



See what love the  
Father has given us,  
that we should be  
called children of God.

1 John 3:1, NRSV



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**FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
**Rev. Mark Gabbard**  
**Liturgist - Mary Frances Morden**  
**Music - Kay Boyne**  
**April 14, 2024**  
**3rd Sunday of Easter**



OUR APPROACH TO GOD

PRELUDE	“Joy in God”	(Blake)
INTROIT	“As We Gather”	(Fay/Coomes)

CALL TO WORSHIP

O God, be gracious to me and hear my prayer.  
 Know that God has set us apart and hears us when we call.  
 O God, lift up the light of your countenance upon us.  
 O God, be gracious to us and hear our prayer.  
 Let us worship God!

PRAYER OF PRAISE AND ADORATION

Author of life, you have given us breath to praise you, eyes to behold your mercy, and words to proclaim your abiding love. You have set apart a people to worship you in thought, word, and deed, and through Christ you have numbered us in the midst of them. We sleep with the assurance that you will never forsake us and we awaken each day to the glory of your creating goodness. Breathe upon us the promised Holy Spirit, that our minds may be opened to your wisdom and our tongues boldly declare that you alone are God.

☩ HYMN      “When Morning Gilds the Skies”      #215

☩ LITANY OF AFFIRMATION

See what love God has given us that we should be called  
 God's children.

What God foretold by the mouths of the prophets, God  
 fulfilled.

It does not yet appear what we shall be, but we know that  
 when God appears we shall be in God's likeness.

# 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:**  
Kay E. Boyne

**Administrative Assistant:**  
Nicole DuFresne  
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**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.*

The Family of Suzanne Stevenson, Gabe Litzner, 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, 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***

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## ***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** For our April mission project, we are requesting items of need for Presbytery Point Camp. Please see the wish list below.

- ✦ Food Storage Containers (for Leftovers)
- ✦ White Laundry Baskets
- ✦ Box of SOS pads
- ✦ 12 Napkin Dispensers
- ✦ 12 Gently Used Sleeping Bags
- ✦ 12 New Pillows & Cases

A full list can be seen on our bulletin board. Our sincere thanks in helping to provide another fun and successful camp experience. Your generosity is appreciated by all!

**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:** Francie Waybrant

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

**SERVING US NEXT WEEK**

**Greeters:** Francie Waybrant

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

**Last week's attendance:** N/A

**Last week's offering:**

\ N/A

**This Week's Calendar**  
**April 14 – April 21, 2024**

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>
9:00a Coffee Hour (WR) 9:15a Choir Practice (MR) 10:00a Worship Service 11:15a Deacons Mtg (WR)	5:30p Session Mtg (WR) 5:30p Trustee Mtg (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 (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  <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Coffee &amp; Cookies</b></p>

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

What God foretold by the mouths of the prophets, God fulfilled.

Every one who thus hopes in God is made pure, as God is pure.

What God foretold by the mouths of the prophets, God fulfilled.

Whoever does right is righteous, as God is righteous.

What God foretold by the mouths of the prophets, God fulfilled.

✦ 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      “Open Our Eyes/ Survey the Presence  
of the Lord in this Place”      (Hayes)

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

THE WORD OF GOD

Acts 3:12 - 19 (pg. 105, NT) (Red Bible pg. 146 NT)

I John 3: 1 - 7 (pg. 212, NT) (Red Bible pg. 291 NT)

Luke 24:36 – 48 (pg. 78 - 79, NT) (Red Bible pg. 110 NT)

SERMON      “Unexpected”

✦ HYMN      “Spirit of the Living God”      #389

✦ 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      "Offertory on "Pleading Savior""      (Paxton)

✠ DOXOLOGY      #815

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow.  
Praise Him, all creatures here below.  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host.  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

✠ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Giver of eternal gladness, Fountain of life from whom flow  
endless blessings, all that we have is a gift of your love.  
Accept now these offerings of thanksgiving, symbols of our  
**grateful response to Christ's sacrifice for us. Use our gifts to**  
spread the good news of repentance and forgiveness of sins.  
**May they bring times of refreshment as results of Christ's**  
presence.

✠ HYMN      "Love Lifted Me"      #508

✠ POSTLUDE      "Lift Up Your Songs of Praise"      (Saint-Saens)