

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:***



Ronan Mouw, Marge Simpkins,
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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NEXT SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18TH, will be our Memorial, Candle Lighting Dedication Service followed by Cookies and Coffee hosted by the Memorial Committee.

OUR ANNUAL BAZAAR will be held on Saturday, November 7th. Our theme this year is "O, Holy Night". Ideas and suggestions for decorations would be appreciated. Our bazaar has a "kitchen/craft booth" a "bake sale" and a "grandma's attic booth". To make our bazaar a success we need donations for these booths as well as items for a silent auction. One of the favorite parts of the bazaar are the tea sandwiches and cookies. If you can donate or volunteer in any way, please sign up now. Also! We need nativity scenes to borrow! If you can lend us a nativity scene, please label it with your name and phone number and drop it off in the church workroom. All donations for the silent auction may also be dropped off at the church, but please label by writing "raffle" or "auction" on them or contact Amie Lawson. Thank you!

PLEASE REMEMBER TO check our bulletin board across from the church office for both church and community information and upcoming events. Our Facebook page and website have up to date information as well.

SAMARITAN PURSE SHOEBOXES ARE NOW AVAILABLE. You may pick up boxes in the Narthex. We will be collecting finished boxes on November 15th. Please include \$10.00 with each filled box to cover Shipping and Handling. Completed boxes may be turned into the church office or work room during office hours M-F 9:00AM to 1:00PM.

THE FELLOWSHIP CALENDAR IS attached to the bulletin board across from the church office. Please take a moment to sign up for hosting either a Soup & Sandwich or Coffee & Cookies slot, or both. Thank you!

10.04.26 Attendance: 86

Friendly Reminders

DATES TO REMEMBER:

- **10/12 – Indigenous Peoples' Day / Columbus Day**
- **10/13 - FUPC Food Pantry 3:30 – 5:00 PM**
- **10/16 - World Food Day**
- **10/18 – Candle Lighting, Memorial Service**

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

SUNDAY 10/11

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

***11:15am – Deacons Meeting (WR,**

MONDAY 10/12

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

TUESDAY 10/13

12:00pm – PW Meeting (SH)
3:30pm – Food Pantry

WEDNESDAY 10/14

9:30am – Women's Bible (WR)
5:30pm – Choir Practice (S)
5:45pm – Youth Group (SH)
6:30pm – Cantata Practice (S)

THURSDAY 10/15

9:30am – Textile Social (SH)

FRIDAY 10/16

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

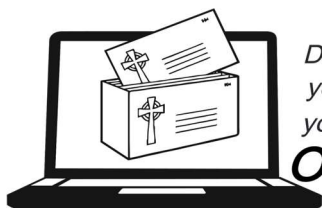
SATURDAY 10/17

7:00pm - AA (WR)

SUNDAY 10/18

9:00am - Social Hour (WR)
9:15am - Choir Practice (MR)
10:00am - Worship Service (S)
***Memorial, Candle Lighting Service**
10:15am – Sunday School
***Cookies & Coffee (SH)**

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



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The Parable of the WEDDING BANQUET

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555 Bingham Avenue

Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783

10.11.26

20th Sunday after Pentecost

Brenda Ransom, C.R.E.
Liturgist—Ginger Stratton
Music Director—Kay Boyne / Guitar: David Blackburn



OUR APPROACH TO GOD

PRELUDE “Autumn Song” (Callender)

INTROIT “In the Presence of Your People” (Chambers)

CALL TO WORSHIP

The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul;
The decrees of the Lord are sure, making wise the simple;
The precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart;
The commandment of the Lord is clear, enlightening the eyes;
The fear of the Lord is pure, enduring forever;
The ordinances of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.
Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my
heart be acceptable to you, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.

PRAYER OF PRAISE AND ADORATION

As we look at the heavens, the stars shine forth to herald your presence. The sun exudes the warmth of your love. The vastness reminds us we cannot escape from your presence. You are above and beyond us, yet you choose to dwell with us. In Christ you promise you'll be with us throughout whatever befalls us. You will strengthen us in whatever needs we may have. As your voice goes out through all the earth and your words to the ends of the world, may our voices resound now as we give you all thanks and praise. Amen.

✠ HYMN “For the Beauty of the Earth” #793

✠ PRAYER OF CONFESSION

You whose voice extends to the ends of the world have mercy upon us as we confess our sin. We live as enemies of the cross when we crave earthly things, glory in the weakness of others,

yearn above all for satisfaction for ourselves, and serve only those gods who do what we want. Having attained the prize of your mercy in Jesus, help us to obey him as the source of new life. Amen.

✠ ASSURANCE OF PARDON
As the Gospel reminds us, “The very stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord’s doing and it is amazing in our eyes.” Christ is our foundation; God’s will in him cannot be shaken. Our redemption is sure; we are forgiven! 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 “Family of Faith” (MacKenzie)

CHILDREN’S SERMON
(Children are dismissed to their Sunday School Classrooms)

THE WORD OF GOD

SCRIPTURE READING	Test.	Blk pg.	Red pg.
Philippians 4: 1-9	New	175	242
Matthew 22: 1-14	New	24	29

SERMON “Dinner’s Ready”

✠ HYMN “Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling” #479

✠ 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 "Offertory in G"

(Beethoven)

✠ 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

**We rely on your promise, O God, that you will not forsake us; our
pledge to you is that we will be faithful. As we stand on the
shoulders of those who have gone before, give us a vision of what
commitment can mean. Accept the gifts that we place here before
you, as we in our day make our response. Let what we do be an
example for others so that future believers learn of Christ and his
way. Amen.**

✠ HYMN "Just as I Am"

#488

✠ BENEDICTION

✠ POSTLUDE "Festival March"

(Stickles)