



**FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
**April 26th, 2026**  
**4th Sunday of Easter**



**We are healed by Christ's wounds.**

For you were straying like sheep but have now returned to the Shepherd and Guardian of your souls.

**We are healed by Christ's wounds.**

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not be in want.

**We are healed by Christ's wounds.**

✠ 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 "All in an April Evening" (Robertson )

CHILDREN'S SERMON  
Children are dismissed to their classrooms.

THE WORD OF GOD

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Acts 2: 42-47

1 Peter 2: 18-25

John 10: 1-10

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New 104 145

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SERMON "The Good Shepherd"

✠ HYMN "Abide with Me" #642

INSTALLATION AND ORDINATION:

\*Mr. Keith Stewart

✠ 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      "Surrender"      (Weeden / Hayes)

✠ DOXOLOGY "We Give Thee but Thine Own"      #816  
***We give thee but Thine own, what e'er the gift may be.  
All that we have is Thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from Thee. Amen.***

✠ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**We hear the voice of Jesus the Shepherd, O God, and seek to follow his course for our lives. We bring our gifts now before you as results of our search. Accept them and use them so that others may join in the quest. Bring others to the gates of your promised land, and let them hear you calling them to come, enter in. Amen.**

✠ HYMN      "There is Power in the Blood"      #329

✠ BENEDICTION

✠ POSTLUDE "Postlude in E Flat"      (Marsh)

## **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:***



Charlie and Audrey Zane, Leitha Vollick,  
Jennie McCain, Marge Simpkins,  
Crisanne Riordan, Ronan Mouw,  
Dr. Pat Newhouse, Geraldine Carnahan,  
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](mailto: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](mailto: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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**GRADUATE RECOGNITION SUNDAY WILL BE HELD ON MAY 17<sup>TH</sup>.** If you have a graduate, please turn in your information to the church office no later than Monday, May 11<sup>th</sup>.

**OUR FACEBOOK PAGE** is updated and up and running! Please give us a “like” and a “follow”.

**SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS FOR PRESBYTERY POINT CAMP** are available. Don't let the cost of camp deter you from this great experience. Please take advantage of this wonderful opportunity! Scholarships pay 60% of the camp fee!

**OUR WEBSITE** has had a major overhaul. Please check it out.

**THE WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY'S MONTHLY MISSION PROJECT** for May will be to collect gift cards to assist Presbytery Point Camp this summer. These money cards will be used to purchase supplies for various activities and needs for the camp. Monetary donations are also appreciated. Cash and cards may be left in the clear cash box in the Narthex on Sundays or left with Maria in the church office during office hours. (M – F, 9AM- 1PM).

**A REMINDER TO ALL...**When last to leave the building, **please** make sure that all lights are off and the doors are closed and 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.

**WORSHIP SERVICE ATTENDANCE FOR 4.19.26** **77**

**WORSHIP SERVICE OFFERING FOR 4.19.26** **\$1,345.00**



**DATES TO REMEMBER:**

- May 3<sup>rd</sup> Communion / Soup & Sandwich
- May 7<sup>th</sup> National Day of Prayer
- May 10<sup>th</sup> Mother's Day
- May 11<sup>th</sup> Graduate's Information Due
- May 14<sup>th</sup> Ascension of the Lord
- May 17<sup>th</sup> Graduate Recognition Sunday

## THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

**SUNDAY, 4.26**

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

**MONDAY, 4.27**

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

**TUESDAY, 4.28**

3:30pm – Food Pantry

**WEDNESDAY, 4.29**

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

**THURSDAY, 4.30**

Write a letter to a friend.

**FRIDAY, 5.1**

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

**SATURDAY 5.2**

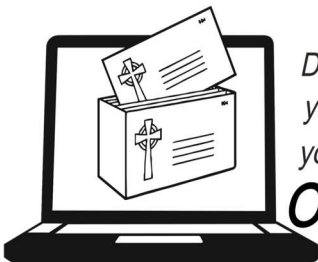
7:00pm - AA (WR)

**SUNDAY, 5.3**

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

*\*Soup & Sandwich*

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



*Did you know  
you can give  
your offerings  
**ONLINE ?***

