

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 "Legacy of Grace" (Logan)

* DOXOLOGY "Doxology" #815

**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

Source of life, who raised Christ from the dead, all that we have reflects your eternal love. As those in the infant church in Jerusalem brought gifts for those in need, so we too bring offerings as a sign of our commitment and concern. Accept them as our testimony to Christ's resurrection, and cause them to be distributed so that others may live.

* CLOSING HYMN "Freely, Freely" #436

* CHORAL BENEDICTION "Blessings II" (Sleeth)

* BENEDICTION

* POSTLUDE "Triumphant Finale" (Bliss)



**"STOP DOUBTING AND
BELIEVE!"**

JOHN 20:27, NIV

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FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Olivia Martin - Liturgist

Music - Kay E. Boyne

April 8, 2018 10:00 AM Worship Service

2nd Sunday of Easter

OUR APPROACH TO GOD

PRELUDE "A Joyful Song" (Livingston, Jr)

INTROIT "In Moments Like These" (Graham)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Behold, how good it is when brothers and sisters live together in unity!

It is like the precious oil on the head, running down over the collar of Aaron's robes.

It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion.

For there the Lord ordained God's blessing, life forevermore.

Let us worship God!

PRAYER OF PRAISE AND ADORATION

* HYMN "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" #90

* LITANY OF AFFIRMATION AND ASSURANCE

That which was from the beginning, which we have heard and seen with our eyes concerning the word of life, we proclaim to you.

God of light, in whom is no darkness, we praise you.

The life was made manifest, and we testify to it.

God of light, in whom is no darkness, we praise you.

If we say we have fellowship with God while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not live according to the truth.

God of light, in whom is no darkness, we praise you.

If we confess our sins, Jesus Christ is faithful and just, and will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Jesus Christ is the expiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

* 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 "Seek Ye First" (Lafferty)

Accompanied by: David Blackburn

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

* HYMN "My Faith Looks Up to Thee" #539

THE WORD OF GOD

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

I John 1: 1 - 2:2 (page 211, NT)

John 20:19 - 31 (page 101, NT)

SERMON "Trouble Believing"

* HYMN "Crown Him with Many Crowns" #45

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH The Apostles' Creed

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 April 8, 2018 - April 15, 2018

Sunday, April 8	Monday, April 9
9:00 AM Early Social Group (WR) 10:00 AM Worship Service 10:00 AM Sunday School 12:00 PM Soup Kitchen 6:30 PM H.S. Youth Group	7:00 PM Boy Scout Troop #105 (SH) 7:00 PM ACT Study Group (WR)
Tuesday, April 10	Wednesday, April 11
Rummage Sale Set-Up 12:00 PM Lock City Meeting (Lib)	Rummage Sale Set-Up 9:30 AM Women's Bible Study (Lib) 6:30 PM Choir Rehearsal
Thursday, April 12	Friday, April 13
Rummage Sale Set-Up 12:00 PM Lock City Meeting (Lib))	Rummage Sale Set-Up 9:00 AM Men's Bible Study (WR)
Saturday, April 14	Sunday, April 15
9:00 AM NA (WR) 9:00 AM Rummage Sale (SH) 7:00 PM AA (WR)	Baptisms 9:00 AM Early Social Group (WR) 10:00 AM Worship Service 10:00 AM Sunday School 12:00 PM Soup Kitchen 6:30 PM H.S. Youth Group

SH = Social Hall

Lib = Library

WR = Westminster Room

"This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all."

1 John: 1:5 (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	



Please Silence

All cell phones & pagers prior to worship service.

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.

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, Esther Hollingsworth, Andrea Klier, Gina Gough, Geraldine Carnahan, Pat Whyte, Jane Kellan, Christine Mickelson, Joyce Cross, Lillian Donelson, Jim Schmidt, William Kellan, Alex McCreedy, 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 worshipping 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

YOUTH GROUP ... Youth group will finish the month of April with meetings 8, 15, 22, 29 learning along side the Duck Dynasty teens. We have had an amazing year building relationships with our youth group students seeing them growing and becoming more comfortable in our group and in their faith with God.

Mark and Melissa, Chad and Denise

PRESBYTERIAN POINT CAMP WISH LIST ... It is time to start thinking about Presbytery Point Camp and items they have on their wish list. For more information see the list on the bulletin board and to arrange getting item(s) to camp, call Caron at (906)869-0925 or email at ppccc@presbyterypoint.org. Thanks!

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. Textile Social cancelled for April 12th.

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!**

HELP NEEDED ... PW is seeking 3 people with trucks to help after the Rummage Sale on Saturday. April 14th at 1 PM. Help is needed to deliver the left over goods Hospital Auxiliary.

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

LADIES COFFEE HOUR ... All ladies welcome to join! Tuesday, April 17th at 9:30 am. Come and enjoy a morning of fellowship.

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!

SILENT AUCTION ... Central United Church, 160 Spring St., Sault Ste. Marie, ON is holding their 35th Annual Silent Auction on Thursday, April 26 & Friday, April 27th from 10 am.- 7 pm. This event includes hundreds of bid items, a chuckwagon, bake table, treasures, Central closet & a huge flea market (which is also open on Saturday, April 28th from 9 am – 12 noon with discounted prices). Everyone is invited to come check out all the wonderful items available.

SERVING US THIS WEEK

Greeters: Chad Folkersma and Wanda Eby

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

Soup Kitchen: - FUPC-Session

SERVING US NEXT WEEK

Greeters: Chad Folkersma and Wanda Eby

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

Soup Kitchen: - Chamber of Commerce

Sunday School Attendance: 20

Attendance Last week: 132

Last week's offering: \$2,707

Year-to-04/01/18 offerings: \$43,921

Year-to-04/01/18 expenses: \$55,184

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