

I will surely return to you about
this time next year, and Sarah
your wife shall have a son.

Genesis 18:10, ESV



FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

555 Bingham Avenue

Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783

June 14th, 2026

3rd Sunday After Pentecost

Rev. Mark Gabbard
Liturgist—Doris Boogerd
Music Director—Kay Boyne / Guitar: David Blackburn



OUR APPROACH TO GOD

PRELUDE “My Lord, What a Morning!” (Hancock)

INTROIT “Family Song” (Hampton)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous. Sing to the Lord a new song.
Your word is upright, O God, the earth is full of your steadfast love.
Let the earth fear the Lord; let all the inhabitants of the world stand
in awe of your presence.
**Happy is the nation whose God is the Lord, the people you have
chosen to be your own.**
Let us worship God!

PRAYER OF PRAISE AND ADORATION

It is right to give you praise and honor, O God, for your love endures
forever. As your people gather to give your name glory, they shall
come from east and west, from north and south. We are assembled
together as those redeemed by your Son; may what we say be a
blessing worthy of your hearing, and what we do a service befitting
your glory. Amen.

✠ HYMN “Lead on, O King Eternal” #724

✠ PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**O God, you spread your table before us and invite us to dine. We
judge some as unworthy to partake of your feast. You call us to
faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. We close the doors of your household
to those we deem unfit to come in. You desire mercy, not sacrifice,
as a response to your grace. We expect others to be thankful that
we accept them at all. Forgive us our arrogance in response to your
love. Make us mindful of those whom you also hold dear. Amen.**

✠ ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Jesus said: "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. Go and learn what this means, 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners." If we are honest and confess out sins before God, we inherit the righteousness of faith revealed in Jesus Christ." 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 "Grace" (Hamlin)

THE WORD OF GOD

SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 18: 1-15

Romans 5: 1-8

Matthew 9: 35-10:15

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SERMON "Sarah Laughed"

✠ HYMN "Nearer, My God, to Thee" #553

✠ 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 "Holy Gifts We Offer" (Southbridge)

✠ 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
O God, you crown us with distinction and honor. You lavish us with gifts in abundance. You spread your mercy before us as a host preparing a banquet. What we offer, you have already given to us. What we do with our hands is a gift of the life you breathe into us. We give you but your own, a legacy of your love and concern. Amen.

✠ HYMN "Seek Ye First" **#713**

✠ BENEDICTION

✠ POSTLUDE "Go Joyfully" (Williamson)

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:***



Carla Nicholls, Stephanie Vert,
Charlie and Audrey Zane,
Leitha Vollick, Jennie McCain, Marge Simpkins,
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

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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PW WILL BE HOSTING their “Welcome Summer” luncheon on Tuesday at 12:00 noon in the Social Hall.

THE OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON JUNE 18TH & 19TH. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.

VBS NEWS Join us as we explore the nature of God through the “Rainforest Falls”. Register now for Vacation Bible School, hosted here at First United Presbyterian Church in collaboration with Central Methodist, Faith Lutheran and Algonquin Methodist, June 29th through July 2nd. 9:00AM to 12:00 noon ages 3 years through 11 years and FREE for all children!

PRESBYTERY POINT NEEDS YOUR HELP! It takes a village to make it a successful season; our churches are part of that village. We do have a wish list on Amazon, but if you would like to help in a more local way, gift cards are the best way! Cards from GFS, Walmart, Meijer, or a Visa/Mastercard are the best way to go. Those gift cards will then help us to purchase what we really need and reduce the stress on our volunteers to get items to camp. Some of the things that these cards would help us purchase are items for our camp store, items needed for arts/crafts, bait for the kids fishing, and many other areas. Cards can be dropped off at the church office, left in Brenda’s church mailbox, or sent directly to the camp. Thank you so much for supporting the camp in so many ways! It is never too early to get your campers registered and volunteers are always welcome! “Be still and know that I am God!” Psalm 46:10

A FRIENDLY 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!

WORSHIP SERVICE ATTENDANCE FOR 6/7/2026

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WORSHIP SERVICE OFFERING FOR 6/7/2026

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Friendly Reminders

DATES TO REMEMBER:

- **6/14 – Flag Day**
- **6/16 – PW “Welcome Summer” Luncheon**
- **6/18 – Deadline for July Chimes submissions**
- **6/19 – Juneteenth**
- **6/21 – Father’s Day**

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

SUNDAY 6/14

9:00am - Social Hour (WR)
9:15am - Choir Practice (S)
10:00am - Worship Service (S)
***11:15am Deacons Meeting**
***Flag Day**

MONDAY 6/15

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

TUESDAY 6/16

12:00pm - P.W. Luncheon (SH)
6:30pm – Lock City AA

WEDNESDAY 6/17

Start a journal

THURSDAY 6/18

9:30am – Textile Social (SH)
***Office Closed**

FRIDAY 6/19

9:00am - Men’s Study Group (WR)
***Office Closed**

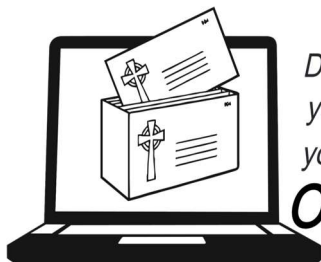
SATURDAY 6/20

7:00pm - AA (WR)

SUNDAY 6/21

9:00am - Social Hour (WR)
9:15am - Choir Practice (S)
10:00am - Worship Service (S)
***Happy Father’s Day!**

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



*Did you know
you can give
your offerings*

ONLINE ?

