

You are welcome here!

Our Life Together

Whoever you are & wherever you are on life's journey,

This is a place to praise God.

This is a place to deepen and explore your faith.

This is a place to care for others in mission and outreach.

This is a place to express love, by welcoming and affirming all people.

This is a place to work for justice, peace and reconciliation.

This is a place to tell our stories of faith and listen to our tradition.

This is a church of seekers, not finders.

This is a church of people questing, not resting.

This is a church of open minds, open hearts and open doors.

**Come and see!
We're saving a place
for you.**

First United Church is an Open and Affirming and More Light Congregation where ALL are welcome. We are a union congregation of the Presbyterian Church USA and the United Church of Christ.

— Rev. Dr. Julie R. Harley, *lead pastor*

Worship—

11 am Sundays
(10 am June—August)

Education for all ages: 9:30 am Sundays

Nursery,
Church School,
Quest Confirmation
Adult Education
Youth Ministry for grades 6 -12 on Sunday nights

Mission Projects—local, national and global

We house the Oak Park/River Forest Food Pantry, The Walk-In Ministry and PADS homeless shelter, and the Cluster Tutoring program.

Music At First—

Special musical events through-out the year

Groups: Dinner and a Movie, Spiritual Guidance, Women's groups, Softball

First United Nursery School—

morning and afternoon sessions T-F

Staff:

Julie R. Harley,
Lead Pastor

Marylen Marty-Gentile
*Director of Children
& Family Ministries*

Mamie Broadhurst
Associate Pastor

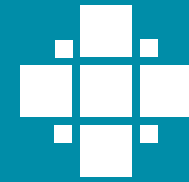
Kelly Brouwer
*Associate Pastor for Youth
and Adult Education*

Bill Chin
Director of Music Ministry

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"First United is as much a part of my family as my parents, my husband, my children and me. It has been a constant my whole life—a place for me to come and be just as I am...to pray, to cry, to rejoice, to express deep gratitude and to love these people of God called First United Church." —Megan, Justin, Jack and Katherine L.



"We are members of First United because it has good worship, and preaching and is a place that invites us to engage our life and faith seriously. We enjoy being members of a community that helps us reflect on God and faith in our daily lives. We are fortunate to be part of such a rich and diverse community." —William T. and Dan S.



"We like the love and justice that First United provides." —Brenda and Gerald P.



"At First United, we are fed with good solid soul food for our spiritual journeys and are surrounded by kindred souls whom we care for and who care for us." —Kris and Connie R.



"This community embraces suffering, joy, struggling, and success. Here we are healed, again and again. It feels like a church without walls, mindful of the big world, prompting us to give and serve generously and joyfully." —Martha, Andy & Vicky R.

"At First United, our family found a church home that values, supports, and engages us. The kids' programs are great, the social justice ministry vital, and opportunities for spiritual growth abound in many forms." —Melinda H. and Jane and Anne B.



"I don't know what I believe in, but I want to be active to help myself grow and discover what I believe in. I want to know how God will be a part of my life. First United is a place to discover and learn more and grow in my faith, rather than being a church that says, "This is what you should believe." —Gabrielle W.

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"As new members, we find First United Church to be a welcoming, joyous Christian community. We love the reminder that God is good —all the time!" —Rick and Marcia A.

