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# **FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

**Rev. Mark Gabbard**

**Liturgist - Doris Boogerd**

**Music - Kay Boyne**

**March 17, 2024**

**Fifth Sunday In Lent**



## OUR APPROACH TO GOD

PRELUDE “God so Loved the World” (Stainer)

INTROIT “How Majestic is Your Name?” (Michael Smith)

### 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

O God, who fashioned the covenant and sealed it with the  
promise of life everlasting, we praise you for mercies that are  
boundless and sure. Your ways are just, your grace is un-  
ending. You have sent us the Christ in whom lies your prom-  
ise that all things will be made new. We come before your  
throne of grace with the assurance that you will meet us as  
we call on your name. Hear us now as we give our oblations  
and be pleased with our efforts, as we respond to Christ’s  
call.

✦ HYMN “Come, Thou Almighty King” #8

✦ LENTEN LITANY OF AFFIRMATION  
**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;**

# About First United Presbyterian Church

## Church Staff

## To Our Visitors

**Minister:** Rev. Mark D. Gabbard  
*pastor@soopresbyterian.org*

**Commissioned Ruling Elder:**  
Brenda Ransom

**Clerk of Session:** Jessica Kuenzer

**President of Trustees:**  
Michael Lussier

**Chairman of Deacons:**  
Jeanne Shibley

**Music Director/Organist:**  
Kay E. Boyne

**Administrative Assistant:**  
Nicole DuFresne  
*office@soopresbyterian.org*

**Sexton:** Jason Fuller

Welcome! We are happy to have you worshipping with us today.

✦ Sunday Worship - 10:00 AM  
*(Children join the 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.

✦ An asterisk (\*) preceding a service element indicates the congregation should stand.

✦ **Bold** indicates congregation participation.

✦ Soup and Sandwich is held the 1st Sunday of each month in the Social Hall. Please join us!

✦ If you need the Pastor after hours, call Church Office to make appointment, or ask Nicole for Pastor Mark's cell phone number.

**Pastor's Office Hours:**      **Office Hours:**

9:15 AM to 12:00 PM      9:00 AM to 1:00 PM  
(Monday-Friday)      (Monday-Thursday)

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Hearing Assistance devices are available. If you would like to use a receiver, please ask an Usher for assistance.

Please Silence all electronics prior to worship service.



*The Purpose of the First United Presbyterian Church is to:*  
*Invite people to know and glorify God*  
*Grow together as followers of Christ*  
*Serve others through the power of the Holy Spirit*



# IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

*We ask that you remember these people in your prayers throughout the coming week.*

Gabe Litzner, Crisanne Riordan, Jamison Strange, Annette Mailles, Dolores Leuvoy, Carolyn Trumble, Terry Mason, Scott Wallace, Nellie Harrington, Aaron Corbiere, Carolyn Shaw, Della Porter, Gina Gough, Jon Burgess, Kimberly (Swick) Jewell, Jeffrey Burgess, Donna LaPlaunt, Sandy Shaw, Jane Kellan, Patricia Farnhill, Geraldine Carnahan, Lillian Donelson, Dave & Leslie Henderson, Tara Jean Brody, and all missionaries, and members of the U.S. Armed Forces.

***Please keep us up to date on your prayer request.***

***If you would 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***



## **WELCOME TO ALL VISITORS 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. Please be sure to sign our Guest Book near the entrance to the Sanctuary.

Thank you for worshiping with us today.

**DEACON PRAYER CHAIN** Please remember the Deacon Prayer Chain, if you, or someone you know, are in need of prayers. Contact Jeanne Shibley at (906) 630-1707.

**RIDES TO CHURCH** If anyone needs a ride to church, please contact the church office before Friday of each week and the Deacons will arrange a pick up time.

**PW ITEMS** The PW famous dish cloths are for sale at \$1.25 each. Buy several—the price is right! Get yours today! Ultimate Cloths, no chemicals needed, cleans with just water using MiraFiber technology! Guaranteed 5 years general use! Come on in to the Church office and get yours for only \$6 or 5 for \$25. Presbyterian Women's Second Edition Favorite Salads cookbook is also available in the church office for only \$8!

