



**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.*

**July 14, 2024**

**We Gather in Christ**

**PRELUDE**

*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* arrs. Paul Manz/David Harris  
Sally Harmon, organist

**WELCOME**

**MOMENT OF SILENCE**

*Holy Trinity, yours is the justice that calls power to account. Yours is the love that calls sinners to repent. Yours is the mercy that forgives us and grants us eternal life. Lead us in the truth about the Beloved and set us free to rejoice with all our might over the great mystery you have revealed: that you are bringing all things into harmony through Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.*

**✦ CALL TO WORSHIP**

Rusty Bender

Come, let us worship God

**Let us worship our Savior**

Through Jesus we are destined to be children of God

**Let us worship God**

**✦ HYMN 35**

*Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty*

Praise ye the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!

O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation!

All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near;

join me in glad adoration!

Praise ye the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,

shelters thee under his wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!

Hast thou not seen how thy desires e'er have been

granted in what he ordaineth?

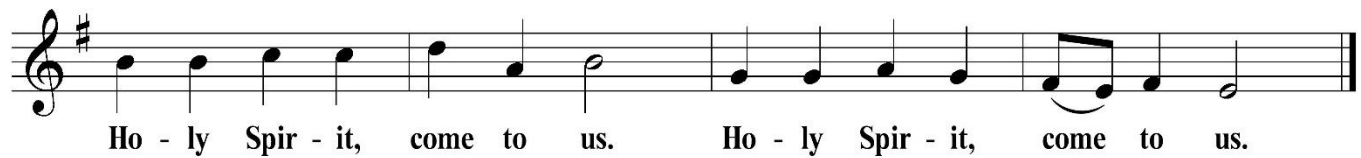
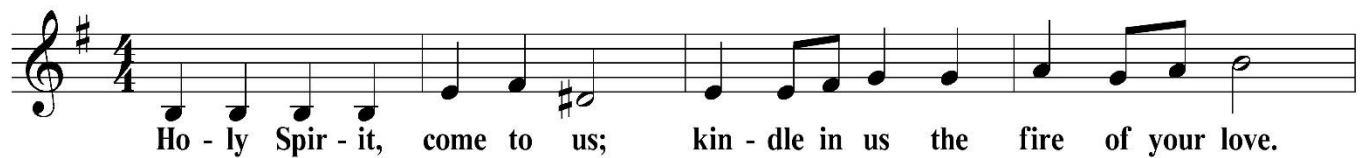
Praise ye the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!  
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him!  
Let the amen sound from his people again;  
gladly for aye we adore him.

✧ **CONFESSION AND DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, you are the God of glory. We confess that we often forget that your holiness is dangerous. We take our impurities for granted, make excuses for the sins we commit, and expect you to overlook the harm we cause while still demanding justice from others. We do not deserve your mercy. Forgive us, and return us to a right relationship with you for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ. You made us for the purpose of praising you; enliven us with the Holy Spirit so that we can fulfill our calling in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.**

✧ **RESPONSE 284**

*Holy Spirit, Come to Us*



**PASSING OF THE PEACE**

**GIFT OF MUSIC**

*Dawning of the Day*  
Curt Brickman, bagpipe

Edward Walsh

**The Word**

**SCRIPTURE**

*Ephesians 1:3–14, pp. 1064*

*Mark 6:14–29, pp. 916*

*Whirl Story Bible pg. 474*

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

**SERMON**

*Expectations*

Rev. Sarah M. Bigwood

✧ **HYMN 163**

*Wild and Lone the Prophet's Voice*

Wild and lone the prophet's voice echoes through the desert still,  
calling us to make a choice, bidding us to do God's will:

"Turn from sin and be baptized; cleanse your heart and mind and soul.  
Quitting all the sins you prized, yield your life to God's control.

"Bear the fruit repentance sows: lives of justice, truth and love.

Trust no other claim than those; set your heart on things above.

Soon the Lord will come in power, burning clean the threshing floor:  
then will flames the chaff devour; wheat alone shall fill God's store."

With such preaching, stark and bold, John proclaimed salvation near,  
and his timeless warnings hold words of hope to all who hear.

So we dare to journey on, led by faith through ways untrod,  
till we come at last like John to behold the Lamb of God.

✦ **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 by 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.**

**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**

*Le Salon de Musique*  
Mya Follingstad, piano

Eugénie Rocherolle

✦ **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 819**

*Be Still, My Soul*

Be still, my soul: the Lord is on thy side.  
Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain.  
Leave to thy God to order and provide,  
who through all changes faithful will remain.  
Be still, my soul: thy best, thy heavenly Friend  
through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.  
Be still, my soul: thy God doth undertake  
to guide the future surely as the past.  
Thy hope, thy confidence let nothing shake;  
all now mysterious shall be bright at last.

Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still know  
his voice who ruled them while he dwelt below.

Be still, my soul: the hour is hastening on  
when we shall be forever with the Lord;  
when disappointment, grief, and fear are gone,  
sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored.  
Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past  
all safe and blessed we shall meet at last.

