



FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
March 29th , 2026
Palm Sunday

✦ ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Our assurance of pardon is in Jesus, “who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave...and became obedient to the point of death...on a cross.” Through his obedience we are freed from whatever bondage enslaves us. 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

CHILDREN’S SERMON

Children are dismissed to their classrooms.

Palm Sunday Cantata

First Scripture Reading: Zachariah 9: 9-17

Anthem “Hosanna in the Highest”

Second Scripture Reading: John 8:12-20

Anthem “All Glory Laud and Honor”

Third Scripture Reading: John 8: 31-58

Anthem “Hosanna”

Fourth Scripture Reading: Malachi 3: 1-7, 3:16-4:5

Anthem “The King is Coming”

Solos Alicia Cottle, Jim Pim, and Jackie Tastor

✠ 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

The Lord's Prayer

OFFERTORY

“The Palms”

(Faure)

✠ 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

**Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Blessed are
the gifts that are received in Christ's name. We come before you,
O God, with the many blessings that you bestowed upon us.
Accept them as in Christ you accept us. Use what we bring, so that
others can shout, “Hosanna, Christ reigns!” Amen.**

✠ HYMN

“All Glory, Laud and Honor”

#300

✠ BENEDICTION

✠ POSTLUDE

“Ride on In Majesty”

(Broughton)

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 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:



The Family and Friends of 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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HOLY WEEK BEGINS TODAY through Saturday, April 4th.

THE ROSE on the communion table is in honor of Lucille Belle Livingston, born March 13, 2026. She is the daughter of Hannah and Nolan Livingston, granddaughter of Rev. Mark and Melissa Gabbard.

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

VBS CORRECTION The correct dates for this years Vacation Bible School are June 29th through July 2nd.

THE TEXTILE SOCIAL MEETINGS will resume Thursday, April 16th.

EASTER LILY DEDICATION BOOKLETS will be included with the bulletins on Easter Sunday Worship Service, April 5th.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO “like” and “follow” our Facebook Page and check out the new website.

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.

WEEKLY OFFERING TOTAL FOR 3.15.2026: **\$8,220.00**

WORSHIP SERVICE ATTENDANCE FOR 3.15.2026: **27**

WEEKLY OFFERING TOTAL FOR 3.22.2026: **\$2,975.00**

WORSHIP SERVICE ATTENDANCE FOR 3.22.2026: **65**

Friendly Reminders

DATES TO REMEMBER:

- **April 2nd – Lenten Potluck at 6:PM; Maundy Thursday Service with Communion at 7:PM**
- **April 3rd – Good Friday Service 1:PM at FUPC**
- **April 5th – Easter Sunday / Resurrection of the Lord**
- **April 12th – 2nd Sunday of Easter / Communion / Soup & Sandwich**

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

SUNDAY 3/29

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

**Palm Sunday*

MONDAY, 3/30

7:00pm - Scout Troop #105 (SH)

TUESDAY, 3/31

Try a new recipe

WEDNESDAY, 4/1

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

THURSDAY, 4/2

6:00pm – Lenten Potluck (SH)
7:00pm – Maundy Thursday Service with Communion (S)

FRIDAY, 4/3

9:00am - Men’s Study Group (WR)

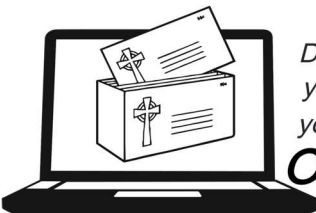
SATURDAY 4/4

7:00pm - AA (WR)

SUNDAY, 4/5

9:00am - Coffee Hour (WR)
9:15am - Choir Practice (S)
10:00am - Worship Service (S)
10:15am - Sunday School
**Easter Sunday/Resurrection of the Lord*

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



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your offerings

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