

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 "Prayer" (Riggs)

* 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

**Treasures lose their luster, and riches are easily spent, but your kingdom
endures forever. We approach you, O God, trusting your will for our lives.
You give us assurance of your abiding presence. You provide us with
confidence as we follow Christ's call. Accept now the gifts that we offer, so
that your truth may be known throughout the land.**

* CLOSING HYMN "Near to the Heart of God" #617

* 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 "Postlude in F" (Ashford)



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Don Myers, CRE - Liturgist

Music - Kay E. Boyne

July 30, 2017 10:00 AM Worship Service

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

OUR APPROACH TO GOD

PRELUDE "Grant Us Thy Peace" (Frick)

CALL TO WORSHIP

The Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought.

We know that all things work together for good for those who love God.

What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us?

You, who did not withhold your own Son, will you not also give us all things through him?

Let us worship God!

PRAYER OF PRAISE AND ADORATION

* HYMN "Shine, Jesus, Shine" #431

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, have mercy upon us as we make our confession. We question your judgment when your will conflicts with our own. We are reluctant to follow the course you prescribe. Our patience grows thin when you intrude in life's journey, causing us to veer from the path we pursue. We seek to be faithful and obey your directions, but our own desires delay us in fulfilling your will. Have mercy upon us and deliver us from self-deception.

* ASSURANCE OF PARDON

* 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 "Irish Blessing" (Kelly)

CHILDREN'S SERMON

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

* HYMN "He Leadeth Me" #690

THE WORD OF GOD

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Gen. 29:15 - 28 (page 24, OT)

Romans 8:26 - 39 (pages 138 - 139 NT)

Matt. 13:31 - 33, 44 - 52 (page 13, NT)

SERMON "Long Game"

* HYMN "I Am Thine, O Lord" #552

* 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,**

This Week's Calendar July 30, 2017 - August 6, 2017

Sunday, July 30	Monday, July 31
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	7:00 PM Boy Scout Troop #105 (SH) 7:00 PM ACT Study Group (WR)
Tuesday, August 1	Wednesday, August 2
12:00 PM Lock City Meeting (Lib)	
Thursday, August 3	Friday, August 4
12:00 PM Lock City Meeting (Lib)	Office Closed 9:00 AM Men's Bible Study (SH)
Saturday, August 5	Sunday, August 6
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

“Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my thoughts.
See if there is any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.”

Psalm 139:23 - 24 (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
President of Trustees	Michael J. Lussier
Chairman of Deacons	Jeanne Shibley
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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.

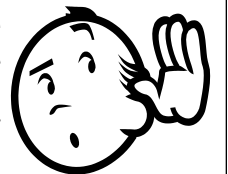
Some notes about our services:

- ✦ 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 Andrew Justin, 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.

LORNE EAGLE IS TURNING 100!!! ... Help us celebrate on Saturday, August 12th from noon til ????. Party will be at the home of Karen Baldino at 5434 Scenic Dr. SSM. Please come and help us celebrate! May the God of peace who raised Christ from the dead, strengthen your inner being for every good work. And may the blessing of God the Almighty Father, Son and Holy Spirit rest upon you and dwell within you, this day and evermore. Amen.

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, August 2nd performance will be by The Kielbasa Kings.

SOO THEATRE ... The Soo Theatre presents Johann Strauss II "Die Fledermaus" on August 9, 11, & 13. Wednesday and Friday are at 7 PM and Sunday at 3 PM

A ROSE FOR A NEW ARRIVAL .. A Daughter "Grace Joylynn Devaughn", born on July 13, 2017, weighing 7 lbs. 3 oz. and 20 1/2" long. The proud parents are Greg and Brittany Devaughn and the Granparents are Noel Schenaxyder and Sharon and Robert Gregoire. The Great Grandparents are Lynda Schenaxyder and the Great Great Grandparents are Leitha and the late Howard Vollick. Congratulations.

PRESBYTERY POINT CAMP 80th ANNIVERSARY ... An 80th Anniversary Camp for Alumni, friends and families will be held Friday to Sunday, August 18-20 to celebrate 80 years of Presbytery Point Camp. Pre-registration is necessary to plan for meals and lodging. Sunday, August 20 will include an annual worship at The Point hosted by the United Presbyterian Church, Ishpeming with Rev. Dave Henderson. Scripture, music and communion, followed by lunch and fellowship. History through the years will be on display. Presbytery Point History books with picture CD's, and 80th anniversary tee shirts will be available. Attendees should fill out the Camp registration form, found in the 2017 Summer Camp Program brochures or online www.presbyterypoint.org and return by August 14.

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). We are also in need of paper towel. Thank you for any donations you can make. Your generosity really helps cut our expenses!

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

SERVING US THIS WEEK

Greeters: Lee Mason and Barb Kenn

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

Soup Kitchen: - Sugar Island Lions

SERVING US NEXT WEEK

Greeters: Lee Mason and Barb Kenn

Ushers: Jeanne Shibley' Sunday School Class

Soup Kitchen: - Sault Lions

Sunday School Attendance: 4

Attendance Last week: 86

Last week's offering: \$1,785

Year-to-07/16/17 offerings: \$95,208

Year-to-07/16/17 expenses: \$97,458