



March 19, 2023
Fourth Sunday in Lent
PW Sunday

The Session and members of First Presbyterian Church Fargo extend a sincere welcome to you. We are grateful for your presence today! We welcome all persons regardless of race, nationality, disability, gender or sexual orientation. This includes an open invitation to membership, the sacraments of baptism and the Lord's Supper, marriage, funerals, memorial services and to serve as an officer of the church.

Everyone is invited for coffee and fellowship in the Gathering Space after worship.

We recycle! If you are not taking your bulletin, please drop it in the blue bin at the door as you leave.

**Please rise in body or spirit.*

We Gather in Christ

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Stop within the circle of time called Sabbath.
Set aside your responsibilities; they will wait.
Abide with the Lord of the Sabbath and learn how to let go. Amen.

PRELUDE

All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly
Sally Harmon, organist

arrs. Held/Hustad

WELCOME & CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

MOMENT FOR PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN (PW)

Judy Rippentrop

SILENT REFLECTION

Let All Things Now Living: Carol M. Bechtel, Harp

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***CALL TO WORSHIP**

O give thanks to the Lord! The Lord hears the cries of the people.

Give thanks to the Lord.

The works of the Lord are great. Remember what God has done.

Give thanks to the Lord.

God has done miracles, and the Lord always remembers God's covenant.

Give thanks to the Lord. Let us worship God!

***HYMN 393**

O Day of Rest and Gladness

O day of rest and gladness, O day of joy and light,
O balm for care and sadness, most beautiful, most bright;
on you, the high and lowly, through ages joined in tune,
sing "Holy, holy, holy" to the great God triune.

On you, at earth's creation the light first had its birth;
on you, for our salvation Christ rose from depths of earth;
on you, our Lord victorious sent Spirit forth from heaven.
And thus on you, most glorious, a triple light was given.

On you, God's people, meeting, the Holy Scripture hear,
Christ's living presence greeting, through bread and wine made near.
New graces ever gaining from this our day of rest,
we reach the rest remaining to spirits of the blest.

***CONFESSION AND DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

Gracious God, we have sought after things, but we have not sought after you. We have expected generosity, but we have not shown generosity. We have not been gracious or grateful. We have failed to remember all that you have done. Forgive us and fill our hearts with gratitude. Help us to share our gifts and strengthen our legs so that we can run after you, O God. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Friends, believe in the Good News of the Gospel.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Amen.

***RESPONSE**

Throughout These Lenten Days and Nights



1. Through out these Len - ten days and nights we turn to walk the in - ward way, where,
meet - ing Christ, our guide and light, we live in hope till Eas - ter day.

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

GIFT OF MUSIC

Psalm 91

Courtney

Sanctuary Choir; Ryan Smit, director; Krista Clusiau, flute

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Penny Andrist

The Word

SCRIPTURE

Exodus 16:4-35, pp. 62

Sue Van Osdel, reader

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Sabbath

The Rev. Mary Jo E. Holtey

***HYMN 509**

All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly

All who hunger, gather gladly; holy manna is our bread.
Come from wilderness and wandering. Here, in truth, we will be fed.
You that yearn for days of fullness, all around us is our food.
Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.
All who hunger, never strangers, seeker, be a welcome guest.
Come from restlessness and roaming. Here, in joy, we keep the feast.
We that once were lost and scattered in communion's love have stood.
Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.
All who hunger, sing together; Jesus Christ is living bread.
Come from loneliness and longing. Here, in peace, we have been led.
Blest are those who from this table live their days in gratitude.
Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.

*PROFESSION OF FAITH

Westminster Catechism: The Shorter Catechism (*question 60*)

How is the Sabbath to be sanctified?

The Sabbath is to be sanctified by a holy resting all that day, even from such worldly employments and recreations as are lawful on other days; and spending the whole time in the public and private exercises of God's worship, except so much as is to be taken up in the works of necessity and mercy.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Let us pray for the needs of the world, saying,
Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Responding to the Word



OFFERING Use the QR code to access the secure giving portal on our website!

