



*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**

Loving God, in whom we live and move and have our being, help us to choose life in you, that we may keep the commands of Jesus, follow the promptings of the Holy Spirit, and witness to the hope that is within us, sharing Christ's love in the world. Amen.

### **PRELUDE**

*Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

arr. Lau

*The National Spiritual Anthem of Ukraine*

(Remain seated and prayerfully reflect on this anthem's text, printed on the back page.)

Sally Harmon, organist

**WELCOME & CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH:** The Rev. Mary Jo E. Holtey

### **\*CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Bless the Lord, O people, sing!

**Let the sound of praise ring out.**

Come and hear what the Lord has done,

**the Lord who has made everything.**

**Let us worship God!**

### **\*HYMN 475** *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

Come, thou Fount of every blessing; tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.

Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above;  
praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of God's unchanging love!

Here I raise my Ebenezer; hither by thy help I'm come;

and I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.

Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God;

he, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!  
Let that grace now, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee.  
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;  
here's my heart; O take and seal it; seal it for thy courts above.

### **\*CALL TO CONFESSION**

God not only asks us to repent, but also assures us of forgiveness. Therefore, let us confess our sins to the one who is steadfast love.

### **\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

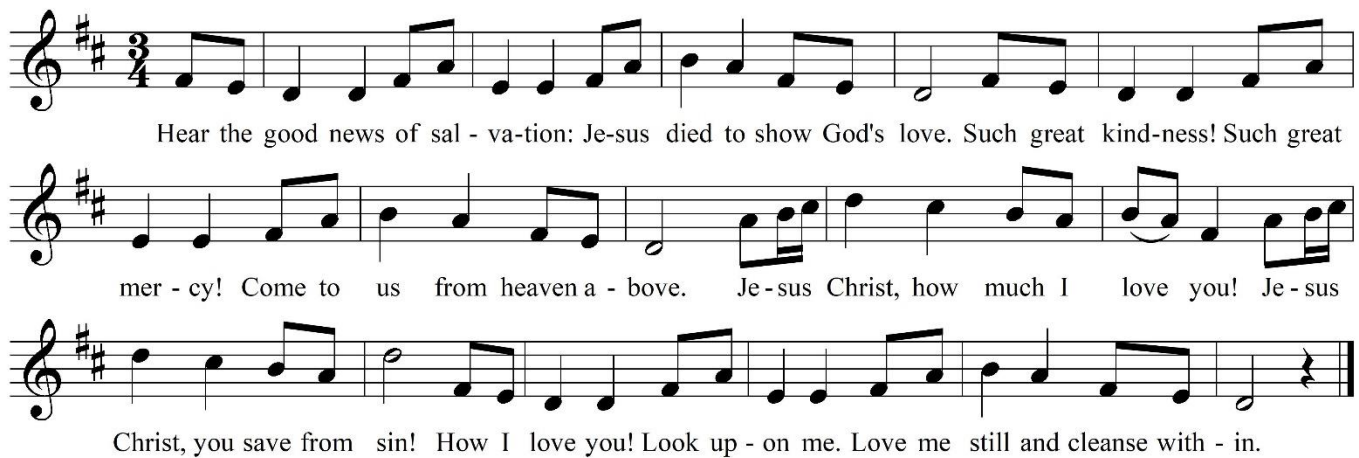
**Loving God, we do not always keep your commandments; we fail to love you; our conscience is not clear. Wash us in the water of life that we may live again through the grace and mercy of Jesus, our resurrected Savior. Amen.**

### **\*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

Friends, God forgives, restores, and strengthens us through the risen Christ. Know that we are forgiven and be at peace.

### **\*RESPONSE**

*Hear the Good News of Salvation*



Hear the good news of sal - va - tion: Je - sus died to show God's love. Such great kind - ness! Such great  
mer - cy! Come to us from heaven a - bove. Je - sus Christ, how much I love you! Je - sus  
Christ, you save from sin! How I love you! Look up - on me. Love me still and cleanse with - in.

### **\*PASSING OF THE PEACE**

#### **GIFT OF MUSIC**

*Just A Closer Walk with Thee*  
Sanctuary Choir; Bryan Poyzer, director

arr. Hayes

**CHILDREN'S TIME:** Penny Andrist

# The Word

## **PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION:**

Brian McClure, reader

Come Holy Spirit, our helper and advocate: Open our hearts and minds this day, entice us with your presence. Spark us with a word of life—a message that we may share with others as we seek to live Christ’s love in the world. All this we ask in the name of God, who creates, redeems, and sustains us. Amen.

## **FIRST READING:** Revelation 21:10, 21:22-22:5

And in the spirit he carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God. I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. Its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there. People will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practices abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb’s book of life.

Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

May God bless the reading and hearing of this portion of the holy Word.

