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FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH CRE Brenda Ransom Liturgist - Mary Frances Morden Music - Kay Boyne April 28, 2024 5th Sunday of Easter

OUR APPROACH TO GOD

PRELUDE	"Lord as in Thy Presence"	(Rasley)

INTROIT "As We Gather"

(Fay/Coomes)

CALL TO WORSHIP

From you , O God, comes my praise in the great congregation.

My vows I will pay before those who fear the Lord. All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord.

And all the families of the nations shall worship you, O God, our Lord and our Redeemer. Let us worship God!

PRAYER OF PRAISE AND ADORATION

Ruler of the nations, you have dominion over all the earth. We praise your name and bow down before you. You bring pride to the humble, and cause the boastful to be brought low. The afflicted find hope through your mercy; the comfortable you challenge and chasten. As your wisdom led our fathers and mothers throughout the ages, make us receptive to the testimony of your love, for we pray in the name of Christ Jesus, the Word made flesh.

HYMN "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" #210

LITANY OF AFFIRMATION

Beloved, let us love one another; for love is of God, and whoever loves is born of God and knows God. If we love one another, God abides in us. In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that

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 Sessi	on: 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			

Pastor's Office Hours: Office Hours:

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

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

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

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

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*

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.

PW ITEMS The PW famous dish cloths are for sale at \$1.25 each. Buy several —the price is right! Get yours today! <u>Ultimate Cloths</u>, 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. <u>Presbyterian Women's Second</u> <u>Edition Favorite Salads</u> cookbook is also available in the church office for only \$8!

SENIOR RECOGNITION is May 19, 2024. The church would like to recognize and honor all Seniors graduating from college or high school in 2024. Please provide the church office a short bio. and a photo to be included in the bulletin on May 19, 2024. All submissions can be emailed to Nicole at office@soopresbyterian.org or dropped off at the church.

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!

FOOD PANTRY The Meijer Simply Give Campaign is running now thru June 29th. Help us keep our Food Pantry open by purchasing a \$10 Simply Give food card at Meijer that they will match. Double match day is June 15.

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

SERVING US NEXT WEEK

Greeters: Francie Waybrant **Ushers:** Sara Jones, Mindy Fox, Laura Moening, Tom Thoresen, & Heather Walsborn

Last week's attendance: 87

Last week's offering: \$3,358

This Week's Calendar					
April 28 – May 5, 2024					
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday			
9:00a Coffee Hour (WR) 9:15a Choir Practice (MR) 10:00a Worship Service	7:00p Boy Scout Troop #105 (SH)				
Wednesday		Thursday			
9:30a Women's Bible Study (WR) 6:00p Choir Practice (S)	Presbyterian Church (USA)	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 Communion Soup n' Sandwich			

God sent Jesus Christ into the world. If we love one another, God abides in us. In this is love, not that we loved God but that God loved us and sent Jesus to be the expiation for our sins. If we love one another, God abides in us. Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. If we love one another, God abides in us and God's love is

perfected in us.

- 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 "In This Simple Way"

CHILDREN'S SERMON

children are dismissed to the Classrooms for Sunday School

(Hill)

THE WORD OF GOD

Psalms 118:19-25 (pg. 528 OT) (Red Bible pg. 695 OT) I John 4: 7 - 21 (pg. 213, NT) (Red Bible pg. 292 NT) John 15:1 – 8 (pg. 95 – 96, NT) (Red Bible pg. 133 NT)

- SERMON "Time to do some pruning"
- HYMN "Love Divine, all Loves Excelling " #648
- 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 "The Breath of God"

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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

Your love, O God, is perfected in us through the gift of your chosen one, Christ Jesus. All that we have reflects a measure of his atoning sacrifice poured out on behalf of us all. Accept **what we give to you as we respond to Christ's loving**kindness, and enhance what we do, so that others may experience your tenderness. Cultivate us to bear more fruit to the glory of your name.

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POSTLUDE "Go Ye In Peace"
 (Otis)