

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 "Child of the Poor/What Child Is This?" (Soper Jackie Tastor, Judy Bawks, Alicia Cottle

* 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

God of unchanging truth, your promise is eternal, your benevolent care spans the ages. We come with our gifts to be molded in accordance with your purposes. We offer ourselves to be shaped by your will. Fill us with wisdom, and make us vessels of your truth. Make all that we do an outpouring of your goodness, spreading compassion on the afflicted and care to all who may be in need.

* CLOSING HYMN "Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing" #237

* CHORAL BENEDICTION "Seasonal Benediction" (Grier)

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* POSTLUDE "Marcia Maesta" (Lawrence)

EXPECTATION

Unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given.

ISAIAH 9:6



FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Brenda Ransom, CRE — Preaching

Olivia Martin - Liturgist

Music - Kay E. Boyne

December 3, 2017 10:00 AM Worship Service

1st Sunday of Advent

OUR APPROACH TO GOD

PRELUDE "Silent Night, Holy Night" (Harris)
INTROIT "We Have Come to Worship Him" (Purifoy)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel. Stir up your might and come to save us!

Restore us, O God; let your face shine, that we may be saved.

Let your hand be upon us that we may be made strong for yourself.

Then we will never turn back from you; give us life, and we will call on your name.

Let us worship God!

PRAYER OF PRAISE AND ADORATION

* HYMN "Lo! How a Rose E'er Blooming" #255

ADVENT 1 – HOPE (Kuenzer Family)

Today we light the first candle of Advent, the candle of Hope. (Light Candle)

We put our hope in the one to come, the promised one who comes from God to bring good news of salvation. We hope in the one who will lead us to walk in the light of the LORD. We hope he will not let us live in dark valleys, but on the high mountain of God.

We light this candle in Hope.

On this day, we remember to hopefully look for the coming of Christ.

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, "we have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a polluted garment. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away." We fail to call on your name; we don't stir to take hold of your plan for us. Yet you are our God. "We are the clay, and thou art the potter." May all that we do be the work of your hand.

* 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 "Young King" (Harris)
Flute: Jackie Tastor
Guitar: David Blackburn

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

* HYMN "Love Has Come!" #256

THE WORD OF GOD

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Isaiah 64:1 - 9 (page 654, OT)

1 Cor. 1:3 - 9 (page 145, NT)

Mark 13:24 - 37 (page 44, NT)

SERMON "Watch for the Changing Seasons"

* HYMN "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" #244

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Let us say what we believe.

The Apostles' Creed

About First United Presbyterian Church

This Week's Calendar December 3, 2017 - December 10, 2017	
Sunday, December 3	Monday, December 4
1st Sunday of Advent 9:00 AM Early Social Hour (WR) 10:00 AM Worship Service 10:00 AM Sunday School 12:00 PM Soup Kitchen	7:00 PM Boy Scout Troop #105 (SH) 7:00 PM ACT Study Group (WR)
Tuesday, December 5	Wednesday, December 6
12:00 PM Lock City Meeting (Lib)	9:00 AM Women's Bible Study (Lib) 6:30 PM Choir Rehearsal 8:00 PM Cantata Rehearsal
Thursday, December 7	Friday, December 8
10:00 AM Textile Social (SH) 12:00 PM Lock City Meeting (Lib)) 7:00 PM SAHS Concert	9:00 AM Men's Bible Study (WR)
Saturday, December 9	Sunday, December 10
9:00 AM NA (WR) 7:00 PM AA (WR)	2nd Sunday of Advent Children's Christmas Program Christmas Joy Offering Deacon's Cookie Sale 9:00 AM Early Social Hour (WR) 10:00 AM Worship Service 10:00 AM Sunday School 11:30 AM Coffee & Cookies 12:00 PM Soup Kitchen 6:30 PM H.S. Youth Group (Party)

SH = Social Hall

Lib = Library

WR = Westminster Room

“From ages past no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who works for those who wait for him.

Isaiah 64:4 (NSRV)

Church Staff

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To Our Visitors

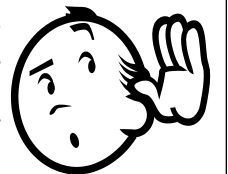
We are happy to have you worshipping with us today. If you would like more information about us or are interested in becoming a member of our church family, please complete one of the Welcome cards found in the pew rack and place it in the offering plate. You may also contact the church office, at 632-7771.

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:

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.

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 NEW TIME ... Women's Bible Study continues every Wednesday at **9:30 am**. All women of the church are invited to join us.

CIRCLE 3 CHRISTMAS PARTY ... The annual Christmas Party will be on December 14th at the home of Carol Rohweder on Sugar Island. Everyone is to meet at 9:30 AM in Clyde's parking lot to car pool on the 9:45 AM ferry to the island. Bring a dish to pass and a \$10.00 gift to exchange. The address is 5374 S. Oak Point Lane. Call Carol at 632-3713 if you have any questions.

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.

ADVENT BEGINS ... The Advent season is upon us and begins today. 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!

YOUTH GROUP CHRISTMAS PARTY CHANGE! ... Dec 10, we will now meet at Dondee Bowling Alley at 330. We will go from there to Caroling at Hearthside then back to the alley for pizza and bowling. Bring \$5-\$10 for bowling and food!

H.S. YOUTH GROUP ... Youth Group is held every 2nd and 4th Sunday of each month from 6:30-8 pm at First United Presbyterian church. Schedule Dec 10 (Christmas Party), Jan 14, Jan 28, Feb 11, Feb 25, March 11, Spring break no YG, April 8, April 29, May 13, May 27 Senior Recognition AM.

Mark & Melissa Gabbard Chad & Denise Folkersma

DEACON'S MEETING ... Today the Deacon's will hold their December meeting after the Worship Service.

P.W. COFFEE HOUR ... Ladies are invited to join us this Tuesday, December 19th at 9:30 for informal coffee hour.

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

PW FUNDRAISER ... It's the Ultimate Cloth! Washable, bleachable, cleans with water only—good for 100's of uses, inside, outside and all around the house. They clean streak free, spot free, lint & dust free—guaranteed! Great for windows, windshields, leather, chrome, paint, Plexiglas, vinyl, and fiberglass. Cost is \$6.00 ea., or 5 for \$25.00. Get yours today!

SERVING US THIS WEEK

Greeters: Gordon Rohweder and Wanda Eby/Suzanne Stevenson

Ushers: Sara Jones, Denise Folkersma, Jackie Johnson, Sharon Sheppard, & Cheryl Thoresen

Soup Kitchen: - Chief Petty Officers Assoc.

Coffee & Cookies—December 10th FUPC—Deacons

SERVING US NEXT WEEK

Greeters: Gordon Rohweder and Wanda Eby/Suzanne Stevenson

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

Soup Kitchen: - All Star Graphics

Sunday School Attendance: 20

Attendance Last week: 98

Last week's offering: \$3,883

Year-to-11/30/17 offerings: \$151,456

Year-to-11/30/17 expenses: \$156,380