



First United Methodist Church

*Welcome! We're glad that you are here.
To all who need comfort; all who need friendship;
all who are lonely and need companionship;
all who want sheltering love, all who sin
and need a Savior; and whosoever will
—we open wide our doors and say, “Come; let us worship together.”*

10:15 am Sunday Worship	March 9, 2025
LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLE	Faith Gonzales
MUSIC TO PREPARE OUR HEARTS	Vivian Eaton
WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS	

The First word from the Cross **Luke 23:34**
“Father, forgive them for they know not what they do.”
Crucifixion is one of the most cruel forms of punishment and
Father, forgive those who have wronged us. Amen
A rugged cross has always been a powerful Lantern symbol,
this wooden cross can help us remember that God is with us
in all of life, from birth to death to life again.

***CALL TO WORSHIP** Paula Mayer
L: For some of us, it was tempting to “sleep in” this morning.
P: But God has called us to this place, to hear God’s word, to
open our hearts in prayer and praise, and to seek direction
for our lives.
L: There are many temptations placed in front of us. We are
called to be strong and place our trust in God.
P: God is always faithful to us, comforting, guiding, lifting
us. AMEN.

***HYMN # 375 “TAKE TIME TO BE HOLY”**

OPENING PRAYER (Unison) Paula Mayer
Lord, the temptations of the world loom large before us. We
are enticed, cajoled, and “sweet-talked” into moving from
lives of service to lives of self-centeredness. We need your
healing love. As you resisted the temptations in the
wilderness, help us to place our trust in you, that we may
be strong in our faith and confident in our service to you
through serving others. AMEN.

THE APOSTLE’S CREED #881
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 Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and
buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended
into 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 Spirit, the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the
resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

SCRIPTURE	Psalm 91: 1-2,9-16 (NRSVUE)	Paula Mayer
EPISTLE ROMANS 10:8B-13	(NRSVUE)	Linda Jachino

L: The Word of God for the People of God
P: Thanks be to God

SONG	OF PREPARATION	All Women Choir
MESSAGE	"International Women's Day"	Linda Jachino

SHARING OF JOYS & CONCERNS (message Pastor 773-971-7208)
PRAYER FOR PEOPLE
HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION /CONFESSION AND PARSON
SLIENT PRAYER
SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

OFFERING OURSELVES
***DOXOLOGY #95**
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.

***OFFERTORY PRAYER**
God of all creation, we praise you for your infinite goodness
and the ways you have called women into service for you.
Consecrate these gifts today that we might continue to
encourage women leaders and strive for a church where all
are seen as equal in your eyes. In Christ’s name, we pray. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKS GIVING
THE LORD’S PRAYER
Our father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy
kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our
trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And
lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for
thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever.
Amen.

***HYMN #2140 (FWS) “ Since Jesus Came into My Heart”**

***DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING**
***GOING FORTH TO THE WORLD** Vivian Eaton

IN OUR PRAYERS
Sandy Froehlich, Glen White, Shirley Hastings, Curtis Pilgrim (Kris
Yingling’s friend), Herb, Sandy & Ben Pratt, Scarlett Huebner, Chrissy
Sullivan, Angie (Paula’s friend), Roger Furrow, Eli (Bob & Lavona’s
grandson), Tinslee, Ed & Barb Jepsen, John Jachino, Kristin & Eli (Bob &
LaVona Grissinger’s grandchildren), Alyssa Volkens, Lisa (LaVona’s friend),
Jill (Melinda Dykema’s daughter), LaVona Grissinger, Lola McCutcheon
(Tim Cavanagh’s friend), Karen Burcham & Kandi (Paul Mayer’s sisters),
Beth (LaVona’s colleague), the Norman family, Dan Zambon (uncle of Kim
Gonzalez), Pat Kemp, Jon & Jody Kragle (Dianne Percy’s friends), Dave
Miller (Brigit Jepsen’s boyfriend’s father), John Norse, Howie Von Haden
(LaVona’s brother), Ron Miller, Amy Hanson, Jamie Harkness Townsend,
baby Wesley and family, Myrna Handel, Paul Mayer, Vivian Eaton, Bob
Grissinger, Ron Hastings, Jaime (Paula’s daughter), Mia (Paula’s co-worker)
Christine Pasch, Baby Adrian, Julie Brunner (Linda Jachino’s cousin),
Martha White, Rhonda Eickert, Tim Cavanagh, Thomas James (LeaAnn &
Tom Michel’s grandson), Beverly & family (Emily Medley’s cousin),
Christine Jensen, Vanessa (Bob & LaVona’s daughter), Bill Eyerly (Cori
Moore’s dad), Charlene Mayer, James Gonzalez, Derek Osborn, Nadine
Law Renfro, the family of William James Dawson, the Lars Colgan family,
and for closure for the family of Jackson Kradle.

Our shut-ins: Sylvia Reuterfors, Erik & Alice Riffe-Torrison, Joy
Turner, Steve Yenney, Brenda Hamm, Janice Wilt, Mary Ellen Dreger,
Herb, Sandy & Ben Pratt, Florence Bevins-Powell, Jackie Walker, and
Howard Nichols.

Our country & government; Military Personnel & their families; the
safety of Ukrainians & end of wars; Haiti; Syria; Israel; the Gaza Strip;
peace in the Middle East; snow, cold temperatures; the towns, families,
students, school administrators, and those who experience everyday
violence and their families.

