

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 "The Old Rugged Cross" (Bennard)

* DOXOLOGY "Doxology" #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

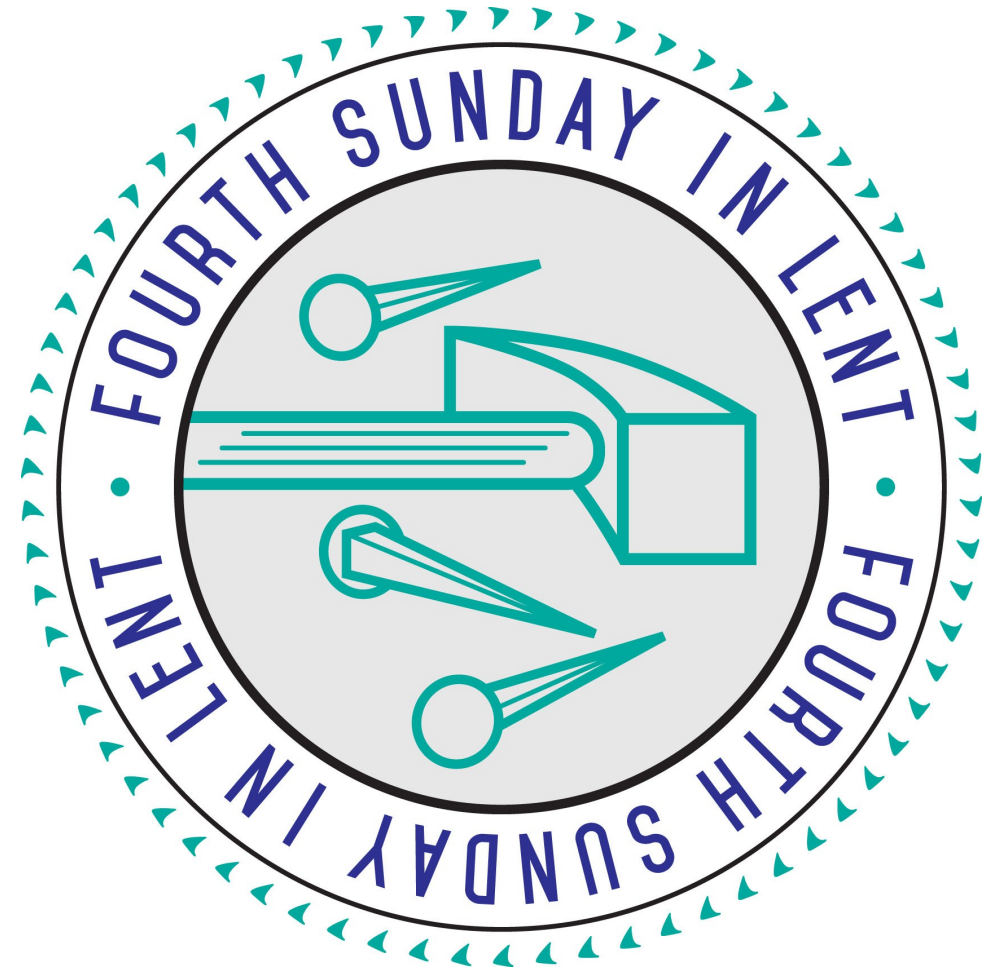
Most giving and forgiving God, you provide for our every need. You open our lips to offer you praise. You strengthen our hands to respond to Christ's call. With hearts, hands, and voices renewed by your Spirit, we place now before you our commitment to serve. Use us in ways that will benefit others, and accept what we offer as a sign of our faith.

* CLOSING HYMN "Peace like a River" #750

* CHORAL BENEDICTION "Go Ye Now in Peace" (Eilers)

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* POSTLUDE "Festive March" (Lasky)



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FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Rev. Mark Gabbard, Preaching

Doris Boogerd - Liturgist

Music - Kay E. Boyne

March 18, 2018 10:00 AM Worship Service

5th Sunday in Lent

OUR APPROACH TO GOD

PRELUDE "Savior, Your Dying Love" (Smith)
INTROIT "Surely the Presence" (Wolfe)

CALL TO WORSHIP

O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare your praise.

Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

The sacrifice acceptable to God is a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and sustain in me a willing spirit.

Let us worship God!

PRAYER OF PRAISE AND ADORATION

* HYMN "Come, Thou Almighty King" #8

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord, make me an instrument of Thy peace;

Where there is hatred, let me sow love;

Where there is injury, pardon;

Where there is error, truth;

Where there is doubt, faith;

Where there is despair, hope;

Where there is darkness, light;

And where there is sadness, joy.

O Divine Master, Grant that I may not so much seek

To be consoled as to console;

To be understood as to understand;

To be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive;

It is in pardoning that we are pardoned;

And it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

* 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 "Whatever It Takes" (Wolfe)

Solo: Jackie Tastor

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

* HYMN "The Solid Rock" #526

THE WORD OF GOD

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Jer. 31:31 - 34 (page 694, OT)

Heb. 5: 5 - 10 (page 194, NT)

John 12:20- 33 (page 93, NT)

SERMON "Why the Bad News"

* HYMN "Ye Servants of God" #38

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH The Apostles' Creed

Let us say what we believe.

