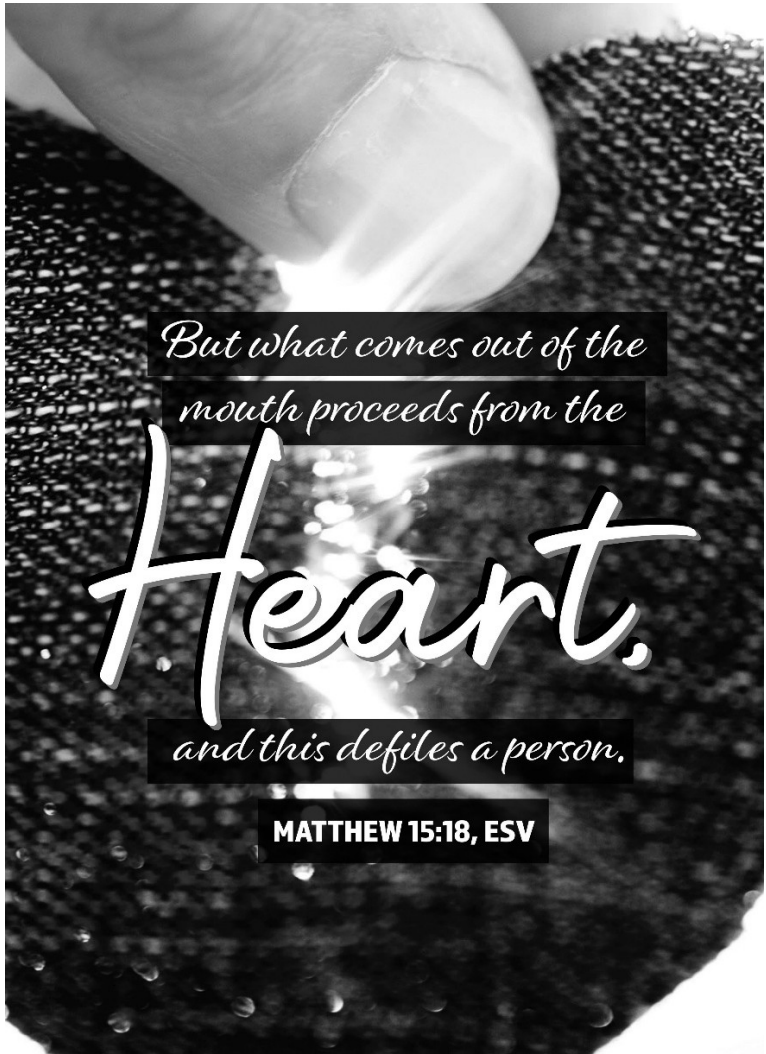




*But what comes out of the
mouth proceeds from the*

Heart.

and this defiles a person.

MATTHEW 15:18, ESV

FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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August 16, 2026

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OUR APPROACH TO GOD

PRELUDE “Amazing Grace” (Maroney)

INTROIT “We Are the Family of God” (Byron)

CALL TO WORSHIP

The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart.

If we confess with our lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in our hearts that God raised him from the dead, we will be saved.

For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved.

Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.

Let us worship God!

PRAYER OF PRAISE AND ADORATION

O God, we gather to hear of the mighty acts you perform, of how you deal justly with your people. You have led them from peril and delivered them from persecution. By the hands of Christ, you lift us up to safe places and give us a vision of how we may dwell secure in your love. Hear us now as we give thanks for your providence and praise for your mercy. Amen.

✠ HYMN “Blessed Redeemer” #326

✠ PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, when trials beset us, it is natural to fear. Called to be courageous, we find our faith lacking. When asked to take risks, we confess our complacency. By ignoring injustice, we hope that it will subside. You have shown us how you are a God to be trusted. Leading our people, you have stayed by their side. Even Christ overcame his enemies as he hung on the cross. Forgive our reluctance to believe in your guidance, and grant us the wisdom to seek refuge in Christ. Amen.

As God has driven the sea back by a strong east wind, dividing the waters and making of the sea a dry land, so now in Christ, God gives us a rock upon which to stand. Today, know that Christ is merciful and intercedes on our behalf. He is our redeemer in whom we rest forgiven. Amen.

“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.***

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

ANTHEM

“The Loving God who Made Us All”

(Kingsfold)

THE WORD OF GOD

SCRIPTURE READING

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SERMON

“God’s Plan”

HYMN

“How Firm a Foundation”

#408

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 "Tell me the Stories of Jesus" (Tonioli)
Soloist: Mark Strange

✠ DOXOLOGY "O Bless the Gifts" **#817**
O Bless the gifts our hands have brought; And bless the work our hearts have planned. Ours is the faith, the will, the thought; The rest, O God, is in Your hand.

✠ PRAYER OF DEDICATION
O God, we go forth to serve you, wherever Christ calls us. Bless our endeavors to make his name known. May all that we do be unto your glory, the talents we offer are the gifts of your love. As you accept us in Christ, so also acknowledge our efforts. Use what is of value to further his teachings, and what is inadequate enhance with your grace. Hear this our prayer, O God of benevolence! Amen.

✠ HYMN "My Faith Looks Up to Thee" **#539**

✠ BENEDICTION

✠ POSTLUDE "Let all things now Living" (Berry)

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:***



Kathryn Dowd, Ronan Mouw,
Dr. Pat Newhouse, Audrey Zane,
Marge Simpkins, 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)
Youth Group ---Every Wednesday at 5:45pm (SH)

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

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

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OUR YOUTH GROUP meets every Wednesday at 5:45pm. If you know of anyone between the ages of 6th-12th grade, please encourage them to join us for ministry, food and fellowship.

DON'T FORGET! Presbytery Point is having their open house this Saturday, August 22nd, from 1:00 to 7:00 PM. Tour the grounds, eat some tasty camp food, and meet the new camp director and learn more about our mission.

COMMUNION will be Sunday, September 6th.

RALLY SUNDAY will be held during Sunday service on September 13th. Rally Sunday is a special church day marking the start of the new program year, celebrating the return from summer and the kickoff of Sunday School.

HELPERS ARE NEEDED for the Fall Work Weekend at the Presbytery Camp, the weekend of October 2nd. If you can volunteer or need overnight accommodations, please contact Brenda Ransom or Margaret Eagle.

ATTENDANCE FROM 8-9-26: 71

OFFERING FROM 8-9-26: \$2,415.00

Friendly Reminders

DATES TO REMEMBER:

- **8-19 – Youth Group (5:45pm)**
- **8-21 – Chimes submission deadline**
- **8-22 – Presbytery Point Camp Open House**
- **8-25 – FUPC Food Pantry 3:30 – 5:00 PM**
- **8-30 – 14th Sunday after Pentecost**

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

SUNDAY 8/16

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

MONDAY 8/17

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

TUESDAY 8/18

12:00pm – PW Meeting (SH)

WEDNESDAY 8/19

5:45pm – Youth Group (SH)

THURSDAY 8/20

9:30am – Textile Social

FRIDAY 8/21

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

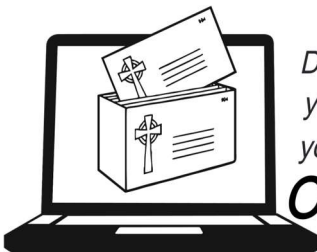
SATURDAY 8/22

1:00pm – PPC Open House
7:00pm - AA (WR)

SUNDAY 8/23

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

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



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