

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 "Icebox Sunday" (McNatt)
Duet: Anita Weinrick & Jackie Tastor
Guitar: David Blackburn

* DOXOLOGY "O Bless the Gifts" #814
***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

**God of all grace and goodness, throughout the ages you have looked after
the needs of your children; we thank you for your mercy. Bless the words we
speak, that they may proclaim your greatness. Look with favor on those acts
we perform, that we may show others your tender love. Make us responsive
to the high calling of Jesus, as we offer you gifts in his name.**

* CLOSING HYMN "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" #648
* CHORAL BENEDICTION "Prayer Chorus" (Porter)
* BENEDICTION
* POSTLUDE "March" (Moir)



The Parable of the Lost Sheep

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FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Rev. David Blackburn, Preaching

Music - Kay E. Boyne

February 11, 2018 10:00 AM Worship Service

Transfiguration of the Lord

OUR APPROACH TO GOD

PRELUDE "The Lord Is My Light" (Allitsen)

INTROIT "In the Stillness of This Moment" (Fontana)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Sing praise to the Lord, O you faithful one, and give thanks to God's holy name.

Hear, O Lord, and be gracious to me! O Lord, be my helper!

You have turned my mourning into dancing; you have clothed me with joy.

So that my soul may praise you and not be silent. O Lord, my God, I will praise you forever.

Let us worship God!

PRAYER OF PRAISE AND ADORATION

* HYMN "Come, Thou Almighty King" #8

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, hear our confession as we pray in Christ's name. We claim to be faithful, but we obey not your commandments. We boast of our hope, yet we dwell not in faith. We gather security about us while others go hungry. We arm ourselves mightily as though we could buy peace of mind. We hear Christ's words of assurance, but we live not in his promise. Forgive our ambivalence, as in Christ we repent.

* 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 "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" (Nettleton/Hopson)

CHILDREN'S SERMON (*children are dismissed to the Classrooms, for Sunday School*)

* HYMN "O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee" #665

THE WORD OF GOD

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Luke 15:1 - 10 (page 31, NT)

SERMON "What Is God Like?"

* HYMN "Dear Lord and Father of Mankind" #639

* 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 February 11, 2018 - February 18, 2018

Sunday, February 11	Monday, February 12
<p style="text-align: center;">Transfiguration of the Lord</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>	<p>7:00 PM Boy Scout Troop #105 (SH) 7:00 PM ACT Study Group (WR)</p>
Tuesday, February 13	Wednesday, February 14
<p>12:00 PM Lock City Meeting (Lib) 4:00 PM Food Pantry</p>	<p>9:30 AM Women's Bible Study (Lib) 6:00 PM Deacon's Lenten Meal 7:00 PM Ash Wednesday Service</p>
Thursday, February 15	Friday, February 16
<p>10:00 AM Textile Social (SH) 12:00 PM Lock City Meeting (Lib))</p>	<p>9:00 AM Men's Bible Study (WR)</p>
Saturday, February 17	Sunday, February 18
<p>9:00 AM NA (WR) 7:00 PM AA (WR)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">1st Sunday in Lent</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 his anger is but for a moment; his favor is for a lifetime. Weeping may linger for the night, but joy comes with the morning."

Psalm: 30:5 (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
Financial/Admin. Assistant	Denise Goldade office@soopresbyterian.org
Sexton	Jesse Witte
<p>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)</p> <p>Church Website: www.soopresbyterian.org</p>	

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.

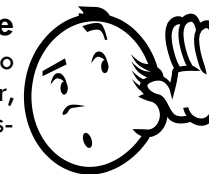
Some notes about our services:

- ✦ 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
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 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:

John Jobes, Diane McMeeken, Aaron Corbiere, Lois Hillock, Jon Burgess,
Andrea Klier, Gina Gough, Geraldine Carnahan, Pat Whyte, Jane Kellan,
Christine Mickelson, Joyce Cross, Lillian Donelson, Jim Schmidt, William Kellan,
Alex McCready, Tara Jean Brody, Wendy (Menard) James,
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. 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.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY ... The Women's Bible Study Group will continue to meet Wednesday mornings at 9:30 A.M. in the library. Ladies, come join us!

SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE & SAUSAGE SUPPER will be held at Central United Church, 160 Spring St. in Sault, Ontario on Tuesday, Feb. 13 from 4:30 – 6:30. The menu included pancakes, sausages, Gilbertson's maple syrup and dessert. Tickets are available at Central Church Office 705-253-3264 or from members of the Men's Club. Tickets are \$10.00 for adults, \$5.00 for children under 12 or \$25.00 per family."

LENT BEGINS!!!! ... We will celebrate Ash Wednesday services on this Wednesday, February 14th with a Deacon's meal at 6:00 pm and a worship service at 7:00 pm. Bring a dish to pass.

H.S. YOUTH GROUP ... Attention High School students and parents of High School students! Youth Group is going to be meeting MORE! Here are the dates for the rest of the year: Feb 11, 18, 25, March 4, 11, 18, April 8, 15, 22, 29, May 6. We will have our Senior Sunday May 27 at the 10 AM church service. We would like to see lots attending on Sunday nights at 6:30 PM and bringing friends to help share the Word of God.

Mark, Melissa, Denise and Chad

GUEST PREACHER ... Rev. Gabbard is on vacation until Tuesday, February 13th. If you have ministry needs, please contact the church office. Thank you Rev. David Blackburn for filling in this week for the Pastor.

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT ... At our February 18th worship service we will celebrate the Lord's Supper together as one body of Christ.

TEXTILE SOCIAL ... The Textile Social meets 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. Call Ruth Wilson at 632-9355 or Anita Weinrick at 632-3207 with any questions.

RIGHTNOW MEDIA ... RightNow Media Bible Study Library is available to FUPC's congregation. Get signed up today by providing the church office with your email address. There are thousands of videos for kids, youth, and adults. Great for individual, family, & small group studies. Videos from Christian authors about parenting, relationships, and discipleships. Available on multiple devices. If you have not received an invitation please let the office know and we can send you an invite.

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

SERVING US THIS WEEK

Greeters: Wendy Pearce and Jeanne Shibley

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

Soup Kitchen: - Kinnear Auto Repair

SERVING US NEXT WEEK

Greeters: Wendy Pearce and Jeanne Shibley

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

Soup Kitchen: - FUPC Circle 1

Sunday School Attendance: 5

Attendance Last week: 101

Last week's offering: \$6,030

Year-to-02/11/18 offerings: \$20,815

Year-to-02/11/18 expenses: \$24,161

(\$3,346)