



**If any want to
become my followers,
let them deny themselves
and take up their cross
and follow me.**

Mark 8:34, NRSV

FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

**March 15th, 2026
4th Sunday in Lent**

✠ ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Jesus has said, "As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world...I came into this world for judgment so that those who do not see may see, and those who do see may become blind. As we confess our sins to God in Christ's name, he intercedes on our behalf as we are awakened from death to the hope of new life. Amen.

✠ 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.***

✠ PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of God be with you.
And also with you.
Greet one another in Peace.

THE CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

Congregational Life

ANTHEM "For Those Tears I Died" (Stevens)
Solo: David Blackburn

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Children are dismissed to their classrooms.

THE WORD OF GOD

SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 8: 34-37

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SERMON "Mountains and Molehills"

✠ HYMN "In the Cross of Christ I Glory" #328

✠ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

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 Prayers of the People

OFFERTORY “Londonderry Air” (Agay)

✠ DOXOLOGY #814

***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

As you pray for us in spite of our wayward behavior, O Christ, so also we intercede for others with the assurance of new life for them. Translate now our prayers into acts of charity and peace as we offer these gifts. Let us not be content with our giving while others live a life less than fulfilled. Amen.

✠ HYMN “O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee” #665

✠ BENEDICTION

✠ POSTLUDE “Triumphal Chorus” (Martin)

WE WELCOME EVERYONE 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 the First United Presbyterian Church, or in joining this congregation, are invited to fill out a 'Welcome' card found in the pews, or to call the church office. Please be sure to sign our Guest Book near the entrance to the Sanctuary. Thank you for worshipping with us today.

GENERAL INFORMATION

- ✦ Sunday Worship - 10:00 AM
The nursery is available for your use during the worship service.
- ✦ A Celtic cross (✦) preceding a service element indicates the congregation should stand.
- ✦ **Bold** indicates congregation participation.
- ✦ If you need the Pastor after office hours, please call the church and leave a message on the Pastor's voicemail. If you call during office hours and he is not available, the staff may be able to provide his cell #.
- ✦ Pre-service refreshments are available each Sunday in the Westminster Room.

FOR THE  **HEARING IMPAIRED**

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



***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 prayer
throughout the coming week:***



Tom Thoresen, Leitha Vollick, Jennie McCain, Dee Leuvoy, Marge Simpkins, Crisanne Riordan, Ronan Mouw, Dr. Pat Newhouse, Geraldine Carnahan, all those who are sick, all those who are traveling, all missionaries, and all members of the U.S. Armed Forces.

***Please keep us up to date on your prayer request.
Unless we are informed otherwise, names are listed for 2 weeks.***

FUPC Meetings/Groups—standard gathering times / or as noted
Choir Practice—Every Wednesday at 5:30pm / Every Sunday at 9:15am
Circle 3—2nd Thursday at 9:30am (WR)
Deacons—2nd Sunday at 11:15am (WR)
Men's Study Group—Every Friday at 9:00am (WR)
Presbyterian Women—3rd Tuesday at Noon (SH)
Session—3rd Monday at 5:30pm (WR)
Textile Social Group—1st, 3rd & 4th Thursdays at 9:30am (SH)
Trustees—3rd Monday at 5:30pm (LB)
Women's Bible Study - 1st, 3rd & 4th Wednesdays at 9:30am (WR)

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

Commissioned Ruling Elder: Brenda Ransom

Clerk of Session: Julie Walsh

President of Trustees: Ron Meister

Chairman of Deacons: Jeanne Shibley

Music Director/Organist: Kay Boyne / *Guitarist: David Blackburn*

Administrative Assistant: Maria Price / office@soopresbyterian.org

Sexton: Jason Fuller

Office Hours: 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM, Monday-Friday

Pastor's Office Hours: 9:15 AM to 12:00 PM, Monday-Friday

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TAKE NOTE
OF WHAT IS
HAPPENING!



THE NEW CHURCH DIRECTORIES ARE IN! If you have not picked up your copy of the new church directory, they are available in the church office Monday – Friday from 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Only one copy per family please.

COOKIES AND COFFEE will be held immediately after today's service in the Social Hall. All are welcome.

EASTER LILY ORDER FORMS ARE DUE TOMORROW. Thank you for your cooperation.

THE CHIMES DEADLINE FOR APRIL is March 20th.

COMMUNION FOR APRIL will be given on Maundy Thursday (April 2nd) and on Sunday, April 12th.

A REMINDER TO ALL...When last to leave the building, please make sure that all lights are off and the doors are locked. Thank you!

RIDES TO CHURCH are available. Should you need a ride to church, please call the church office before Friday of each week and the Deacons will arrange a pickup time.

PRESBYTERY POINT CAMP SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS are available in the church office M-F from 9AM-1PM. Online camp registration may be completed at www.presbyterypoint.org

OUR WEEKLY OFFERING FOR 3/1/26 **\$3,300.00**

OUR WEEKLY OFFERING FOR 3/8/26 **\$2,225.00**

ATTENDANCE FOR WORSHIP SERVICE ON 3/8/26 **51**

UPCOMING EVENTS



DATES TO REMEMBER:

- **March 16th** – Lily order forms are due
- **March 17th** – Happy St. Patrick's Day!
- **March 22nd** – 5th Sunday in Lent
- **March 29th** – Holy Week Begins

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

SUNDAY 3/15

9:00am - Coffee Hour (WR)
9:15am - Choir Practice (S)
10:00am - Worship Service (S)
10:15am - Sunday School

**Cookies & Coffee*

MONDAY, 3/16

5:30pm – Session Meeting (WR)
5:30pm – Trustees Meeting (LB)
7:00pm - Scout Troop #105 (SH)

TUESDAY, 3/17

12:00pm – PW Meeting (SH)
Happy St. Patrick's Day!

WEDNESDAY, 3/18

9:30am - Women's Bible Study (WR)
5:30pm - Choir Practice (S)

THURSDAY, 3/19

Visit a friend today.

FRIDAY, 3/20

9:00am - Men's Study Group (WR)

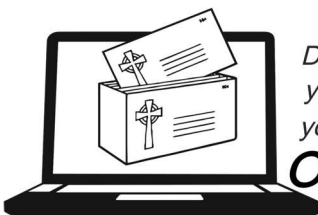
SATURDAY 3/21

7:00pm - AA (WR)

SUNDAY, 3/22

9:00am - Coffee Hour (WR)
9:15am - Choir Practice (S)
10:00am - Worship Service (S)
10:15am - Sunday School

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



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your offerings
ONLINE ?*

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