



**FIRST
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH**

preach, teach, heal, & serve

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.

August 4, 2024

We Gather in Christ

PRELUDE

Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken
Sally Harmon, organist

arrs. Don Hustad/
Gilbert Martin

WELCOME

MOMENT OF SILENCE

Loving Trinity, your justice is the working out of your mercy and peace on earth. Nourish us with the power of the Son and let us grow into his image and likeness. Humble us in our self-conceits so that we act not arrogantly but with humility, patience, forbearance, and love. Equip us for ministry on behalf of all who cry out to you. Help us to live lives worthy of the calling to which you call us in Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

❖ CALL TO WORSHIP

Corday Goddard

We do not live by bread alone,
but by the Word who became flesh
and dwells among us.

Christ is the true bread of heaven,
the manna of freedom.

Come, let us worship and give thanks.

❖ HYMN 65

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

Guide me, O thou great Jehovah,
pilgrim through this barren land.
I am weak, but thou art mighty.
Hold me with thy powerful hand.
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,
feed me till I want no more;
feed me till I want no more.

Open now the crystal fountain,
whence the healing stream doth flow.
Let the fire and cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through.
Strong deliverer, strong deliverer,
be thou still my strength and shield;
be thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan,
bid my anxious fears subside.
Death of death, and hell's destruction,
land me safe on Canaan's side.
Songs of praises, songs of praises
I will ever give to thee;
I will ever give to thee.

✧ CONFESSIO AND DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Holy One, whose love and justice condemn us, whose mercy and kindness feed us, we confess our sins and pray for your forgiveness. What terrible suffering we have unleashed. We have used other persons without regard for their dignity; we have abused the earth without care for its beauty or concern for future life; we have sought to bargain with you to smooth our way to heaven. God, change us. Put the Spirit of Christ within us and cause us to grow into mature, faithful disciples of the one who came from you to save us from our sin. Free us from captivity to our selfishness, bind us to the whole body of Christ, and let us bear witness to the truth that your love holds everything together in perfect unity. We pray in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

✧ RESPONSE 484

Holy Spirit, Come to Us

Ho - ly Spir - it, come to us; kin - dle in us the fire of your love.
Ho - ly Spir - it, come to us. Ho - ly Spir - it, come to us.

✧ PASSING OF THE PEACE

The Word

SCRIPTURE

John 6:24-35, pp. 972

Corday Goddard, reader

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

SERMON

There's More

Rev. Sarah M. Bigwood

✧ HYMN 530

One Bread, One Body

Refrain: One bread, one body, one Lord of all,
one cup of blessing which we bless.
And we, though many, throughout the earth,
we are one body in this one Lord.

Gentile or Jew, servant or free,
woman or man, no more. (Refrain)

Many the gifts, many the works,
one in the Lord of all. (Refrain)

Grain for the fields, scattered and grown,
gathered to one, for all. (Refrain)

Sacrament of Communion

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

PASTORAL 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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

The words spoken by the pastor bless the bread and cup on the table and all the elements that are an extension of this table.

HYMN OF APPROACH 533 *In the Singing*

In the singing, in the silence,
in the hands expectant, open,
in the blessing, in the breaking,
in the Presence at this table

Refrain: Jesus Christ, Jesus Christ, be the wine of grace:
 Jesus Christ, Jesus Christ, be the bread of peace.

In the question, in the answer,
in the moment of acceptance,
in the heart's cry, in the healing,
in the circle of your people (Refrain)

COMMUNION MUSIC *Be Unto Your Name*
 Erin Torpey, viola

DeShazo and Sadler

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Responding to the Word



OFFERING MESSAGE

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

OFFERTORY *There Is More Love Somewhere* arr. Adam and Matt Podd
 Eleanor Torpey, soloist; Sally Harmon, pianist

❖ **RESPONSE 717**

For the Life that You have Given

For the life that you have given, for the love in Christ made known,
with these fruits of time and labor, with these gifts that are your own:
here we offer, Lord, our praises; heart and mind and strength we bring;
give us grace to love and serve you, living what we pray and sing.

❖ **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Bearing the Word into the World

❖ **HYMN 498**

Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken

Loaves were broken, words were spoken

by the Galilean shore.

Jesus, Bread of Life from heaven,

was their food forevermore.

By your body broken for us,

by your wine of life outpoured,

Jesus, feed again your people.

Be our Host, our Life, our Lord.

Loaves were broken, words were spoken

in a quiet room one night.

In the bread and wine you gave them,

Christ, you came as Light from Light.

By your body broken for us,

by your wine of life outpoured,

Jesus, feed again your people.

Be our Host, our Life, our Lord.

Loaves are broken, words are spoken,

as in faith we gather here.

Jesus speaks across the ages:

“I am with you; do not fear!”

By your body broken for us,

by your wine of life outpoured,

Jesus, feed again your people.

Be our Host, our Life, our Lord.

By the loaves you break and give us,

send us in your name to share

bread for which the millions hunger,

words that tell your love and care.

By your body broken for us,

by your wine of life outpoured,

Jesus, feed again your people.

Be our Host, our Life, our Lord.

