



**April 02, 2023
Palm 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

PRELUDE

Sanctus

Gounod/arr. Bricault

Trombone Quintet & Organ

Jill Post, director

Holy, holy, holy lord, the God of Sabaoth. Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest!

Fanfare on "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna!"

arr. Linker/Harmon

Sally Harmon, organist

CALL TO WORSHIP

Look! Your king is coming—humble and riding on a donkey.

Hosanna to the Son of David!

Lay your cloaks before him; spread palms to honor him.

Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord!

Raise your voices. Lift your hearts. Rejoice—our Savior comes!

Hosanna in the highest heaven!

PALM PARADE WITH HYMN 197 Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

Hosanna, loud hosanna, the little children sang;
through pillared court and temple the joyful anthem rang.

To Jesus, who had blessed them, close folded to his breast,
the children sang their praises, the simplest and the best.

From Olivet they followed 'mid an exultant crowd,
the victor palm branch waving, and chanting clear and loud;
the Lord of earth and heave rode on in lowly state,
nor scorned that little children should on his bidding wait.

"Hosanna in the highest!" That ancient song we sing,
for Christ is our Redeemer; the Lord of heaven, our King.
O may we ever praise him with heart and life and voice,
and in his blissful presence eternally rejoice.

ANTHEM

Lift High the Palms

Martin

Combined K-2, 3-6, 7-12 Choirs; Pam Burns, director; Virginia Stern, piano

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Penny Andrist

*CONFESSION AND DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Suffering God, the way of the cross is a hard road. It is draining. It is demanding. It is fraught with danger. You ask us to stay by your side as you walk toward Calvary, but weariness and fear overtake us. Like the first disciples, we are quick to betray you, to deny you, to abandon you. Forgive us, God, and strengthen us for the journey ahead. Give us courage to face the pain and suffering of this world and to respond with compassion. As the darkness gathers, renew our faith, fill us with hope, and startle us with your grace.

Friends, believe in the Good News of the Gospel.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Amen.

*RESPONSE

Throughout These Lenten Days and Nights



*PASSING OF THE PEACE

The Word

SCRIPTURE

Psalms 118:1-2, 19-29, pp. 554

Matthew 21:1-11, pp. 898

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

Brian McClure, reader

Whirl Story Bible, pg. 390

SERMON

Palms and Parades

The Rev. Sarah M. Bigwood

*HYMN 196

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

All glory, laud, and honor to thee, Redeemer, King,
to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring!

Thou art the King of Israel, though David's royal Son,
who in the Lord's name comest, the King and blessed One.

All glory, laud, and honor to thee, Redeemer, King,
to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring!

The people of the Hebrews with palms before thee went;
our praise and prayers and anthems before thee we present.

All glory, laud, and honor to thee, Redeemer, King,
to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring!

To thee, before thy passion, they sang their hymns of praise;
to thee, now high exalted, our melody we raise.

All glory, laud, and honor to thee, Redeemer, King,
to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring!

Thou didst accept their praises; accept the prayers we bring,
who in all good delightest, thou good and gracious King!
All glory, laud, and honor to thee, Redeemer, King,
to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring!

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.

Responding to the Word



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

OFFERTORY

Festive Melody

Burroughs

Genesis Ringers; Sally Harmon, director

*RESPONSE

Surely It Is God Who Saves Me



*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

A CALL TO HOLY WEEK

Bearing the Word into the World

*HYMN 200

A Cheering, Chanting, Dizzy Crowd (vs. 1-4)

A cheering, chanting, dizzy crowd had stripped the green trees bare,
and hailing Christ as king aloud, waved branches in the air.

They laid their garments in the road and spread his path with palms
and vows of lasting love bestowed with royal hymns and psalms.

When day dimmed down to deepening dark the crowd began to fade
till only trampled leaves and bark were left from the parade.

Lest we be fooled because our hearts have surged with passing praise,
remind us, God, as this week starts where Christ has fixed his gaze.

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Go to Dark Gethsemane

arr. Cherwien



Art Exhibit

Holy Week

Allow the artistic work of our youth expand your experience of Christ's journey to the cross.