## **SECOND READING:** John 14:23-29

Jesus answered him, “Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me. I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. You heard me say to you, ‘I am going away, and I am coming to you.’ If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe.”

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

## **SERMON**

### **\*HYMN 351** *All Who Love and Serve Your City*

All who love and serve your city, all who bear its daily stress,  
all who cry for peace and justice, all who curse and all who bless:

In your days of wealth and plenty, wasted work and wasted play,  
call to mind the word of Jesus, "You must work while it is day."

For all days are days of judgment, and the Lord is waiting still,  
drawing near a world that spurns him, offering peace from Calvary's hill.

Risen Lord, shall yet the city be the city of despair?  
Come today, our judge, our glory. Be its name "The Lord is there!"

**\*PROFESSION OF FAITH:** *Apostles' Creed*

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived of the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living 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.**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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**

*Simple Gifts*  
*Just A Closer Walk with Thee*  
St. Andrew's Brass; Jill Post, director

Davis/arr. Wilson  
arr. O. Eidem

**\*RESPONSE 609**

*Doxology*

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.  
Praise God, all creatures high and low. Alleluia, alleluia!  
Praise God, in Jesus fully known:  
Creator, Word, and Spirit one. Alleluia, alleluia!  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

# Bearing the Word into the World

## **\*HYMN 377** *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light*

I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to follow Jesus.

God set the stars to give light to the world. The star of my life is Jesus.

Refrain:

In him there is no darkness at all. The night and the day are both alike.

The Lamb is the light of the city of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

I want to see the brightness of God. I want to look at Jesus.

Clear Sun of righteousness, shine on my path, and show me the way to the Father.

(Refrain)

I'm looking for the coming of Christ. I want to be with Jesus.

When we have run with patience the race, we shall know the joy of Jesus. (Refrain)

## **\*BENEDICTION**

### **POSTLUDE**

*Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

arr. Hustad

### *The National Spiritual Anthem of Ukraine*

Lord, oh the Great and Almighty,  
Protect our beloved Ukraine,  
Bless her with freedom and light  
Of your holy rays.

We pray, oh Lord Almighty,  
Protect our beloved Ukraine,  
Grant our people and country  
All your kindness and grace.

With learning and knowledge enlighten  
Us, your children small,  
In love pure and everlasting  
Let us, oh Lord, grow.

Bless us with freedom, bless us with wisdom,  
Guide into kind world,  
Bless us, oh Lord, with good fortune  
Forever and evermore.

## **It Takes a Church!**

As we approach the end of the program year, it is appropriate to say "THANK YOU!" to all the volunteers who make this church successful in ministry. Our members and friends lend a hand in so many ways: In education as youth leaders, teachers and assistants; In worship as readers, ushers, communion servers, sound technicians, choir members, instrumentalists, directors and accompanists; In participation as office volunteers, money counters, taking out the recycling, building and grounds maintenance; and of course, in financial support of the church and its ministries. Many members participate in committees of the church and/or serve as Elders and Deacons. Thanks, for all that you do for First Presbyterian Church, Fargo!





May 22, 2022

**Covenant Of Prayer:** Jennifer; Hannah; Mary Bohnenblust; Fraser Harrison; those who are experiencing homelessness in our community; our sister congregation in Chogoria, Kenya; and the people of Ukraine.

**Remembering Our Soldiers In Prayer:** Lt. Col. Dan Sundberg has been deployed to Iraq for 9 months. If you have a loved one in the military, please let Pastor Mary know and we'll include his/her name.

**June 5 Congregational Meeting:** Session has called a congregational meeting for June 5, after worship (approx. 11:30) to elect new elders, deacons and an at-large member to the Nominating Committee, and to change Pastor Mary Holtey's terms of call.

**Book Exchange:** Books are set out **TODAY** down in the hallway by the Social Hall for all to take. The coffee is on downstairs, too!

**Church Parking Lot:** If you use the church parking lot during the workweek, please bear in mind that the lot is also utilized for public parking during weekday hours. The church parking lot is managed by Martinson Lot Maintenance and generates about \$60,000 per year in income to our general fund. There are parking spots for people who pay monthly, there are spots held for juries, and yes, there are spots for church visitors and staff. Marshall, who works in the parking kiosk, does his very best to find a spot for everyone who needs to park. Please stop at the parking kiosk window to see where he might want you to park that day. He always has a smile and a kind word!

**Rocky Railway VBS:** The train is taking off, but not without kids and teachers! We need both – so sign your kids up online at [www.firstpresfargo.org/children](http://www.firstpresfargo.org/children) or on a paper form at church. We also need volunteers to help teach, assist, lead groups and decorate. Tell Penny what you can do – [pan-drist@firstpresfargo.org](mailto:pan-drist@firstpresfargo.org). There is a food donation sign up in the gathering space by "the tracks". There are many ways for you to help at VBS, May 31, June 1 & 2. All aboard!

