

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;  
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 "Pastorale" (Lau)

\* 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

**O God, you give us tasks to perform. You equip us with strengths and abilities beyond what we deserve. In Christ you call us to faithfulness, to exercise obedience, to be deliberate in our discipline. We come now offering you the results of our labors. Use them as a means to further your work in Christ's name.**

\* CLOSING HYMN "He's Got the Whole World in His Hands" #586

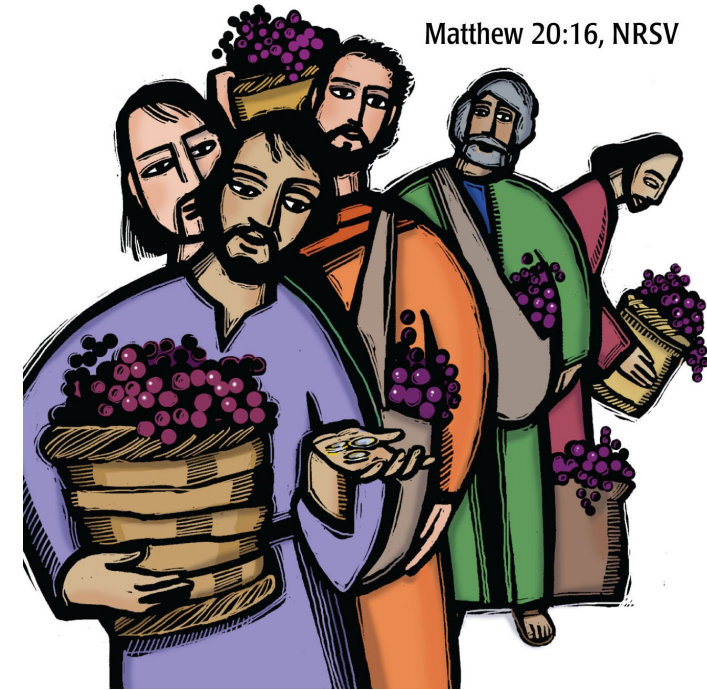
\* CHORAL BENEDICTION "Go In Love" (Besig)

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\* POSTLUDE "Postlude in A Minor" (Ashford)

So the **last**  
will be **FIRST**,  
and the  
**first**  
will be **LAST**.

Matthew 20:16, NRSV



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# FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Rev. Mark Gabbard — Preaching

Sydney Kuenzer - Liturgist

Music - Kay E. Boyne

September 24 2017 10:00 AM Worship Service

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

## OUR APPROACH TO GOD

PRELUDE "Morning Has Broken" (Hayes)

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

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Give thanks to God who spread a cloud for a covering and gave fire to light the night!

**Who opened the rock and water gushed forth and flowed through the desert sands.**

Seek the Lord and the strength only God can give, a presence that continually abides.

**We will remember the wonderful works God has done, the miracles, and the judgments God made.**

Let us worship God!

## PRAYER OF PRAISE AND ADORATION

\* HYMN "God of Grace and God of Glory" #435

## \* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Like our ancestors before us, we complain when things do not go our own way. We want abundance of everything rather than what is sufficient to sustain us. We would rather be elsewhere than where we are at the moment. When things do not go our way we ask, where are you? We would rather you serve us than be accountable ourselves. You gave manna and quail to those before us, yet we still doubt you will be there for us. Forgive our lack of trust in your goodness and grant us forgiveness, we humbly pray.**

## \* 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 "What God Can Do!" (Besig)

## CHILDREN'S SERMON

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

\* HYMN "Love Lifted Me" #508

## THE WORD OF GOD

### SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Exodus. 16:2 - 15 (pages 58 – 59, OT)

Phil. 1:21 - 30 (page 174, NT)

Matt. 20:1 - 16 (page 19, NT)

SERMON "Not Fair"

\* HYMN "Oh for a Thousand Tongues" #21

## \* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Let us say what we believe.

The Apostles' Creed

## This Week's Calendar September 24, 2017 - October 1, 2017

| Sunday, September 24  | Monday, September 25  |
|---|---|
| 9:00 AM Early Social Hour (WR)<br>10:00 AM Worship Service<br>10:00 AM Sunday School<br>12:00 PM Soup Kitchen<br>6:30 PM H.S. Youth Group | 7:00 PM Boy Scout Troop #105 (SH)<br>7:00 PM ACT Study Group (WR)   |
| Tuesday, September 26   | Wednesday, September 27   |
| 12:00 PM Lock City Meeting (Lib)<br>4:00 PM Food Pantry   | 9:00 AM Women's Bible Study<br>6:30 PM Choir Rehearsal  |
| Thursday, September 28  | Friday, September 29  |
| 10:00 AM Textile Social (SH)<br>12:00 PM Lock City Meeting (Lib)<br>6:00 PM Boy Scout Leader Meeting                                      | 9:00 AM Men's Bible Study (SH)  |
| Saturday, September 30  | Sunday, October 1   |
| 9:00 AM NA (WR)<br>7:00 PM AA (WR)  | <b>World Communion Sunday</b><br>9:00 AM Early Social Hour (WR)<br>10:00 AM Worship/Communion Service<br>10:00 AM Sunday School<br>11:30 AM Soup N' Sandwich<br>12:00 PM Soup Kitchen |

SH = Social Hall

Lib = Library

WR = Westminster Room

"O give thanks to the Lord, call on his name, make known his deeds among the peoples.  
Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wonderful works."

Psalm 105:1-2 (NSRV)

## About First United Presbyterian Church

### Church Staff

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|---|--|
| <b>Minister</b>   | Rev. Mark D. Gabbard<br>pastor@soopresbyterian.org |
| <b>Commissioned Ruling Elder</b>  | Donald H. Myers<br>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<br>office@soopresbyterian.org       |
| <b>Sexton</b>   | Jesse Witte  |
| <b>Church Office Hours: 8:00 A.M. to 11:30 A.M.<br/>and 12:00 P.M. to 2:30 P.M.<br/>(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.

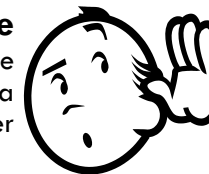
Some notes about our services:

- ✦ 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, 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.

***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.

***TEXTILE SOCIAL ...*** The Textile Social has begun. We meet from 10 am to 2 pm in the Social Hall every Thursday. You are invited to bring your textile project and a sack lunch and share time with others with similar interests.

***CANTATA REHEARSAL ...*** Weekly Cantata rehearsals will begin on October 4th at 8:00 pm, after the weekly Choir rehearsals. 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!

***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. Call Ruth Wilson at 632-9355 or Anita Weinrick at 632-3207 with any questions.

**H.S. YOUTH GROUP KICKOFF ..** Our Youth Group kick off tonight from 6:30 pm to 8 pm.

***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 AWARD ...*** Congratulations to our PW Honorary Life Membership Award recipients. The award has been presented to four individuals this year. Congratulations to Lois Hillock, Fred Michels, Sue Michels, and Kaye Vining.

***SOUP N' SANDWICH ..*** P.W. will be serving Sunday soup and sandwich lunch October 1st. Table monetary donations will go to the Presbyterian disaster assistance mission.

***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.

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

**Soup Kitchen: - The Hill's and Family**

**SERVING US NEXT WEEK**

**Greeters: Sue Trombley and Barb Kenn**

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

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

**Sunday School Attendance: 12**

**Attendance Last week: 112**

**Last week's offering: \$4,518**

**Year-to-09/17/17 offerings: \$119,188**

**Year-to-09/17/17 expenses: \$128,151**