

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 "Largo Religioso" (Holz)

\* 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

**O God, we offer those gifts you bestow abundantly upon us. Take them and blend them into a composite of commitment. Empower our hands to reach out to others. Enlighten our minds to perceive clearly your will. May the money we offer support the church's endeavors, as in Christ's name we seek faithfully to respond to your will.**

\* CLOSING HYMN "Seek Ye First" #713

\* 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 "Recessional" (Wetherill)



SEEK THE LORD  
AND HIS STRENGTH;  
SEEK HIS PRESENCE  
CONTINUALLY.

PSALM 105:4, NRSV

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# FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Rev. Mark Gabbard — Preaching

Don Myers, CRE - Liturgist

Music - Kay E. Boyne

September 3, 2017 10:00 AM Worship Service

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time/Communion

## OUR APPROACH TO GOD

PRELUDE "Morning Song" (Thyngerson)

## CALL TO WORSHIP

We will give thanks to you, O Lord, and call on your name.

**We will make known your deeds among the peoples, sing you our praises and tell of all your wonderful works.**

Glory in God's holy name! Let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

**Praise the Lord!**

Let us worship God!

## PRAYER OF PRAISE AND ADORATION

\* HYMN "How Great Thou Art" #147

## \* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**You say you hate evil, yet we seek to get even with those who hurt us. We are to love one another, yet we choose some over others. When it comes time to serve you we are not that zealous to act. We do not pray as we ought, nor do we seek your guidance often enough. Forgive us, O God, our wayward behavior and help us to live in harmony with one another. Thereby through your grace and mercy may we live peaceably with all.**

## \* 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.

## CHILDREN'S SERMON

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

\* HYMN "Be Still, My Soul" #712

## THE WORD OF GOD

### SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Exodus. 3:1 - 15 (pages 46 – 47, OT)

Romans 12:9 - 21 (page 142, NT)

Matt. 16:21 - 28 (page 16, NT)

SERMON "Insert Foot in Mouth"

\* HYMN "Lead On, O King Eternal" #724

## \* 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 September 3, 2017 - September 10, 2017

Sunday, September 3	Monday, September 4
9:00 AM Early Social Hour (WR) 9:15 AM Choir Rehearsal 10:00 AM Worship/Communion Service 10:00 AM Sunday School 12:00 PM Soup Kitchen	<b>Labor Day</b> <b>Office Closed</b> 7:00 PM Boy Scout Troop #105 (SH) 7:00 PM ACT Study Group (WR)
Tuesday, September 5	Wednesday, September 6
12:00 PM Lock City Meeting (Lib)	9:00 AM Women's Bible Study 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal
Thursday, September 7	Friday, September 8
12:00 PM Lock City Meeting (Lib)	9:00 AM Men's Bible Study (SH)
Saturday, September 9	Sunday, September 10
9:00 AM NA (WR) 7:00 PM AA (WR)	<b>Rally Sunday</b> 9:00 AM Early Social Hour (WR) 10:00 AM Worship Service 10:00 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Soup N' Sandwich (SH) 12:00 PM Soup Kitchen

SH = Social Hall

Lib = Library

WR = Westminster Room

“For your steadfast love is higher than the heavens, and your faithfulness reaches to the clouds.”

Psalm 108:4 (NSRV)

## About First United Presbyterian Church

### Church Staff

<b>Minister</b>	Rev. Mark D. Gabbard pastor@soopresbyterian.org
<b>Commissioned Ruling Elder</b>	Donald H. Myers Brenda Ransom
<b>Clerk of Session</b>	Audrey A. Zane
<b>President of Trustees</b>	Michael J. Lussier
<b>Chairman of Deacons</b>	Jeanne Shibley
<b>Music Director/Organist</b>	Kay E. Boyne
<b>Financial/Admin. Assistant</b>	Denise Goldade office@soopresbyterian.org
<b>Sexton</b>	Jesse Witte
<b>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)</b>	
<b>Church Website: <a href="http://www.soopresbyterian.org">www.soopresbyterian.org</a></b>	

### 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.

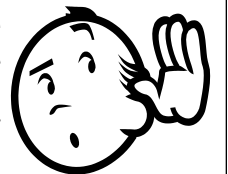
Some notes about our services:

- ✦ 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:

Owen Nicholls, Jennie McCain, Marsha Cross, Andrea Klier, Jean Smith,  
Gina Gough, Dorothy Smart, Geraldine Carnahan, Pat Whyte,  
Christine Mickelson, Joyce Cross, Jane Kellan, Lillian Donelson, Shane Miller,  
Kevin Tastor, Jim Schmidt, William Kellan, Alex McCready, 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.

***CHOIR NEWS...*** Weekly Choir rehearsals will resume on Wednesday, September 6th at 7:00 pm and the Choir will rejoin our service on Rally Sunday, September 10. Kay would like to welcome any new members to join. Please contact Kay Boyne at 632-6566 for details. Sing joyful praise unto the Lord!

***HONORARY LIFE MEMBERSHIP AWARD ...*** The award will be presented on Sunday, September 17th, during the Worship Service. The PW are asking everyone to join them as they present this year's award.

***OFFICE CLOSED ...*** The Office will be closed for Labor Day Monday, September 4th.

***FREIGHTERS VIEW WORSHIP SERVICE...***The Worship Service at Freighters View will be held Sunday, September 17 at 2:00 pm. Join us in our worship!

***SUNDAY SCHOOL PREPARATIONS ...*** Sunday, September 10th we will kicking off the new Sunday School season. Teacher Installation, Backpack Blessing, and Sunday School Registration will be just the beginning and a luncheon will follow in the Social Hall.

***WOMAN'S BIBLE STUDY ...*** Summer is coming to a close and the fall season will be here soon. The Women's Bible Study Group will begin to meet starting on Wednesday morning, September 6th at 9:00 a.m. in the library. Ladies, come join us! Contact Barb Kenn for more information.

***MEMORIAL SERVICE ...*** The Annual Memorial and Dedication Service will be held on Sunday, October 15, 2017 during the 10:00 a.m. Worship Service. We will remember our loved ones by Lighting a candle for them. We will also dedicate recent purchases from the Memorial Fund. A coffee hour will follow the service.

***PW FUNDRAISER ...*** It's the Ultimate Cloth! Washable, bleachable, cleans with water only—good for 100's of uses, inside, outside and all around the house. They clean streak free, spot free, lint & dust free—guaranteed! Great for windows, windshields, leather, chrome, paint, Plexiglas, vinyl, and fiberglass. Cost is \$6.00 ea., or 5 for \$25.00. Get yours today!

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

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

**SERVING US THIS WEEK**

**Greeters: Dave Pearce and Michelle Markstrom**

**Ushers: Sara Jones, Denise Folkersma, Jackie Johnson, Sharon Sheppard, & Cheryl Thoresen**

**Soup Kitchen: - FUPC Session**

**SERVING US NEXT WEEK**

**Greeters: Dave Pearce and Michelle Markstrom**

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

**Soup Kitchen: - FUPC Trustees**

**Soup N' Sandwich—RALLY SUNDAY—September 10th**

**Sunday School Attendance: 9**

**Attendance Last week: 81**

**Last week's offering: \$2,870**

**Year-to-08/31/17 offerings: \$109,605**

**Year-to-08/31/17 expenses: \$116,260**