Gathering
Space



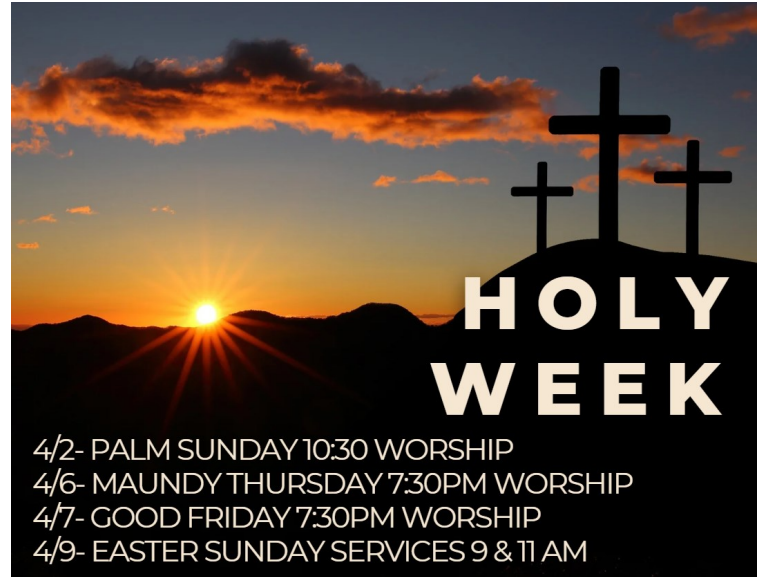
Minnesota FoodShare: The Emergency Food Pantry is once again participating in the March Campaign! All food and funds raised between now and April 7th will be reported to Minnesota FoodShare. The EFP will receive a proportional match to all participating food shelves. Even though the EFP is in Fargo, 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 online or by check. There are envelopes at the Welcome Desk. If you have any questions, please contact Jan Harrison at 701-371-1855.



Calling All Singers! Our Sanctuary choir is preparing anthems for Holy Week and Easter worship and could use more voices! If you can sing, you are welcome to join the choir for this short-term opportunity! We are also looking for folks who have sung G.F. Handel's *Hallelujah!* from "Messiah", if you would like to participate you are invited to join us on Easter Sunday. Copies of the music will be available for use. If you have questions, please contact Sally Harmon at sharmon@firstpresfargo.org.

One Great Hour of Sharing: Today we dedicate the gifts from OGHS that we have received throughout the Lenten season. 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 Mississippi, Turkey, and Syria, to ongoing community development, their work fits together to provide people with safety, sustenance, and hope.

Covenant Of Prayer: The victims and families of the school shooting in Nashville; the people of Missouri and Mississippi; 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.



Sunday Morning Bible Study: Sunday morning Adult Bible Study is reading through Genesis. All levels of background are welcome. Each class is designed to be complete on its own, so please feel free to come when you are available. The dates are April 16, & 30. **May 7th's study has been canceled.**



Per Capita: If you have not yet paid Per Capita for 2023, it's not too late! We will be accepting payments through the end of the year. Your contribution will be reflected on your giving record and will be greatly appreciated to help offset the Per Capita Apportionment payment sent to the Presbytery. The rate for 2023 is \$50.00 per confirmed member.

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

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

Sunday, April 2

11:30 Fellowship

Monday, April 3

5:30 Personnel Committee Meeting

5:30 Building & Grounds Committee Meeting

Tuesday, April 4

10:30 Staff Meeting

12:15 S&E Committee Meeting (H)

5:30 Mission Committee Meeting

5:30 Worship Committee Meeting (H)

Wednesday, April 5

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, April 6

5:30 Nurturing Parenting Classes

7:30 Maundy Thursday Service

Friday, April 7

7:30 Good Friday Service

Saturday, April 8

No Church Events

Sunday, April 9

9:00 Easter Sunday Service (L)

10:00 Fellowship

11:00 Easter Sunday Service

12:00 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 26 Attendance: 209

173 in person & 36 households livestreamed

Contributions received: \$12,700.00



Church Information

Office Hours:

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

Phone: 701-293-6311

www.firstpresfargo.org

Easter Monday: The office will be closed the Monday following Easter, April 10. The office will resume regular hours Tuesday, April 11 at 9:00am.

Who is my neighbor?

PNP SPRING RETREAT

AT WESLEY ACRES CAMP

April 28-30, 2023

\$130

Grades 6-12

REGISTER BY APRIL 6

Ask your local youth leader about registration

QUESTIONS? CONTACT KAYLA BONES

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