



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.*

October 23: Third Sunday of Stewardship

We Gather in Christ

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Good and gracious God, you promise to pour out your Spirit upon us; you are the hope of the world. Give us strength, that we might serve you; make us humble, that we might live for your glory alone. In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.

PRELUDE

In Thee is Gladness

arrs. Leavitt/Manz

The National Spiritual Anthem of Ukraine

(Please remain seated and reflect on the text, found on the back page)

Sally Harmon, organist

WELCOME & CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

The Rev. Mary Jo E. Holtey

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts!

My soul longs for the courts of the Lord.

My flesh sings for joy to the living God.

Happy are those who live in the house of the Lord, ever singing your praise, O God.

Happy are those whose strength is in you,

in whose heart are the highways to Zion. Let us worship God!

***HYMN #753**

Make Me a Channel of Your Peace

Make me a channel of your peace.

Where there is hatred, let me bring your love.

Where there is injury, your pardon, Lord,
and where there's doubt, true faith in you.

Make me a channel of your peace.

Where there's despair in life, let me bring hope.

Where there is darkness, only light,
and where there's sadness, ever joy.

O, Master, grant that I may never seek
so much to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand,
to be loved as to love with all my soul.

Make me a channel of your peace.
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
in giving of ourselves that we receive,
and in dying that we're born to eternal life.

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

The Rev. Dan Billings

With humble hearts, let us confess our sins before God and each other and trust in God's mercy through Christ.

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Caring Redeemer, we are tempted to think of ourselves as better than others, more worthy, more deserving, more important to you. We dehumanize others, neglect the needs of the poor, ignore those in trouble, show disdain for people who are not like us. Forgive us for denying the dignity of every person. Remind us that we too are broken and in need. Teach us the joy of serving and loving everyone with the same grace and humility that you showed us through your son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

***DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

Hear the good news! Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us. Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun. Friends, believe in the Good News of the Gospel, in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

***RESPONSE 155**

Raise a Song of Gladness

Musical notation for the hymn "Raise a Song of Gladness". The score is written on three staves in treble clef, with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a time signature of 3/2. The lyrics are: "Raise a song of glad-ness, peo-ples of the earth. Christ has come, bring-ing peace, joy to ev-ery heart. Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, joy to ev-ery heart! Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, joy to ev-ery heart!"

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

GIFT OF MUSIC

For the Beauty of the Earth

Rutter

Sanctuary Choir; Bryan Poyzer, director; Sally Harmon, piano

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Penny Andrist

The Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Bruce Maylath, Reader

Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. By your Spirit make yourself known to us through the reading and preaching of your Word, that we might be faithful witnesses in this life and joyful companions in the next, even with Jesus, in whose name we pray. Amen.

Whirl Story Bible pg. 338

Luke 18:9-14

FIRST READING

He also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: ‘Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax-collector. The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, “God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax-collector. I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.” But the tax-collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, “God, be merciful to me, a sinner!” I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted.’

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

SECOND READING

2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

At my first defense no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May it not be counted against them! But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion’s mouth. The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

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

SERMON

Joy in Service

The Rev. Mary Jo E. Holtey

*HYMN #822

When We Are Living

When we are living, it is in Christ Jesus, and when we’re dying, it is in the Lord.
Both in our living and in our dying, we belong to God; we belong to God.

Through all our living, we our fruits must give. Good works of service are for offering.
When we are giving, or when receiving, we belong to God; we belong to God.

‘Mid times of sorrow and in times of pain, when sensing beauty or in love’s embrace,
whether we suffer, or sing rejoicing, we belong to God; we belong to God.

Across this wide world, we shall always find those who are crying with no peace of mind,
but when we help them, or when we feed them, we belong to God; we belong to God.

*PROFESSION OF FAITH

Adapted from the Confession of 1967

The life, death, resurrection, and promised coming of Jesus Christ has set the pattern for the church's mission. His human life involves the church in the common life of all people. His service to men and women commits the church to work for every form of human well-being. His suffering makes the church sensitive to all human suffering so that it sees the face of Christ in the faces of persons in every kind of need. His crucifixion discloses to the church God's judgment on the inhumanity that marks human relations, and the awful consequences of the church's own complicity in injustice. In the power of the risen Christ and the hope of his coming, the church sees the promise of God's renewal of human life in society and of God's victory over all wrong. The church follows this pattern in the form of its life and in the method of its action. So to live and serve is to confess Christ as Lord.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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



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OFFERTORY

Take My Life and Let It Be

arr. Pethel

St. Andrew's Brass; Jill Post, director; Sally Harmon, piano

*RESPONSE 611

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

**Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love!
Hearts unfold like flowers before thee, opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.**

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Bearing the Word into the World

*HYMN #846

Fight the Good Fight

Fight the good fight with all thy might. Christ is thy strength and Christ thy right.
Lay hold on life, and it shall be thy joy and crown eternally.

Run the straight race through God's good grace; lift up thine eyes, and seek Christ's face.
Life with its way before us lies; Christ is the path, and Christ the prize.

Cast care aside; lean on thy guide. God's boundless mercy will provide.
Trust, and thy trusting soul shall prove Christ is its life, and Christ its love.

Faint not nor fear: God's arms are near. God changeth not, and thou art dear.
Only believe, and thou shalt see that Christ is all in all to thee.