The Apostles' Creed

This Week's Calendar March 18, 2018 - March 25, 2018

Sunday, March 18	Monday, March 19
<p style="text-align: center;">5th Sunday in Lent</p> <p>9:00 AM Early Social Hour (WR) 10:00 AM Worship Service 10:00 AM Sunday School 11:15 AM Deacon's Meeting 11:30 AM Coffee & Cookies Fellowship 12:00 PM Soup Kitchen 2:00 PM Freighter's 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, March 20	Wednesday, March 21
<p>9:30 AM Ladies Coffee Hour (SH) 12:00 PM Lock City Meeting (Lib)</p>	<p>9:30 AM Women's Bible Study (Lib) 6:30 PM Choir Rehearsal</p>
Thursday, March 22	Friday, March 23
<p>10:00 AM Textile Social (SH) 12:00 PM Lock City Meeting (Lib)) 6:00 PM Boy Scout Leader's Meeting</p>	<p>9:00 AM Men's Bible Study (WR)</p>
Saturday, March 24	Sunday, March 25
<p>9:00 AM NA (WR) 7:00 PM AA (WR)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Palm Sunday One Great Hour of Sharing</p> <p>9:00 AM Early Social Hour (WR) 10:00 AM Worship Service 10:00 AM Sunday School 12:00 PM Soup Kitchen</p>

SH = Social Hall

Lib = Library

WR = Westminster Room

"You desire truth in the inward being; therefore
 teach me teach me wisdom in my secret heart."

Psalm: 51:6 (NSRV)

About First United Presbyterian Church

Church Staff

Minister	Rev. Mark D. Gabbard pastor@soopresbyterian.org
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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
 (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.



Please Silence

**All cell phones &
 pagers prior to
 worship service.**

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:

Family of Dorothy Smart, 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

LADIES COFFEE HOUR ... All ladies welcome to join! Tuesday at 9:30 am. Come and enjoy a morning of fellowship.

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING ... The annual One Great Hour of Sharing offering will be collected on Palm Sunday, March 25th. These funds go directly to PC(USA) to support the Presbyterian Hunger Program, the Self-Development of People, and Presbyterian Disaster Assistance programs throughout the world. Coin boxes will be available for children and youth to give, too. "Sharing Resources. Changing Lives".

EASTER EGG HUNT The Christian Education Committee will be doing an Easter Egg Hunt for our youngsters again this year, on Easter Sunday. Breakfast will be at 9 a.m., with the Masons, and the Easter Egg Hunt will follow at 9:30 a.m. We are looking for donations of candy. If you would like to help out with this project, please bring donations to the church office. Thanks so much!

COFFEE & COOKIES FELLOWSHIP ... Today after the worship service.

PW RUMMAGE SALE ... Saturday April 14th from 9 am to 1 pm. We will be setting up and accepting donations beginning Tuesday, April 10th, thru Friday from 9 am to 2 pm and also Wednesday evening 6:30-8:30 pm. Please no cell phone or computers. Workers are needed for setup and the day of the sale. As you are spring cleaning, please keep the Rummage Sale in mind. **Thank you**

YOUTH GROUP ... No youth group March 18th, March 25th or April 1st. We will not meet again until April 8.

HOLY WEEK SERVICES We have several services scheduled during the coming week. On Maundy Thursday, the Deacon's will host a Lenten Meal at 6:00 pm (please bring a dish to pass) followed by a Maundy Thursday Communion Service at 7:00 p.m. On Friday, the Community Ecumenical Good Friday Service will be held at the First United Presbyterian Church at 1:00 p.m. And on Easter Sunday join us for Breakfast at 9:00 a.m. hosted by Lee and Kristeen Mason. The Easter Egg Hunt starts at 9:30 a.m. Then our Easter service at 10:00 a.m.

EASTER LILIES Easter lilies are available again this year, at a cost of \$10.00 each. If you would like to purchase a lily in honor or memory of a loved one, please see the insert in today's bulletin or stop by the church office. Dedications will be published in the Easter Sunday bulletin. Deadline for purchase is Monday, March 19.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY'S RESTORE is doing well but over the winter has gotten a little low on inventory. Please bring us any of the following: household appliances (even the ones that don't work because we recycle metal for money) also beds, tools, building materials, light fixtures, and more. The ReStore is located at 400 Sheridan Avenue. Phone: 906-632-6616 **Open: 10-4 Wednesday thru Saturday**

SERVING US THIS WEEK

Greeters: Kaye Vining and Wanda Eby

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

Soup Kitchen: - Christopher Columbus Ladies Aux.

SERVING US NEXT WEEK

Greeters: Kaye Vining and Wanda Eby

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

Soup Kitchen: - FUPC – PW

Sunday School Attendance: 5

Attendance Last week: 77

Last week's offering: \$2,703

Year-to-03/11/18 offerings: \$32,758

Year-to-03/11/18 expenses: \$45,506

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