OFFERTORY

Let the Whole Creation Cry

arr. Manz

Sally Harmon, organist

*RESPONSE

Surely It Is God Who Saves Me



Sure-ly, it is God who saves me; I will trust in God and not be a - fraid. For the
Lord is my strong hold and my sure de - fense, and God will be my Sav - ior.

Words: From The Book of Common Prayer, Canticle 9 (Is. 12:2-6)

Music: Jack Noble White

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*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Bearing the Word into the World

*HYMN 679

Let the Whole Creation Cry

Let the whole creation cry, "Glory to the Lord on high."

Heaven and earth, awake and sing, "Praise to our almighty King."

Praise God, angel hosts above, ever bright and fair in love;

sun and moon, uplift your voice; night and stars, in God rejoice!

Men and women, young and old, raise the anthem loud and bold;

join with children's songs of praise; worship God through length of days.

From the north to southern pole let the mighty chorus roll:

"Holy, holy, holy One, glory be to God alone!"

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly

arr. Ritter



One Great Hour of Sharing: In this annual offering of the PC USA, donations are used to provide relief from natural disasters, food for the hungry, and support for the poor and oppressed! From the initial disaster response, like in Turkey and Syria, to ongoing community development, their work fits together to provide people with safety, sustenance, and hope. We will receive your gifts to OGHS throughout the season of Lent and dedicate them on Palm Sunday. Envelopes are in the pew racks, the Narthex and the Welcome Desk Info Kiosk. You may also give online through our website, under special offerings. *You shall be called repairers of the breach.* (Isaiah 58:12)

Minnesota FoodShare: The Emergency Food Pantry is once again participating in the March Campaign! All food and funds raised between now and April 7th will be reported to Minnesota FoodShare. The EFP will receive a proportional match to all participating food shelves. Even though the EFP is in Fargo, it serves Clay County, and therefore qualifies for this amazing opportunity. Please bring your donated items to the church up until April 7th and put in the tote in the coat room. All non-perishable items and hygiene/cleaning products are appreciated. Monetary donations may also be made by leaving a check in the office. There are envelopes at the Welcome Desk. If you have any questions, please contact Jan Harrison at 701-371-1855.

Covenant Of Prayer: Bryan Poyzer; the family of Steve Scott, who recently died of cancer; the Bdecan Presbyterian Church in Tokio; Don Brummond, son of Joyce Brummond, with serious medical concerns; Jennifer; those in the FM-Area who are homeless; our sister congregation in Chogoria, Kenya; and the people of Ukraine, Syria, and Turkey.

Moms Demand Action: On March 21, the Fargo Moorhead group of Moms Demand Action will host a discussion on how to use the model of our friends in Duluth for inspiration on ways to educate the public about the importance of secure firearm storage to prevent unintentional injury and death. Firearms are the leading cause of death for our kids in this country. And 3 of 4 school shooters get the gun they use from home. So many of these firearm deaths are entirely preventable. We'd love to have you be part of our discussion – it will take all of us to make this happen. We will meet in the youth space at 7 pm on Mar 21.

Sunday Morning Bible Study: Sunday morning Adult Bible Study is reading through Genesis. All levels of background are welcome. The class is lecture based with some audience participation. Each class is designed to be complete on its own, so please feel free to come when you are available. The dates are March 26; April 2, 16, & 30; May 7.

Hearing devices and large print copies of today's hymns are available, please ask an usher for assistance.

Nursery: Staff will be present **beginning at 8:45** for infants-3 years, in the nursery complex on the 1st floor.

Activity Bags for Children: Fun-filled tote bags are located at both doors.

Restrooms: Restrooms are located in the Gathering Space and on the lower level.

Prayer Request Cards: Cards are in pew racks for your use. Prayers will be committed to God along with the other offerings and also lifted up in prayer by the staff.

Peace Candles: The candle burning on the chancel symbolizes peace. We ask guests to take a candle back to your church as a gift from us. Peace candles can be found at the Welcome Center, near the west doors.

