

FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Rev. Mark Gabbard — Preaching

Music - Kay E. Boyne

December 10, 2017 10:00 AM Worship Service

2nd Sunday of Advent/Christmas Program/Christmas Joy Offering

OUR APPROACH TO GOD

PRELUDE "Children of the Heavenly Father" (Hughes)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Let me hear what you will speak, O God, for you will speak peace to your people.

Surely your salvation is at hand for those who fear you, that glory may dwell in our land.

Yea, God will give what is good, and our land will yield its increase.

In God's righteousness let us worship, that we may walk in the Lord's way.

PRAYER OF PRAISE AND ADORATION

* HYMN "O Little Town of Bethlehem" #250

ADVENT 2 – PEACE *(Hill Family, Jane Ten Eyck & Reece, and Carl Linhart)*

Last Sunday we lit the candle of Hope, remembering the hope which comes in Christ. (Light Candle).

Today we light the second candle of Advent, the candle of Peace.

God has a peaceful dream for the world, and we dream it too. We dream of peaceful world full of wolves and leopards and lions eating and sleeping and dancing with lambs, kids, and calves. We dream of a peaceful world where nations come together, where war is a memory, and we eat at one table.

We light this candle in Peace.

On this day, we remember the Lord of All who brings peace surpassing all understanding.

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of forgiveness, with our tongues we speak evil against our sisters and brothers. By our actions, we disobey your commandments. Hostility is bred through our suspicion and envy; anger continues in spite of Christ's peace. You open our eyes to his righteousness, yet we remain blind to the truth of his reconciling presence. Forgive our deliberate misuse of your mercy, and in Christ hear our prayer.

* 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.

* HYMN "O Come, All Ye Faithful" #249

* A TRADITIONAL CHRISTMAS PAGEANT (please remain seated during hymns)

Scene 1	The Prophecy of Christ the King
Hymn #244	"Come Thou Long Expected Jesus" Verses 1 and 2
Scene 2	The Appearance of the Angel Before Mary
Scene 3	The Birth of Christ in Bethlehem
Scene 4	The Worship of the Shepherds and Angels
Hymn #265	"The First Noel" Verse 1
Scene 5	The Worship of the Wisemen
Hymn #288	"We Three Kings"*

This Week's Calendar December 10, 2017 - December 17, 2017

Sunday, December 10	Monday, December 11
<p style="text-align: center;">2nd Sunday of Advent Children's Christmas Program Christmas Joy Offering Deacon's Cookie Sale</p> <p>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)</p>	<p>7:00 PM Boy Scout Troop #105 (SH) 7:00 PM ACT Study Group (WR)</p>
Tuesday, December 12	Wednesday, December 13
<p>12:00 PM Lock City Meeting (Lib)</p>	<p>9:00 AM Women's Bible Study (Lib) 6:30 PM Choir Rehearsal 8:00 PM Cantata Rehearsal</p>
Thursday, December 14	Friday, December 15
<p>10:00 AM Circle 3 Christmas Party 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, December 16	Sunday, December 17
<p>9:00 AM NA (WR) 7:00 PM AA (WR)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">3rd Sunday of Advent Cantata Endowment Dinner</p> <p>9:00 AM Early Social Hour (WR) 10:00 AM Worship Service 10:00 AM Sunday School 11:30 AM Endowment Dinner 12:00 PM Soup Kitchen</p>

SH = Social Hall

Lib = Library

WR = Westminster Room

"The Lord is not slow about his promise, as some think slowness, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance."

2 Peter 3:9 (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
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Music Director/Organist	Kay E. Boyne
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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)	
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.

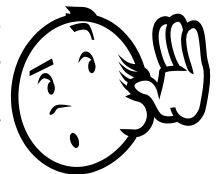
Some notes about our services:

- ✦ We have one Worship service on Sunday
10:00 AM — 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:

John Jobes, Diane McMeeken, 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 SEASON ... The Children's Program and Christmas Joy Offering is today and next week will be the Cantata and Endowment Dinner. There will be no morning service on Sunday, December 24th (Christmas Eve), instead there will be the evening candlelight service at 7 PM. 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

CHURCH SUPPLIES NEEDED ... It is time to ask again for donations of regular white paper towel rolls. Thank you for any donations you can make. Your generosity really helps cut our expenses!

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

Soup Kitchen: - All Star Graphics

Endowment Dinner—December 17th

SERVING US NEXT WEEK

Greeters: Gordon Rohweder and Wanda Eby/Suzanne Stevenson

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

Soup N' Sandwich: - FUPC Endowment Committee

Sunday School Attendance: 20

Attendance Last week: 143

Last week's offering: \$4,454

Year-to-12/03/17 offerings: \$156,079

Year-to-12/03/17 expenses: \$159,020