**WBS MISSION PROJECT** Our March Mission Project is a food collection to help support Lincoln School's "Weekend Backpack Program". The program helps provide food for children during the weekend. The packs are returned to school on Monday and replenished for the next weekend. Following are suggested items: fruit cups, Ramen noodles, Ravioli, tuna, Tuna Helper, peanut butter and jelly (in plastic jars), spaghetti sauce (plastic jar), spaghetti, Spaghettios, canned vegetables, baked beans, canned soups (Chicken Noodle a favorite), soda crackers, granola bars, oatmeal packets. Please, no drink items or Mac n' Cheese (presently an over abundance of these items). Once again, THANK YOU for your generous spirit in support of the monthly missions. The recipients are always very grateful.

Last month, \$797.00 was raised for the "Adopt a Blue Devil" fund! We would like to give our sincere thanks to everyone who donated. Your donations are greatly appreciated. Thank you all for making a positive impact on our community.

**MAUNDY THURSDAY** We will be having a potluck Thursday, March 28th at 6:00pm prior to Maundy Thursday Service at 7:00pm.



**FUPC MEETINGS / GROUPS:** *unless otherwise noted...*

*Session*—3rd Monday at 5:30pm (WR)

*Trustees*—3rd Monday at 5:30pm (LB)

*Deacons*—2nd Sunday at 11:15am (WR)

*Presbyterian Women*— 3rd Tuesday at Noon (SH)

*Circle 3*—2nd Thursday at 9:30am (WR)

*Textile Social Group*—Every Thursday from 9:30am to 1:00pm (SH)

*Women's Bible Study*—1st, 3rd, & 4th Wednesdays at 9:30 am (WR)

*Choir Practice*—Every Wednesday at 6:00pm (S)

*Men's Bible Study*—Every Friday at 9:00am (WR)

LB—Library MR—Music Room S—Sanctuary  
SH—Social Hall WR—Westminster Room



**SERVING US THIS WEEK**

**Greeters:** Margaret Eagle & Lee Mason

**Ushers:** Charlie Zane, Audrey Zane, Alegra Soorus,  
Francie Waybrant, & Jim Waybrant

**SERVING US NEXT WEEK**

**Greeters:** Margaret Eagle & Lee Mason

**Ushers:** Cathy Akre, Jessica Kuenzer, JoAnne Lussier,  
Cheryl Thoresen, & Julie Walsh

**Last week's attendance: 63**

**Last week's offering: \$1,865**

**This Week's Calendar**  
**March 17 – March 24, 2024**

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>
9:00a Coffee Hour (WR) 9:15a Choir Practice (MR) 10:00a Worship Service  <b>Coffee and Cookie Fellowship</b>	5:30p Session Meeting (WR) 5:30p Trustee Meeting (LB) 7:00p Boy Scout Troop #105 (SH)	12:00p PW Meeting (SH)
<b>Wednesday</b>	 <i>Presbyterian Church (USA)</i>	<b>Thursday</b>
9:30a Women's Bible Study 6:00p Choir Practice (S)		9:00a Textile Social (SH)
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Sunday</b>
9:00a Men's Bible Study (WR)	7:00p A.A. (WR)	9:00a Coffee Hour (WR) 9:15a Choir Practice (MR) 10:00a Worship Service  <b>Palm Sunday</b>

LB—Library   MR—Music Room   S—Sanctuary  
 SH—Social Hall   WR—Westminster Room

*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, Amen.*

✦ PASSING OF THE PEACE  
The peace of God be with you.  
**And also with you.**  
Greet one another in Peace.

ANTHEM “Written In Red” (Jensen)  
Guitar: David Blackburn

CHILDREN’S SERMON  
*children are dismissed to the Classrooms for Sunday School*

THE WORD OF GOD  
Jer. 31:31 - 34 (page 694, OT)  
Psalms 51:1-12  
John 12:20– 33 (page 93, NT)

SERMON “The Problem of Free Will”

✦ HYMN “The Solid Rock” #526

✦ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH The Apostles’ Creed  
Let us say what we believe.  
**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  
CONGREGATIONAL LIFE  
THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE  
**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

OFFERTORY "What Wonderous Love is This " (Walker)  
Solo: Jackie Tastor  
Guitar: David Blackburn

✦ 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  
**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.**

✦ HYMN "Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness" #586

✦ POSTLUDE "Andante Maestoso" (Corelli)