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

- March 13 – Sandy Pratt
- 13 – John & Linda Jachino (1971)
- 14 – Tom Michaels
- 15 – Mike Melhus
- 15 – Wallene Neumiller

CALENDAR

- Monday, March 10
 - 8:30 am to 11:30 am – Office open
 - 1 to 3 pm – Sewing Ladies
 - 6 pm – Service Club
- Tuesday, March 11
 - 9 am to 12 noon – Office open
 - 5 pm – Lenten Bible Study
- Wednesday, March 12
 - 8:30 am to 11:30 am – Office open
 - 6:30 PM Lenten Service @ Presbyterian Church
- Thursday, March 13
 - 8:30 am to 11:30 am - Office open
 - 11:00am - Soul Sisters
- Friday, March 14
 - 8:30 am to 11:30 am – Office open
- Saturday, March 15
 - 12 to 5 pm – Baby Shower
- Sunday, March 16 (Baptism)
 - 8:30 am – Prayer group
 - 9 am – Adult & Youth Sunday School
 - 10:15 am – Worship
 - 11:15 am – Coffee hour

WORSHIP HELPERS

	March 9	March 16
Acolyte	Faith Gonzalez	Joe Pasch
Liturgist	Paula Mayer	Kim Gonzalez
Counter	Rhonda Law	Lori Miller
Verifier	Tom Michels	Sharon F Guilinger
Coffee Hour	UM Men	Ron & Lori Miller
Greeter	Worship cmte	Worship cmte
Ushers	Worship cmte	Worship cmte

Last Week’s Attendance: 70

ANNOUNCEMENTS

West Carroll Food Pantry is in need of donations, along with the Savanna

Food Pantry. For every dollar you donate, they can buy \$8 of food. You can designate on your offering envelope if you would like to make a monetary donation, just specify which pantry and how much. Thank you!
The Blessing Basket - Thank you for all your donations! Please consider supplying a bottle of shampoo, deodorant, or body wash this month.
The Women's Group - is asking you to bring clean and dry plastic bags. The group will make sleeping mats out of them for the homeless people. You can drop them off in a box in the sewing room at church.

Weekly Zoom Prayer Meeting – is cancelled through Lenten season.
Weekly Bible Study – is cancelled through Lenten season.
Church Worship will be at 10:15 am!
Prayer Group – Pastor will hold an in-person prayer group at 8:30 am every Sunday morning. Feel free to attend!!!
New Member Class – will be given by Pastor Fernando. This will be 5 classes, **either in person or via Zoom**. If you are interested or have questions, let the office know.
Pastor Fernando will be in the office 9 am-5 pm Tuesday to-Friday!
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March Communion – will go to Rice Meal Packing, which will take place on Saturday, April 26th.
United Women in Faith – meeting will be Tuesday, April 1st at 6:30 pm. Prayer & Self-denial lead by Deeann Kramer.
Lenten Bible Study – will begin on Tuesday, March 11th at 5 pm. There will be a light meal. The book “The Final Days’ by Matt Rawle will. The cost will be \$13.50 per book, they are in the office.
Rice Meal Packing – will be Saturday, April 26th. Donations are being accepted. Baskets will be in the back of the Sanctuary to donate.
Volunteers Are Needed – to help at Classy Closet. The hours are Tuesday thru Friday, 10 am - 1 pm or 1 pm - 4 pm. If interested, let the office know.
Ushers – if you are interested in helping with ushering during a worship service, please let Linda Stubbe know.
Volunteers are needed – for the Savanna Food Pantry for Tuesday, March 11th & Thursday, March 13th from 9 am to 12 noon. Please let Molly Andersen, know if you can help out! 815-541-6852

2025 Interfaith Lenten Services in Savanna Area		
<i>‘Prepare our hearts to meet the Risen Christ’</i>		
Community United Church of Christ, First Presbyterian Church, First United Methodist Church, St. John the Baptist Catholic Church The Great River Outreach (GRO)		
Join us for Lenten Services, please! All are welcome!		
Date	Time	Location
March 5 Ash Wednesday	6:30 pm – Service only Imposition of Ashes	First United Methodist Church 2100 Chicago Avenue
March 12 Wednesday	6:30 pm – Service only Preacher: Pastor Bonnie Davies	First Presbyterian Church 502 3 rd Street
March 19 Wednesday	6:30 pm – Service only Preacher: Pastor Narda Alvelo	Great River Outreach 411 Main Street
March 26 Wednesday	6:30 pm – Service only Preacher: Pastor Gary Panetta	St. John the Baptist Catholic Church 318 Chicago Avenue
April 2 Wednesday	6:30 pm – Service only Preacher: Pastor Fernando de Castro	Community United Church of Christ 346 Chicago Avenue
April 9 Wednesday	6:30 pm – Service only Preacher: Father Chris Kuhn	First United Methodist Church 2100 Chicago Avenue
April 18 Good Friday	Noon – Service only Story of the arrest and crucifixion of Jesus will be told.	First United Methodist Church 2100 Chicago Avenue

*Lenten offering will go to support Inter Church Council Ministry and Community VBS

*Host: Savanna Interchurch Council



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at 10:15 am

Vision Statement

“Our faith calls us to action in the
body of Christ and in the local
community to love God and to
love others”

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