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FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Rev. Mark Gabbard

Liturgist - Doris Boogerd

Music - Jill Halsey

March 3, 2024

Third Sunday In Lent



OUR APPROACH TO GOD

PRELUDE “Wht a Friend We Have in Jesus” (Tedd Smith)

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul; the decrees of the Lord are sure, making wise the simple.

The precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the Lord is clear, enlightening the eyes.

The fear of the Lord is pure, enduring forever; the ordinances of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to you, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.

Let us worship God!

PRAYER OF PRAISE AND ADORATION

O Holy One of Israel, in Christ you call us to dwell in your favor; we gather to praise you and worship your name. You are the rock that keeps us from falling, the redeemer who can save us from sin. You set us upon the sure foundation of your commandments; you cleanse us from all unrighteousness through the gift of your Son. Accept our words as we honor your judgment and be pleased with our worship as we respond to Christ’s call.

✦ HYMN “Jesus Is All the World to Me” **#512**

✦ 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;

Where there is doubt, faith;

Where there is despair, hope;

Where there is darkness, light;

And where there is sadness, joy.

About First United Presbyterian Church

Church Staff

To Our Visitors

Minister: Rev. Mark D. Gabbard
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Commissioned Ruling Elder:
Brenda Ransom

Clerk of Session: Jessica Kuenzer

President of Trustees:
Michael Lussier

Chairman of Deacons:
Jeanne Shibley

Music Director/Organist:
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Nicole DuFresne
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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.

The Family of Victoria (Smart) Powels,
Crisanne Riordan, Jamison Strange, Annette Mailes,
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 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.

SPECIAL BIRTHDAY Ardith Bawks is turning 92 on March 23rd! If you would like to send her a birthday card, please address it to:
Ardith Bawks
2023 West 4th Ave. 103-E
Sault Ste Marie, MI 49783



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

Session—3rd Monday of each month at 5:30pm (WR)
Trustees—3rd Monday of each month at 5:30pm (LB)
Deacons—2nd Sunday of each month at 11:15am (LB)
Presbyterian Women— 3rd Tuesday at Noon (SH)
Circle 3—2nd Thursday of each month 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

Ushers: Sara Jones, Mindy Fox, Laura Moening, Tom Thoresen,
& Heather Walsburg

SERVING US NEXT WEEK

Greeters: Margaret Eagle,

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

Last week's attendance: 81

Last week's offering: \$2,524

This Week's Calendar
March 3, – March 10, 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
9:00a Coffee Hour (WR) 9:15a Choir Practic (MR) 10:00a Worship Service Communion	7:00p Boy Scout Troop #105 (SH)	
Wednesday	 <i>Presbyterian Church (USA)</i>	Thursday
9:00a Womens Bible Study (WR) 6:00p Choir Practice (S)		9:00a Textile Social (SH)
Friday	Saturday	Sunday
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

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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 “God So Loved the World” (Larson)

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

THE WORD OF GOD

Psalm 19:1 - 14 (page 462, OT)
1 Cor. 1: 18 - 25 (pages 145 – 146, NT)
John 2:13– 22 (page 81, NT)

SERMON “Foolishness”

✦ HYMN “Let Us Break Bread Together” #460

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S TABLE

INVITATION

COMMUNION

THE LORD’S PRAYER

✦ 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 com-
munion 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

OFFERTORY “Poor Wayfaring Stranger” (Tonioli)
Solo: Lamar Styer

✦ 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 of justice and mercy, your way commands our obedi-
ence; your grace gives us encouragement. We can do nothing
apart from the blessing you bestow. Alive with the presence
of your indwelling Spirit, we are bold to offer what we
have as signs of our devotion. Accept what we bring, and
multiply its effectiveness, for the sake of Jesus, your
gift to us.**

✦ HYMN “In My Heart There Rings a Melody” #502

✦ POSTLUDE “Deep Peace” (Dixon)