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

In Thee is Gladness

arr. Manz

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.

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

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

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



Kirkin' o' the Tartans: We will have two services on Sunday, November 6: 9 am and 11 am. This year the Celtic dancers, pipers, full orchestra and Kirkin' Choir will all participate! The service will be livestreamed for convenience of anyone who prefers to watch from home. Don't forget to bring your piece of Tartan Plaid with you to the service so that you can participate in the traditional "Calling of the Clans". Postcards to invite friends and family are available to pick up at the Welcome desk in the foyer.

St. Andrew's Society 37th Annual Dinner Program: The St. Andrew's Society of the FM area will have its 37th annual dinner/program that celebrates Scottish culture and heritage, on Saturday, Nov. 5th at The Courtyard By Marriott, 1080 28th Ave. S., Moorhead, MN. Social hour will begin at 5:00pm and the dinner/program will begin at 5:30pm. The program will include performances by the Heather and Thistle Pipes and Drums Band; dancing by members of the Minnesota Celtic Dance Association; and a singer who will perform famous Scottish songs. Tickets are available through Nov. 2 by calling 402-981-2333.

FOR EVERYONE'S PROTECTION, IT IS REQUESTED THAT ALL ATTENDEES BE FULLY VACCINATED AND BOOSTED.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 12

BISON WATCH PARTY



FOOD, FOOTBALL AND FUN

Bring your lawn chairs and favorite game day snacks to share with others. "Tailgating" starts at 12:30 - complete with corn hole and other games.

See you in the Social Hall!



MSUM Choir: Nov. 13, the MSUM Choir will be performing special music during Sunday service. Join us!

Covenant Of Prayer: Jennifer; Hannah; David; 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 will return from Iraq in December. If you have a loved one in the military, please let Pastor Mary know and we'll include his/her name.

All Treats, Some Trunks, No Tricks!

We are looking for people willing to bring candy, as well as hand it out. There will be stations set up inside for people who want to stay warm. Scan the QR code for more information or to sign up to decorate a trunk and hand out candy.



Sign-Up Here



All Saints Sunday
October 30
REMEMBERING
OUR LOVED ONES

All Saints Sunday October 30: On Sunday, Oct. 30, during worship we will name and recognize those church members who have died this past year. There will be an opportunity during worship for family members to come forward to the chancel area to light a candle in remembrance of loved ones. All are invited to participate in this meaningful time to remember either recent losses or saints who have gone before us.

We Have New Neighbors! In the former Dawson Insurance Company building across the church parking lot is a new agency that helps unsheltered veterans. The mission committee thought a fall Holy Buckets drive would be a warm way of welcoming the Veterans Center into the neighborhood. We will be collecting items for the Veterans that are **brand new** and still have the tags on. They are in need of:

- winter coats (M-3XL), cold weather hats/caps (no homemade ones at this time), insulated gloves (L or XL), insulated coveralls/bibs (L or XL), sweatpants (S-3XL), Tee-shirts (S-3XL), men's underwear (S-2XL)

XL and XXL are the most needed sizes. Consider asking a First Pres Fargo neighbor to share the cost of a coat (or any other neighbor you might have). Cash donations will also be accepted and the Mission Committee can do the shopping. Stay tuned for a new Giving Tree this Christmas for our new neighbors.

Piano for Sale \$200: Do you know a young musician starting piano lessons this year? The church has an extra piano that could use a new home! This Everett spinet piano, with bench, is in good condition. The buyer will need to have it moved. For further information, contact Sally Harmon, sharmon@firstpresfargo.org.

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: Abi Carlson, Kim Carter, Lisa Edison-Smith, Colleen Ford-Dunker, Dick Henderson, Ryan Johnston, Kurt Kooyer, Dick Laraway, Carrie Lawrence, Brian McClure, Elaine Rudd (clerk), Scott Swanholm, Becky Trumbo, and Jeff Wilkens. **Deacons:** Brenda Deckard, Ed Deckard (treasurer), Gracia Fulwiler, Rick Herberg, Beatrice Janaka, Jane Mathew (moderator), Karen Rivers, Donna Rummens, Candy Shultz, Kathleen Thomas, Debbie Tight, and Amy Wilkens.

Church Treasurer: Sherri Stern

Church Staff

Rev. Sarah M. Bigwood-*Head of Staff, Pastor*
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Staff emails are: (first initial and last name of person) @firstpresfargo.org

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

Sunday, October 23

11:30 Coffee & Fellowship

12:00 Messenger Articles Deadline

Monday, October 24

1:00 Bulletin Insert Articles Due

5:00 Stewardship Committee meeting

Tuesday, October 25

10:30 Staff Meeting

Wednesday, October 26

5:30 Genesis Ringers

5:30 St. Andrews Brass

6:15 Children / Youth Choirs

6:30 Westminster Ringers

7:00 Youth Group

7:30 Sanctuary Choir

Thursday, October 27

5:00 Nurturing Parenting Meal & Classes

Friday, October 28

4:00 Presbytery Fellowship

Saturday, October 29

Presbytery Meeting

Sunday, October 30

9:15 Sunday School

10:30 All Saints Day Worship (L)

11:30 Fall Celebration

5:30 Confirmation

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

For Your Information

October 9 Attendance: 219

182 in person;

37 households livestreamed

Contributions received: \$6,877.00



Church Information

Office Hours:

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

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