

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 "In Church" (Tchaikovsky)

\* 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 rely on your promise, O God, that you will not forsake us; our pledge to  
you is that we will be faithful. As we stand on the shoulders of those who  
have gone before, give us a vision of what commitment can mean. Accept  
the gifts that we place here before you, as we in our day make our  
response. Let what we do be an example for others so that future believers  
learn of Christ and his way.**

\* CLOSING HYMN "All Things Bright and Beautiful" (see insert)

\* CHORAL BENEDICTION "Grace, Love and Fellowship" (Fettke)

\* BENEDICTION

\* POSTLUDE "Praise to God the Father" (Ritter)



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# FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Rev. Mark Gabbard — Preaching

Alicia Cottle - Liturgist

Music - Kay E. Boyne

October 8 2017 10:00 AM Worship Service

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

## OUR APPROACH TO GOD

PRELUDE "Joy In Worship" (Mallard)

INTROIT "Come Just as You Are" (Sabolick)

## CALL TO WORSHIP

The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul;

**The decrees of the Lord are sure, making wise the simple;**

The precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart;

**The commandment of the Lord is clear, enlightening the eyes;**

The fear of the Lord is pure, enduring forever;

**the ordinances of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.**

**Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to you, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.**

## PRAYER OF PRAISE AND ADORATION

\* HYMN "Come, Thou Almighty King" #8

## \* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**You whose voice extends to the ends of the world, have mercy upon us as we confess our sin. We live as enemies of the cross when we crave earthly things, glory in the weakness of others, yearn above all for satisfaction for ourselves, and serve only those gods, who do what we want. Having attained the prize of your mercy in Jesus, help us to obey him as the source of new life.**

## \* 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 "O Lord, Most Holy" (Franck)

## CHILDREN'S SERMON

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

\* HYMN "Open My Eyes That I May See" #563

## THE WORD OF GOD

### SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Exodus. 20:1 - 20 (pages 61 – 62, OT)

Phil. 3:4 - 14 (page 175, NT)

Matt. 21:33 - 46 (pages 20 – 21, NT)

SERMON "Fight the Bad Fight"

\* HYMN "Abide with Me" #642

## \* 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 October 8, 2017 - October 15, 2017

Sunday, October 8	Monday, October 9
9:00 AM Early Social Hour (WR) 10:00 AM Worship Service 10:00 AM Sunday School 12:00 PM Soup Kitchen 6:30 AM H.S. Youth Group	7:00 PM Boy Scout Troop #105 (SH) 7:00 PM ACT Study Group (WR)
Tuesday, October 10	Wednesday, October 11
12:00 PM Lock City Meeting (Lib) 4:00 PM Food Pantry	9:00 AM Women's Bible Study 6:30 PM Choir Rehearsal 8:00 PM Cantata Rehearsal
Thursday, October 12	Friday, October 13
10:00 AM Textile Social (SH) 12:00 PM Lock City Meeting (Lib)	9:00 AM Men's Bible Study (SH)
Saturday, October 14	Sunday, October 15
9:00 AM NA (WR) 7:00 PM AA (WR)	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Memorial Sunday</b></p> 9:00 AM Early Social Hour (WR) 10:00 AM Worship Service 10:00 AM Sunday School 11:30 AM Coffee and Cookies 12:00 PM Soup Kitchen

SH = Social Hall

Lib = Library

WR = Westminster Room

"The heavens are telling the glory of God and the firmament proclaims his handiwork,"

Psalm. 19:1 (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
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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.

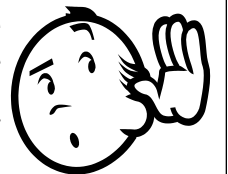
Some notes about our services:

- ✦ 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:

Jon Burgess, Donna LaPlaunt, Owen Nicholls, Andrea Klier, 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 worshipping with us today.

***CIRCLE 1 ...*** Please start making plans and thinking of items for this year's Tea & Bazaar Raffle Table. Thank you.

***SALE ...*** Central United Church, 160 Spring St. (SSM, Ontario) will be holding an Everything Christmas Sale. New & used Christmas decorations and decor will take place on Thursday, Oct. 19 & Friday, Oct. 20 from 10:00 am – 2:00 pm. Come find come wonderful deals and begin your Christmas shopping or preparations early

***THANK YOU ...*** Many thanks and much appreciation to our church family who supported our Disaster Mission Project, through the Presbyterian Church USA, at Sunday's Soup lunch. We received \$220.00 and PW brought the donation to make a total of \$400.00.

***CANTATA REHEARSAL ...*** Weekly Cantata rehearsals have begun and will continue every Wednesday evening 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!

***MEMORIAL SERVICE ...*** The Annual Memorial and Dedication Service will be held next 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.

***THE BAZAAR THEME "IT'S CHRISTMAS"...*** Plans are in place for our annual event. We again would like to have our social hall decorated for the season. If you have a special tree or decoration that would enhance this area, please let on of our committee members know, they can be of any color or theme. There are trees and some decorations available for decorating and we can start the week before Saturday, October 28th. Please consider helping for this huge project. Everyone is needed and welcome to help in any way. Be thinking of items to donate for our Booths (knitting & crafts, bake, Grammas attic, and raffle table). If you have any, contact Diane McMeeken, or Doreen Gordon.

***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.

***LIGHT THE NIGHT ...*** Halloween will be here before we know it! On Tuesday, October 31st we will host our annual Light the Night! Candy and volunteers are needed. We will be handing out candy and serving popcorn and hot dogs. We do encourage costumes! If you would like to join us, please see Brenda or Melissa. Any candy donations can be turned in to the office. Thank you in advance for supporting us!

***OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD 2017! ...*** Each year, the Samaritan's Purse organization collects shoe boxes filled with gifts to distribute to needy children around the world. You can help by filling a box for a boy or girl, in the age categories 2-4, 5-9, or 10-14. Boxes will be available on the table in the narthex mid October and will be collected here at the church by Sunday, November 12th to be blessed. For more information, please contact Dee Musgrave, at 635-0940, or call the office.

***BAZAAR ...*** Salad Buffet, Bake Sale, Saturday, October 14th from 11:30 AM—1:30 PM. Donation \$6.00. Faith Lutheran Church, 1600 Park Street Sault Ste Marie, MI.

**SERVING US THIS WEEK**

**Greeters: Sue Trombley and Barb Kenn**

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

**Soup Kitchen: - Sunrise Rotary**

**SERVING US NEXT WEEK**

**Greeters: Sue Trombley and Barb Kenn**

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

**Soup Kitchen: - Sault Elks**

**Coffee & Cookies - Memorial Committee October 15th**

**Sunday School Attendance: 5**

**Attendance Last week: 101**

**Last week's offering: \$3,332**

**Year-to-10/01/17 offerings: \$126,685**

**Year-to-10/01/17 expenses: \$131,677**