

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 "Hymn to Peace" (Paxton)

\* DOXOLOGY "O Bless the Gifts" #817

**O bless the gifts our hands have brought;  
And bless the work our hearts have planned.  
Ours is the faith, the will, the thought;  
The rest, O God, is in Your hand.**

\* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**We know whatever we bind on earth will be bound in heaven; whatever we loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. We seek to bind ourselves to you, O God, and bring your heavenly kingdom here amongst us. May what we offer be a sign of our commitment to offer our finest for the sake of your mission. Use our gifts as firstfruits of our entrance into your heavenly realm.**

\* CLOSING HYMN "Peace like a River" #750

\* CHORAL BENEDICTION "Go In Love" (Besig)

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\* POSTLUDE "Classical Postlude" (Haydn)



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# FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Rev. Mark Gabbard — Preaching

Rev. Dennis Boogerd, CRE - Liturgist

Music - Kay E. Boyne

September 10, 2017 10:00 AM Worship Service

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time/Rally Sunday/Teacher Installation

## OUR APPROACH TO GOD

PRELUDE	"Sing Unto God"	(Cooke)
INTROIT	"In the Presence of Your People	(Chambers)

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Praise the Lord! Sing to the Lord a new song; give praise in the assembly of the faithful.

**For the Lord takes pleasure in the people and adorns the humble with victory.**

Let us praise God's name with dancing, making melody with tambourine and lyre.

**Let the faithful exult in glory; we will sing for joy and let the high praises of God be in our throats.**

Let us worship God!

## PRAYER OF PRAISE AND ADORATION

\* HYMN "Be Thou My Vision" #562

## \* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**With the dawn comes awareness that we are to serve you in all that we do. Yet we turn our backs on you when called on to act. Our eyes deceive us when we lust after others. While we may not murder we do not hesitate to harm. It is so easy to covet when others have what we want. We fail to love neighbors as Christ taught us to do. We hear how a new day awaits us, to put on the armor of light. We confess our unworthiness to wear your mantle of love.**

## \* 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 "God Is So God" (Wagner)

## COMMISSIONING OF TEACHERS

## BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

## CHILDREN'S SERMON

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

\* HYMN "A Charge to Keep I Have" #666

## THE WORD OF GOD

### SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Exodus. 12:1 - 14 (page 54, OT)

Romans 13:8 - 14 (page 142, NT)

Matt. 18:15 - 20 (page 17, NT)

SERMON "Getting Annoyed"

\* HYMN "Nearer, My God, to Thee" #553

## \* 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 10, 2017 - September 17, 2017

Sunday, September 10	Monday, September 11
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Rally Sunday</b></p> <p>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</p>	<p>7:00 PM Boy Scout Troop #105 (SH)            7:00 PM ACT Study Group (WR)</p>
Tuesday, September 12	Wednesday, September 13
<p>12:00 PM Lock City Meeting (Lib)            4:00 PM Food Pantry</p>	<p>9:00 AM Women's Bible Study            6:30 PM Choir Rehearsal</p>
Thursday, September 14	Friday, September 15
<p>9:30 AM Circle 3, Meeting            12:00 PM Lock City Meeting (Lib)</p>	<p>9:00 AM Men's Bible Study (SH)</p>
Saturday, September 16	Sunday, September 17
<p>9:00 AM NA (WR)            7:00 PM AA (WR)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Honorary Life Membership</b></p> <p>9:00 AM Early Social Hour (WR)            10:00 AM Worship Service            10:00 AM Sunday School            11:00 AM Coffee N' Cookies (SH)            11:15 AM Deacon's Meeting (Lib)            12:00 PM Soup Kitchen            2:00 PM Freighter View Service</p>

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
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<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.

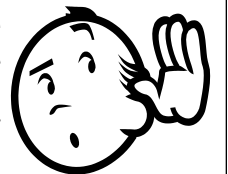
Some notes about our services:

- ✦ 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 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.

***CHOIR NEW TIME ...*** The Choir is back with us today and weekly Choir rehearsals are taking place every Wednesday evening at **6:30 pm**. 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!

***FOOD PANTRY ...*** Food Pantry open every 2nd and 4th Tuesday starting Sept. 12th.

***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.

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

***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.

***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!

***BAZAAR MEETING ...*** There will be a Bazaar meeting Wednesday, September 10th at 2:00 p.m. Come with ideas to help make this a successful event.

***QUILT RAFFLE TICKETS ...*** This year the PW will be raffling another beautiful hand made quilt by Carolyn Shaw. Tickets are here and can be purchased from a PW Member or in the office. The drawing will be held November 4, 2017 at 4:00 pm.

***WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY ...*** Women's Bible Study has started and will continue every Wednesday at 9:00 am. All women of the church are invited to join us.

***H.S. YOUTH GROUP ...*** The time has come to start a new year of youth group. High school is such an exciting and fun time in all of your lives. We hope you come to find that youth group is a safe and fun environment for you to grow in your faith, and the relationships with others. We look forward to seeing all of you this year! Youth Group is held every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of each month from 6:30-8 pm at First United Presbyterian church. Schedule; Oct 8, Oct 22, Nov 5, Nov 26, Dec 10 (Christmas Party), Jan 14, Jan 28, Feb 11, Feb 25, March 11, Spring break no YG, April 8, April 29, May 13, May 27 Senior Recognition AM. Mark & Melissa Gabbard Chad & Denise Folkersma

**SERVING US THIS WEEK**

**Greeters: Dave Pearce and Michelle Markstrom**

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

**Soup N' Sandwich: - FUPC Trustees**

**SERVING US NEXT WEEK**

**Greeters: Dave Pearce and Michelle Markstrom**

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

**Soup Kitchen: - Sault Shrine Club**

**Soup N' Sandwich—RALLY SUNDAY—TODAY**

**Sunday School Attendance: 3**

**Attendance Last week: 70**

**Last week's offering: \$3,305**

**Year-to-09/03/17 offerings: \$112,890**

**Year-to-09/03/17 expenses: \$120,782**