Wi-Fi: Wi-Fi is available throughout the church. (password: community650)

FPC Officers

Session: Abi Carlson, Kim Carter, Deb Dawson, Tom Dawson, Tetteh Dottey, Colleen Ford-Dunker, Jody Hudson, Kurt Kooyer, Dick Laraway, Carrie Lawrence, Bruce Maylath, Brian McClure, Elaine Rudd (clerk), Becky Trumbo, and Jeff Wilkens. **Deacons:** Paula Christensen, Toby Christensen, Steve Dawson, Brenda Deckard, Ed Deckard (treasurer), Gracia Fulwiler, Beatrice Janaka, Jane Mathew (moderator), Karen Rivers, Donna Rummens, Candy Shultz, Virginia Stern, Kathleen Thomas, Debbie Tight, and Amy Wilkens.

Church Treasurer: Sherri Stern.

Church Staff

The Rev. Sarah M. Bigwood-*Head of Staff, Pastor*

The Rev. Mary Jo E. Holtey-*Associate Pastor*

The Rev. Daniel Billings-*Parish Associate*

Sally Harmon-*Music Coordinator & Organist*

Bryan Poyzer-*Adult Choir Director*

Ryan Smit-*Interim Adult Choir Director*

Penny Andrist-*Children's Ministry Coordinator*

Kayla Bones-*Youth & Young Adult Ministry Coordinator*

Jan Lundgren-*Business Manager*

Casey LeMier- *Communications & Admin Assistant*

Rick Fiebiger-*Facilities Manager*

Drew Brovold-*Custodian*

Staff emails are: (first initial and last name of person) @firstpresfargo.org

Easter Flower Orders To help us celebrate Easter, the Sanctuary will be adorned with spring flowers. You are invited to contribute to this enhancement of our worship space by purchasing a flower to be used for Easter Sunday. Flowers available this year are Easter lilies, Hydrangeas, and Tulips. Order forms can be found on the Welcome Desk and in the Office, or you can order online via our website! You may take your plant home following the 11:00am worship on Easter Sunday, or pick it up any time the following week. Orders and payments should be delivered to the office **no later than noon tomorrow, Monday, March 20.** Thank you!

L: Live Stream Option, H: Hybrid, Z: Zoom
Times shown in italics indicate am.

Sunday, March 19

11:30 Fellowship

2:00 Susan Clambey Organ Concert

Monday, March 20

6:30 Session & Board of Deacons Meeting

Tuesday, March 21

9:30 PW Circles

10:30 Staff Meeting

1:00 PW Circle

7:00 Moms Demand Action

Wednesday, March 22

5:30 Genesis Ringers

5:30 St. Andrews Brass

6:15 Children & Youth Choirs

6:30 Westminster Ringers

7:00 Lenten Vespers

7:00 Youth Group

7:30 Sanctuary Choir

Thursday, March 23

12:00 Messenger Deadline

5:30 Nurturing Parenting Classes

7:00 Pilgrimage Class Meeting

Friday, March 24

6:00 Wacky Festival Games

Saturday, March 25

No Church Events

Sunday, March 26

9:15 Sunday School

9:15 Sunday Morning Bible Study

10:30 Worship (L)

11:30 Fellowship

Reminder: Use the QR code found in the bulletin to access the secure giving portal on our website! Also, like us on Facebook and follow us on Instagram!

For Your Information

March 12 Attendance: 124

78 in person;

46 households livestreamed

Contributions received: \$8,763.00



Church Information

Office Hours:

M-TH, 9:00 am-4:00 pm

Phone: 701-293-6311

www.firstpresfargo.org

Easter Flower Order Form

To help us celebrate Easter, the Sanctuary will be adorned with spring flowers. You are invited to contribute to this enhancement of our worship space by purchasing a flower to be used for Easter Sunday.

Please PRINT: Choose the number of plants you would like, and if you would like to offer this plant in memory/honor of someone special or to the Glory of God. If ordering more than one plant, and need more space to write, please use the back of this form.

Orders and payments should be delivered to the office **no later than noon on Monday, March 20**. Thank You!

Type of flower	Price per plant	# of plants	Total cost
Easter Lilies	\$12.00 each	x	=
Tulips	\$14.00 each	x	=
Hydrangeas	\$33.00 each	x	=

You may take your plant home following the 11:00 am worship on Easter Sunday, or pick it up any time the following week.

In loving Memory of:

In honor of:

To the Glory of God

By (your name):
