



FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

April 5, 2026

Resurrection of the Lord

Easter Sunday

Rev. Mark Gabbard
Liturgist—Brenda Ransom
Music Director—Kay Boyne / Guitar: David Blackburn



OUR APPROACH TO GOD

PRELUDE “Christ the Lord Is Risen Today” (Paxton)
Piano: Jill Halsey

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

This is indeed the day that you have made, O God, a day of gladness and rejoicing. You cause new life to burst forth with great beauty and fragrance. You adorn the creation with splendor and grandeur. You give your people a taste of your righteousness as we worship the Christ, the cup of new life. Be with us now as we enter the gates of your temple and hear us as we give you thanksgiving and praise. Amen.

✠ HYMN “He Lives” **#368**

✠ A LITANY OF ASSURANCE

With the stone rolled away came emptiness

Of a tomb that held captive the Crucified, of the space that was once filled with death, of the cross that now pointed to greater truth of God’s love in spite of ourselves.

With the stone rolled away came questions

From those whose world lay shattered, from those who would demand living proof, from those who were seeking a sign of promise breeding confidence, assurance and trust.

With the stone rolled away came light

To illumine the darkness of suspicion and fear, to dispel the shadows of distrust, anxiety, insecurity, to radiate with the beams of new hope and understanding the life about to be lived.

With the stone rolled away comes a future

With a truth that outshines the wisdom of ages, with space to be filled with the kingdom of God, with the company of those who through history confess Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia! 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 “Praise the Risen Lord” (with “Crown Him with
Many Crowns”) (Pethel)

CHILDREN’S SERMON
Children are dismissed to their classrooms.

THE WORD OF GOD

SCRIPTURE READINGS	<u>Test.</u>	<u>Blk pg.</u>	<u>Red pg.</u>
Jeremiah 31: 1-6	Old	692	897
Colossians 3: 1-4	New	178	246
Matthew 28: 1-10	New	29	41

SERMON “God Triumphs”

✠ HYMN “Jesus Christ is Risen Today” **#360**

✠ 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 "Easter Morn" (Mallard)

✠ 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

Bountiful God, we come with our offerings in response to your love.

With the new life in Christ, we give ourselves in service to others.

With the energy bestowed by the Spirit, we seek to inflame all your

people with a zeal for your way. Receive the work we do, and the gifts we bring, that they may become a blessing in your sight. Amen.

✠ HYMN "Christ the Lord is Risen Today"

#367

✠ BENEDICTION

✠ POSTLUDE "Alleluia, Christ is Risen"

(Ritter)

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:



The Friends and Family of LeAnne Deuman, Charlie and Audrey Zane, Ellen Meister Leitha Vollick, Jennie McCain, Dee Leuvoy, Marge Simpkins, Crisanne Riordan, Ronan Mouw, Dr. Pat Newhouse, Geraldine Carnahan, all those who are sick, 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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The funeral arrangements for Tom Thoresen are as follows: Date: Saturday, April 18th
Visitation: 10:00am – Noon
Service: 12:00 Noon
Luncheon following service

COMMUNION AND SOUP & SANDWICH will both take place next Sunday, April 12th.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL will be hosted by FUPC this summer. The dates are June 29th through July 2nd.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY'S MISSION PROJECT for the month of April will be to collect non-food items for the FUPC food pantry. These include hygiene items, toiletries, laundry items and the like. Monetary donations are also appreciated. Donations may be left on the designated cart located in the Narthex.

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

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.

QUARTERLY ATTENDANCE (Jan/Feb/March) 751

QUARTERLY OFFERTORY (Jan/Feb/March) \$55,750.00
(Offertory total may include annual pledges paid in lump sums)

QUARTERLY CHURCH EXPENSES (Jan/Feb/March) \$60,680.85

Friendly Reminders

DATES TO REMEMBER:

- April 12th – Communion / Soup & Sandwich
- April 19th - Cookies & Coffee
- April 26th – 4th Sunday of Easter

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

SUNDAY 4/5

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

MONDAY, 4/6

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

TUESDAY, 4/7

Work on a puzzle

WEDNESDAY, 4/8

5:30pm - Choir Practice (S)

THURSDAY, 4/9

9:30am - Circle 3 Meeting

FRIDAY, 4/10

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

SATURDAY 4/11

7:00pm - AA (WR)

SUNDAY, 4/12

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

10:15am - Sunday School

***Soup & Sandwich**

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



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