

\* HYMN "The Lord's Prayer" #631

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 Way That He Loves" (Mercer)  
Solo: Mary Frances Morden

\* 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

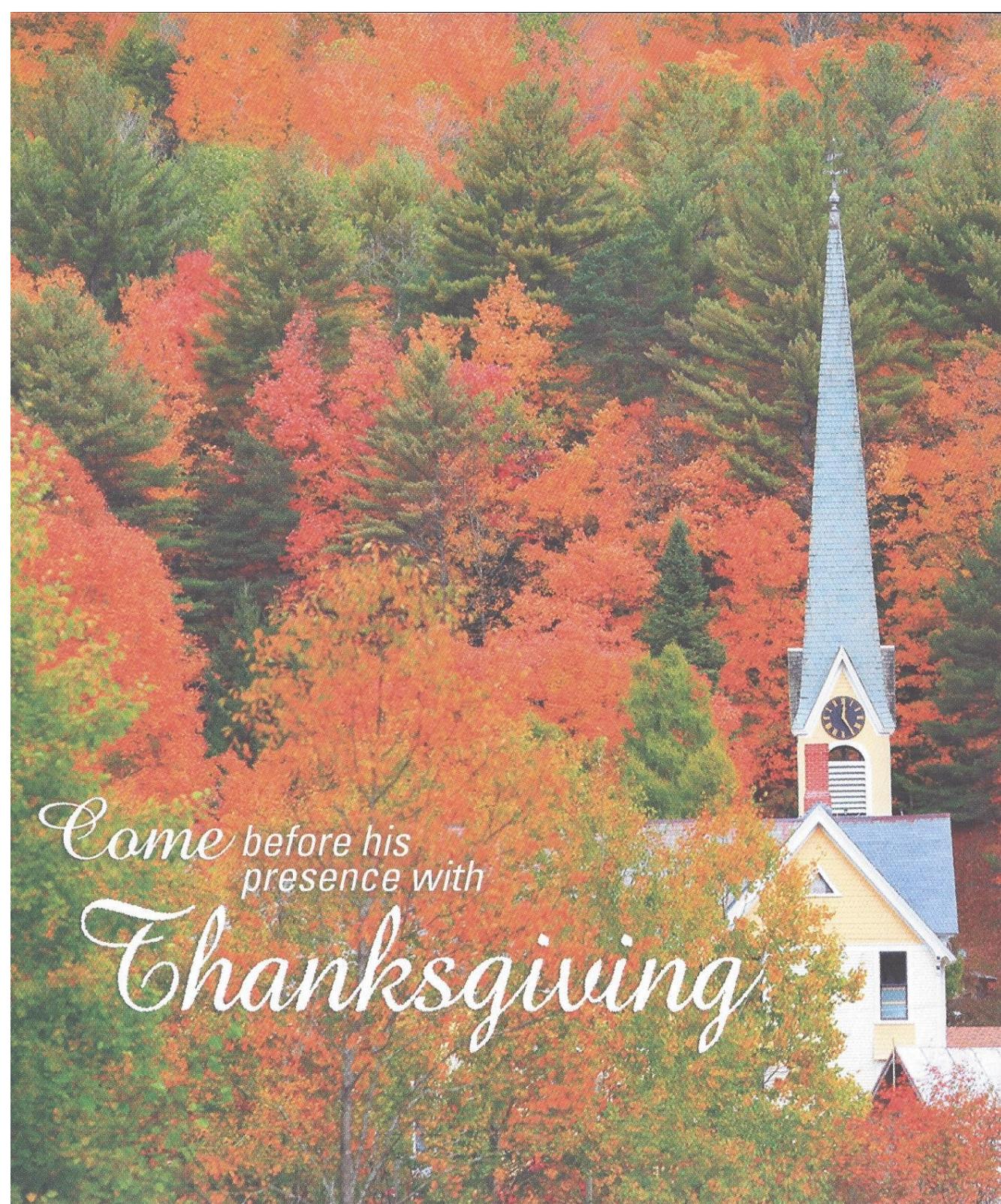
**O God, you endow us with talent beyond what we earn or deserve. You seek from us service to you in all that we think, yearn for, and do. As we bring our gifts and offerings before you, may they reflect a wise investment of your trust in us. May their yield continue to abound as the work that we do spreads your will farther.**

\* CLOSING HYMN "In This Very Room" #612

\* CHORAL BENEDICTION "Let the Peace of Christ Rule in Your Heart" (Rankin)

\* BENEDICTION

\* POSTLUDE "Festival March" (Woffatt)



# FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Rev. Mark Gabbard — Preaching

Don Myers, CRE - Liturgist

Music - Kay E. Boyne

November 19, 2017 10:00 AM Worship Service

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time/Thanksgiving Service/Communion

## OUR APPROACH TO GOD

PRELUDE "Communion with Jesus" (Curtis)

INTROIT "He Has Made Me Glad" (Brethorst)

## CALL TO WORSHIP

To you I lift up my eyes, O you who are enthroned in the heavens!

**As the eyes of a maid look to the hand of her mistress, so our eyes look to you, Giver of every good gift.**

Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy upon us.

**Look with favor upon us, O Lord, and be pleased with our praise and thanksgiving.**

Let us worship God!

