: - Sunrise Rotary

SERVING US NEXT WEEK

Greeters: Lee Mason and Barb Kenn

Ushers: Bob Nicholls, Roland Akre, Barb Kenn, Joanne Lussier, & Rosalee Mullins

Soup Kitchen: - Sugar Island Lions

Sunday School Attendance: 4

Attendance Last week: 91

Last week's offering: \$2,902

Year-to-07/09/17 offerings: \$90,917

Year-to-07/09/17 expenses: \$91,920