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**FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
**Rev. Mark Gabbard**  
**Liturgist - Doris Boogerd**  
**Music - Kay Boyne**  
**March 31, 2024**  
**Easter Sunday**



OUR APPROACH TO GOD

PRELUDE                    "Jesus Has Risen As He Said"                    (Peterson)

INTROIT                    "Christ Arose"                    (Lowry)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed!

This is the day that the Lord has made.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

PRAYER OF PRAISE AND ADORATION

O God who was, is, and evermore shall be; to you belong all praise and glory. Angels in heaven announce the dawn of your eternal order; trumpets herald Christ's victory as the stone is rolled away; our mouths are opened to proclaim your mercies. We lift up our hearts to you, our Judge and Redeemer.

✠ HYMN                    "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today"                    #367

\* LITANY OF AFFIRMATION AND ASSURANCE

Truly I perceive that God shows no partiality, but in every nation any one who fears the Lord and does what is right is acceptable.

By the grace of God I am what I am.

God raised Jesus on the third day and made him manifest to those God chose, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead.

By the grace of God I am what I am.

God commanded us to preach to the people, and to testify that Christ is the one ordained by the Lord to be judge of the

# 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:** Julie Walsh

**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.

✦ A cross (✦) preceding a service element indicates the congregation should stand.

✦ **Bold** indicates congregation participation.

✦ 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 feel free to borrow one.

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.*

Family of Mark Kennedy, 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.

**BULLETIN BOARD** Please visit the bulletin board across from the office for information concerning local events, news, and resources available in the community.



**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:** Jessica Kuenzer, Julie Walsh, & Alegra Soorus

**SERVING US NEXT WEEK**



**Greeters:** Jessica Kuenzer

**Ushers:** Sara Jones, Mindy Fox, Laura Moening, Tom Thorensen,  
& Heather Walsborn

**Last week's attendance:**

**Last week's offering: \$**

**This Week's Calendar**  
**March 31 – April 7, 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>Easter Sunday</b>	7:00p Boy Scout Troop #105 (SH)	
<b>Wednesday</b>	 <i>Presbyterian Church (USA)</i>	<b>Thursday</b>
9:30a Women's Bible Study (WR) 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>Soup n' Sandwich</b>

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living and the dead.

By the grace of God I am what I am.

To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.

By the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me was not in vain.

✦ ASSURANCE OF PARDON

O God who was, is, and evermore shall be; to you belong all praise and glory. Angels in heaven announce the dawn of your eternal order; trumpets herald Christ's victory as the stone is rolled away; our mouths are opened to proclaim your mercies. We lift up our hearts to you, our Judge and Redeemer.

✦ 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      "Resurrection Victory"      (Larson)

CHILDREN'S SERMON

*children are dismissed to the Classrooms for Sunday School*

THE WORD OF GOD

Isaiah 26:6 - 9, (page 612, OT) (Red Bible pg. 799, OT)

I Corinthians 15:1 - 11, (page 155, NT) (Red Bible pg. 214, NT)

Mark 16:1-8, (page 47, NT) (Red Bible pg. 66, NT)

SERMON      "The Stone"

✦ HYMN      "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"      #360

✦ 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 "Garden Sunrise" (Hughes)

✦ 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 , Giver of life, who sends the dawn and fills us with hope, we come now before you, bringing our gifts. We cannot repay you for your undying mercy; our gestures are feeble compared to your love. As we commit **our days to proclaiming Christ's gospel, accept these offerings** as a pledge of our faith. Today is the first day of the rest of our lives.

✦ HYMN "He Lives" #368

✦ POSTLUDE "Risen In Triumph" (Glyncannon)