## PRAYER OF PRAISE AND ADORATION

\* HYMN "We Gather Together" #790

## \* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**O God, have mercy upon us as we confess our sin. Christ calls us stewards, but we squander your gifts. He gives us tasks to perform, yet we do as we please. He sends us to minister on behalf of those suffering; we are slow to respond until our own needs are met. He expects us to praise you in all that we do; we take all the credit for those things we do well. Forgive us and help us to be more obedient.**

## \* 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 "Hymn of Praise" (Johnson)  
(Thanksgiving)

## CHILDREN'S SERMON

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

## THE WORD OF GOD

### SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Judges 4:1 - 7 (page 204, OT)

1 Thess. 5:1 - 11 (page 181, NT)

Matt. 25:14 - 30 (pages 24 - 30, NT)

SERMON "Management Problems"

\* HYMN "Let Us Break Bread Together" #460

## THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S TABLE

### INVITATION

### COMMUNION

## This Week's Calendar November 19, 2017 - November 26, 2017

Sunday, November 19	Monday, November 20
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Thanksgiving Service</b></p> <p>9:00 AM Early Social Hour (WR)            10:00 AM Worship/Communion Service            10:00 AM Sunday School            11:15 AM Deacon's Meeting            11:30 AM Coffee &amp; Cookies Fellowship            12:00 PM Soup Kitchen            2:00 PM Freighter View Service</p>	<p>7:00 PM Boy Scout Troop #105 (SH)            7:00 PM ACT Study Group (WR)</p>
Tuesday, November 21	Wednesday, November 22
<p>12:00 PM Lock City Meeting (Lib)            4:00 PM Food Pantry</p>	<p>9:00 AM Women's Bible Study (Lib)            6:30 PM Choir Rehearsal            8:00 PM Cantata Rehearsal</p>
Thursday, November 23	Friday, November 24
<p><b>Thanksgiving Day Office Closed</b></p>  <p><b>Happy THANKSGIVING!</b></p>	<p><b>Office Closed</b></p> <p>9:00 AM Men's Bible Study (WR)</p>
Saturday, November 25	Sunday, November 26
<p>9:00 AM NA (WR)            7:00 PM AA (WR)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Reign of Christ Hanging of the Greens</b></p> <p>9:00 AM Early Social Hour (WR)            10:00 AM Worship Service            10:00 AM Sunday School            11:00 AM Hanging of the Greens            12:00 PM Soup Kitchen            6:00 PM H.S. Youth Group</p>

SH = Social Hall

Lib = Library

WR = Westminster Room

"As the mountains surround Jerusalem, so the LORD surrounds his people,  
from this time on and forevermore.

Psalm 125:2 (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
<b>Music Director/ Organist</b>	Kay E. Boyne
<b>Financial/Admin. Assistant</b>	Denise Goldade office@soopresbyterian.org
<b>Sexton</b>	Jesse Witte
<p><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></p> <p><b>Church Website: <a href="http://www.soopresbyterian.org">www.soopresbyterian.org</a></b></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  
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:

Joan Hill, Aaron Corbiere, Lois Hillock, Jon Burgess, Owen Nicholls,  
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, Tom and Ellen Woodgate, 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.

***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 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.

***ADVENT BEGINS ...*** It is hard to believe, but the Advent season is upon us and begins Sunday, December 3rd. The Children's Program and Christmas Joy Offering will be on December 10th, followed by the Cantata and Endowment Dinner on December 17th. There will be no morning service on Sunday, December 24th (Christmas Eve), instead there will be the evening candlelight service. May your Christmas Season be blessed and filled with joy!

***OFFICE CLOSED ...*** The office will be closed Thursday, November 23rd and Friday, November 24th for the Thanksgiving Holiday. Happy Thanksgiving!

***HANGING OF THE GREENS ...*** We will be "Hanging the Greens", or decorating the sanctuary for the upcoming Advent season after service next week on the 26th. Your help would be greatly appreciated. Wear your comfy clothes and plan on being here for a couple of hours. If you can help, please contact Alicia at church or call her at 632-1751.

***DEACONS' WINTER CLOTHING DRIVE*** The Deacons are collecting winter clothing throughout the months of November, December and January to distribute to those in need. If you have new or gently-used winter coats, hats, gloves/mittens, boots, or sweaters that you are willing to donate, please bring them to the church office. Clothing collected will be offered to those attending Soup Kitchen and Food Pantry.

***H.S. YOUTH GROUP ...*** Youth Group is off to a great start, we have had 4 meetings with 5-10 students each time. We are so pleased with the way God is calling our Youth to our meetings and hope to see more as we continue on this year. We are doing a study on Woodlawn High School a real school in 1973 that used God to help them face the new diversity their school was pushed into. It is focused on their football team, which relates to a lot of our students who attend. Being on a club or team is a perfect opportunity to showcase your strength in God even just by being kind and respectful to your own team or members and the other teams. If you want to watch the film it is on Rightnow media that our church is now connected too. See and follow along with what our group is up too. Our next meetings for the year are Nov 26. Dec 10 we will be caroling at Hearthside starting at 4 pm. Student should meet at the church at 3:30 pm and we will all ride together. Thank you for your continued support and prayers.

Mark and Melissa, Chad and Denise

***CHOIR PRACTICE ...*** This year's Cantata is "Glory to the Newborn King" by John Innes and will be on Sunday, December 17th during the Worship Service. There will be no choir practice on December 27th.

**SERVING US THIS WEEK**

**Greeters:** Sara Jones and Wanda Eby

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

**Soup Kitchen:** - Kuenzer Family

**Coffee N' Cookies—TODAY**

**SERVING US NEXT WEEK**

**Greeters:** Sara Jones and Wanda Eby

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

**Soup Kitchen:** - Amie Lawson & Kaye Vining

**Sunday School Attendance: 21**

**Attendance Last week: 103**

**Last week's offering: \$3,597**

**Year-to-11/12/17 offerings: \$145,124**

**Year-to-11/12/17 expenses: \$149,688**