✦ **BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

*Wild and Lone the Prophet's Voice*  
Sally Harmon, organist

arr. Don Hustad

*Thank you to Zoe Booth and Tetteh Dottey on livestream and soundboard, Rusty Bender for assisting in worship, and our Welcome Team: Tom Dawson, Steve Dawson, Debbie Tight, and Fred & Jody Hudson and family for taking such good care of us this morning.*

*A special thank you to our musicians: Sally Harmon, Curt Brickman, and Mya Follingstad.*

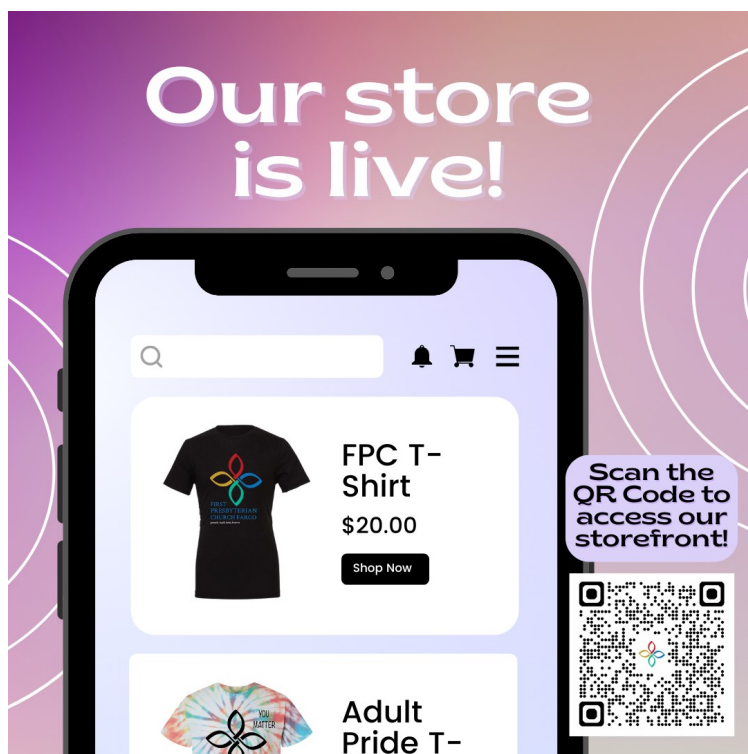


**Our year round mission collections need your help:**

- **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.
- **Hope Blooms Update:** Due to the stoppage of glass pickup for recycling, Hope Blooms is only accepting jars of 12 oz and less. Place items in the green buckets in the west foyer.

*Thank you and have a blessed summer!!*

**Mission Collection for the Summer:** For the next few months, 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.



**Amped School of Music at FPC:** On Saturday, July 20th, Amped School of Music will be hosting a student showcase and open mic on our new outdoor stage during the Fargo Street Fair. The event starts at 1:00pm, with the open mic opening around 2:00pm. We hope to see you there!

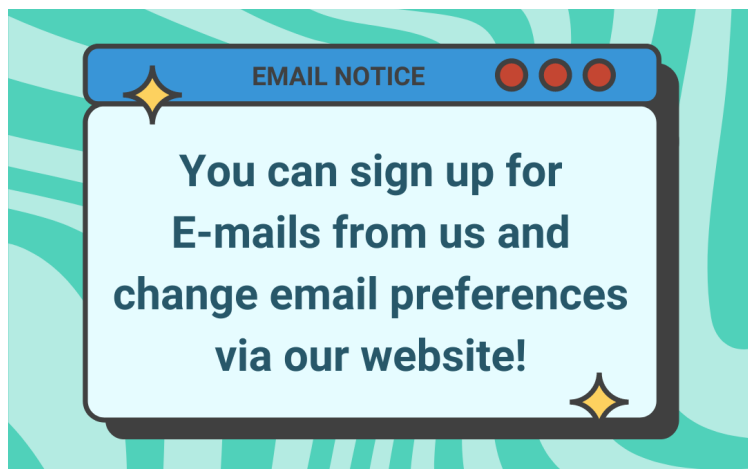
**Covenant of Prayer:** The family of Charlotte Rufer; Fraser Harrison, under the care of hospice.



**Meal Train set up for Jan and Fraser Harrison:** Jan and Fraser’s family has set up a “meal train” for their folks. Scan the QR code if you’re able to sign up to bring them a meal. Contact Pastor Mary if you are in need of assistance.

**Memorial Service:** Longtime church member, Charlotte Rufer, died the evening of Saturday, July 6th, under the care of hospice. Funeral services for Charlotte will be on Monday, July 15th, at 2:00pm at the church. Visitation will be the hour preceding the service. Please keep her family in your prayers. *Blessed Be Her Memory.*

**Summer Lawn Care:** The sign-up sheet for lawn mowing volunteers is up on the Volunteer Opportunity board! We are looking for folks to sign up weekly through September. Typically, courtyard mowing is done toward the end of the week. In dry periods, mowing may not be necessary every week. Questions? Call Rick Fiebiger at (701) 412-6061.



**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**

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

### **Sunday, July 14**

*11:30 Fellowship*

### **Monday, July 15**

2:00 Charlotte Rufer Funeral

### **Tuesday, July 16**

5:00 Legacy Steering Committee Meeting

### **Wednesday, July 17**

No Church Events

### **Thursday, July 18**

No Church Events

### **Friday, July 19**

No Church Events

### **Saturday, July 20**

No Church Events

### **Sunday, July 21**

*10:30 Worship Service*

*11:30 Fellowship*

**Reminder:** The staff of FPC will **never** send email or text message solicitations for money or gift cards. Please be aware of phishing attempts and scam emails.

### For Your Information

July 7 Attendance: 141

105 in person

36 households livestreamed

Contributions received: \$15,184.00



### Church Information

Summer Office Hours:

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

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