

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 "Prayer for Peace" (Demorest)

* 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 gather together to ask the Lord's blessing; he chastens and hastens his will to make known." We do gather before you, O God, and ask that you will bless the fruits of our labor. Hasten to make your will known among us, so that all that we do shall be to your glory. Accept the gifts that we offer for the furtherance of your peace; in Christ's name we pray.

* CLOSING HYMN "His Eye Is on the Sparrow" #624

* CHORAL BENEDICTION "Go In Love" (Besig)

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* POSTLUDE "Recessional in C" (Otis)



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FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Don Myers, CRE - Liturgist

Music - Kay E. Boyne

September 17, 2017 10:00 AM Worship Service

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time/PW Honorary Membership

OUR APPROACH TO GOD

PRELUDE "A Quiet Song" (Smith)

INTROIT "In the Presence of Your People" (Chambers)

CALL TO WORSHIP

In the presence of God the sea shall flee, the mountains shall skip like rams and the hills like lambs.

We are bold to approach you and call you our God. We come into your presence with singing and into your courts with praise.

Let us worship God!

PRAYER OF PRAISE AND ADORATION

* HYMN "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" #210

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We are mindful that each time we come into your presence how willing you are to forgive seventy times seven. Yet when people betray us we bear grudges and think ill of them. We are quick to anger when we feel we've been wronged. We do not hasten to seek reconciliation even when we would rather things were less stressful and tense. Forgive us when we hesitate to emulate your example and help us to seek the peace Christ taught us to practice.

* 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.

PW HONORARY LIFE MEMBERSHIP AWARD

ANTHEM "Come and Worship" (Drennan)

CHILDREN'S SERMON

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

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

THE WORD OF GOD

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Exodus. 14:19 - 31 (page 57, OT)

Romans 14:1 - 12 (pages 142 - 143, NT)

Matt. 18:21 - 35 (pages 17 - 18, NT)

SERMON "Make It Count"

* HYMN "Amazing Grace" #343

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Let us say what we believe.

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth;

This Week's Calendar September 17, 2017 - September 24, 2017

Sunday, September 17	Monday, September 18
<p>PW Honorary Life Membership</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) 12:00 PM Soup Kitchen 2:00 PM Freighter View Service</p>	<p>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)</p>
Tuesday, September 19	Wednesday, September 20
<p>9:30 AM Ladies Coffee Hour (SH) 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 21	Friday, September 22
<p>10:00 AM Textile Social (SH) 12:00 PM Lock City Meeting (Lib)</p>	<p>9:00 AM Men's Bible Study (SH)</p>
Saturday, September 23	Sunday, September 24
<p>9:00 AM NA (WR) 7:00 PM AA (WR)</p>	<p>9:00 AM Early Social Hour (WR) 10:00 AM Worship Service 10:00 AM Sunday School 12:00 PM Soup Kitchen 6:30 PM H.S. Youth Group</p>

SH = Social Hall

Lib = Library

WR = Westminster Room

"For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

Matthew 18:20 (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
Music Director/Organist	Kay E. Boyne
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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.

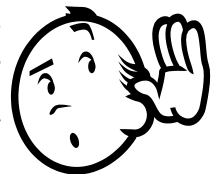
Some notes about our services:

- ✦ 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:

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 ... 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 is now open and will continue every 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month.

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.

H.S. YOUTH GROUP KICKOFF .. Our Youth Group kick off is Sunday Sept 24 from 6:30 pm to 8 pm.

PW HONORARY MEMBERSHIP AWARD ... The award will be presented on today during the Worship Service. The PW are asking everyone to join them as they present this year's award. Coffee and Cookies will be served in the Social Hall after the service.

LADIES COFFEE HOUR ... The ladies are meeting next Tuesday, September 19th for coffee hour at 9:30 am.

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

TEXTILE SOCIAL RESUMES ... Starting Thursday, September 21st, from 10 am to 2 pm in the Social Hall. You are invited to bring your textile project and a sack lunch and share time with others with similar interests. By May 2017. we completed and donated to five organizations: 106 pillow cases, 12 backpacks, 1 baby quilt, and 2 denim quilts.

TEXTILE FALL 2017 STARTER PROJECT ... We are wanting to make textile/hand crafted Christmas tree decorations for our own Christmas Tree display at the November Bazaar. Bring your ideas and instructions to our September and October Thursdays.. Hope to see many of you September 21st. Call Ruth Wilson at 632-9355 or Anita Weinrick at 632-3207 with any questions.

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 continues every Wednesday at 9:00 am. All women of the church are invited to join us.

SERVING US THIS WEEK

Greeters: Dave Pearce and Michelle Markstrom

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

Soup Kitchen: - Sault Shrine Club

SERVING US NEXT WEEK

Greeters: Dave Pearce and Michelle Markstrom

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

Soup Kitchen: - The hill's and Family

Coffee N' Cookies—TODAY

Sunday School Attendance: 18

Attendance Last week: 107

Last week's offering: \$2,193

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

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