**Magazine Collection:** This summer, Kayla Bones will be teaching a collaging class at Synod School for the youth. She is in need of magazines and other craft supplies like washi tape, stickers, etc. If you have any of these things at home that you would like to pass along, please drop them off in the office.

**Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) – Ukraine:** Help our Ukrainian brothers and sisters in Christ by giving to the Presbyterian Church (USA) Disaster Response in Ukraine. As the violence continues, the number of people being displaced internally and fleeing to neighboring countries increases by the day. Amid the chaos, there are sibling churches and ecumenical partners who are already assisting with basic items for survival. The PDA's first priority would be to provide funding to these partners on the ground. Your gifts will create a significant impact by securing emergency humanitarian aid such as food items, shelter, medicines, diapers, hygiene items, etc. You can give by cash, check or through our website, make sure to note "Ukraine".

**Summer Musicians needed:** If you have family or friends with musical talent to share who will be home this summer, please contact Sally Harmon, [sharmon@firstpresfargo.org](mailto:sharmon@firstpresfargo.org). There are opportunities for instrumentalists to play or vocalists to sing at our Sunday services.

Climb aboard for



**Vacation Bible School**  
May 31 - June 2, 2022

Surprising Adventures Creative Games Incredible Music  
Bible Stories Amazing Experiments Friends

Family Meal - 5:30-6:00 p.m.  
VBS - 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.



**Contribution Statements:** Contribution statements through April 30 have been emailed. If you can't find it, remember to search your spam/junk email folder. Please look them over carefully. It is much easier (and less stressful) to make any corrections to your offerings now rather than at year end. If you need a hard copy sent to you, or if you just need to know your balance, contact Jan Lundgren in the church office.

**Friendship Pads:** Please remember to sign the Friendship Pad for each member of your family (ex. instead of writing "The Patrick & Patricia Patterson Family", write Pat, Pat, Matt, Nat, and Nicki). Pads are located at the end of your pew. Pass it down the row. If your pew doesn't have one, ask an usher to get a replacement.

**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 9:15** 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:** Kim Carter, Lisa Edison-Smith, Colleen Ford-Dunker, Bruce Furness, Dick Henderson, Ryan Johnston, Kurt Kooyer, Elaine Rudd (clerk), Scott Swanholm, Paula Thomas, Kevin Tobosa, Becky Trumbo, and Jeff Wilkens.

**Deacons:** Brenda Deckard, Ed Deckard, Rick Herberg, Beatrice Janaka, Jane Mathew (moderator), Karen Rivers, Kathleen Thomas, Debbie Tight, and Amy Wilkens.

**Treasurer:** Sherri Stern

### **Church Staff**

Rev. Mary Jo E. Holtey-Head of Staff, Associate Pastor

Sally Harmon-Music Coordinator & Organist

Bryan Poyzer-Adult Choir Director

Jan Lundgren-Business Manager

Penny Andrist-Children's Ministry Coordinator

Kayla Bones-Youth & Young Adult Ministry Coordinator

Rick Fiebiger-Facilities Manager

Drew Brovold-Custodian

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

**L: Live Stream Option, H: Hybrid, Z: Zoom**  
**Sunday, May 22**

11:30 Fellowship

**Monday, May 23**

5:00 Stewardship Meeting

**Tuesday, May 24**

8:30 Bulletin Insert Articles Due

1:00 Staff Meeting

**Wednesday, May 25**

9:00 Men's Group

1:00 Library Committee

**Thursday, May 26**

No Church Events

**Friday, May 27**

No Church Events

**Saturday, May 28**

No Church Events

**Sunday, May 29**

10:30 Worship (L)

11:30 Fellowship

**Office Closed:** The church office will be closed on **Monday, May 30** to observe the Memorial Day holiday.

**NO PARKING Signs Along 2nd Avenue:** Please be mindful of the no parking signs (just west of the parking lot entrance). The city enforces these signs, even on Sunday. Thank you.

**Pew Pride:** You are reminded to make sure your hymnals/Bibles are facing outward, friendship pads are stationed near the center aisle, and the **"Welcome the Wiggle/ABC's of Worship"** inserts are showing out of the Bibles when you leave your pew. A minute of your time will greatly help keep our sanctuary looking neat and organized and ready for guests attending weddings here this summer!

**Reminder:** Use the QR code found in the bulletin to access the secure giving portal on our website!

### **For Your Information**

May 15 Attendance:

162 in person;

24 households livestreamed

Contributions received: \$2468.00



### **Church Information**

Office Hours:

M-TH, 8:30 am-4:00 pm

Phone: 701-293-6311

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