❖ **BENEDICTION**

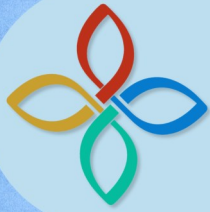
POSTLUDE

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Sally Harmon, organist

arr. Gordon Young

Thank you to Robby Bigwood, Elijah Holman, and Corday Goddard for assisting us in worship and to our Welcome Team: Bruce Maylath, Brenda Deckard, Ed Deckard, Cynthia & Dave Baumgardner, Marcia Foss, Wayne Sander, Sue Van Osdel, Brian McClure, and Jane & Prakash Mathew for taking such good care of us this morning.

A special thank you to our musicians: Sally Harmon, Erin Torpey, and Eleanor Torpey.



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH OF FARGO

Sunday Worship

August 4, 2024

Bible Study Kick-Off: The kickoff of PW for the upcoming school year will be on September 10th at 10am. Pastor Mary Holtey will lead the introduction and Lesson 1 of our Bible study, *Let Justice Roll Down*. Doughnuts and coffee will be served. There will not be copies available at our meeting on September 10th. If you are in need of a Bible study book, you can order your copy by calling 800-533-4371, or online at www.presbyterianwomen.org/shop. If you have any questions, call Paula Christensen at 701-219-5795.

Sunday School starts soon!

Don't forget to register at www.firstpresfargo.org/children

Scan the QR code for the registration form!



Old Downer Church

Join us as we gather for worship in the Old Downer Church.

August 25, 2024 | 10:30 a.m.

Covenant of Prayer: Amanda Krasniewski, Ann Lindsay's daughter, and family at the loss of her husband Mike, who died in a car accident mid July; Brad Schenck, son of Richard Schenck (BDPC) fighting brain cancer; Fraser Harrison, under the care of hospice.

Sunday School Volunteers Needed: We are seeking volunteers that love working with children and youth to help make our Sunday School programming vibrant and impactful. Does this sound like you? Contact Rusty Bender at rbender@firstpresfargo.org.

YOUTH EVENT

River Tubing
+ LUNCH & ICE CREAM!

OTTERTAIL RIVER
MONDAY, AUG. 12
MEET AT FPC @ 10:00AM
K & K TUBING-33551 MN-34, DL

Bolster Up! VBS for Adults: August 12– 15 at 7 PM, in the Jennie Roberts Room at First Presbyterian Church Fargo. Speakers will be Lorelee Benz, Prakash Mathew, Pastor Robert Drake, and Bruce Maylath. Each session will focus on a different topic, with a Bible lesson, hymn singing, and treats. Come to one or all nights – no registration required.

Bolster Up! Adult Vacation Bible School

August 12-15 | 7PM

Jennie Roberts Room
First Presbyterian Church Fargo

A new speaker each night!
Inviting all Presbyterians for
Faith, Fun, and Fellowship!

Hearing devices, as well as **large print copies of today's bulletins and 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: Mindy Argall, Abi Carlson, Deb Dawson, Tom Dawson, Tetteh Dottey, Colleen Ford-Dunker, Jody Hudson, Kurt Kooyer, Dick Laraway, Carrie Lawrence, Bruce Maylath, Brian McClure, Elaine Rudd (clerk), Jeff Wilkens, and Steve Wonderlich. **Deacons:** Paula Christensen, Toby Christensen, Steve Dawson, Brenda Deckard, Ed Deckard (treasurer), Gracia Fulwiler, David Hoffman, Jane Mathew (moderator), Donna Rummens, Wayne Sander, 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*

The Rev. Cathie Bishop-*Parish Associate*

Rusty Bender-*Director of Church Life*

Sally Harmon-*Organist*

Pam Burns-*Music Ministry Coordinator*

Bryan Poyzer-*Adult Choir Director*

Penny Andrist-*Children's 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

Donations Needed in our Community

The Emergency Food Pantry and other agencies in the FM Area are looking for support to help provide food, water, and protection to those without shelter.

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

Sunday, August 4

11:30 Fellowship

Monday, August 5

5:30 Building & Grounds Committee Meeting

Tuesday, August 6

12:15 Support & Endowment Committee Meeting

5:30 Mission Committee Meeting

5:30 Personnel Committee Meeting

5:30 Worship Committee Meeting (H)

Wednesday, August 7

1:00 Pilgrimage Guides

Thursday, August 8

No Church Events

Friday, August 9

No Church Events

Saturday, August 10

No Church Events

Sunday, August 11

10:30 Worship Service with NYK (L)

11:30 Fellowship

7:00 New York Kammermusiker Concert

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

July 28 Attendance: 112

82 in person

30 households livestreamed



Church Information

Summer Office Hours:

M-TH, 9:00 am-3:00 pm

Phone: 701-293-6311

www.firstpresfargo.org

650 2nd Ave. N.

Fargo, ND 58102

Mission Collections this Summer:

- **The Emergency Food Pantry** is in need of personal hygiene items, paper products, diapers (larger sizes) and nonperishable food—in particular peanut butter, canned tuna and chicken. Place items in the bin in the west foyer coatroom.
- We are collecting sunscreen and mosquito spray to be given to local agencies to hand out to those without shelter, particularly for families with children and for those living by the river. Items may be placed in the green buckets in the west foyer.