



**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.

January 28, 2024

We Gather in Christ

PRELUDE

Meditation on "Crusader's Hymn"
Terri Diers, guest organist

arr. Jack C. Goode

WELCOME

MOMENT OF SILENCE

Almighty God, Light from Light, who commands the universe and all that is made, your Word is the power that makes whole what is broken, the force of good, and the food of peace. Teach us now as you taught in the synagogue. Heal us now so that in all that we say and do, the freedom we have in you may be for others, too; in Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

✦ CALL TO WORSHIP

Come! Let us give thanks to the Lord with whole hearts.

Awe in the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.

Glory be to the One whose wonders are to be remembered.

Awe in the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.

The Lord is gracious and full of compassion.

Awe in the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.

The Lord feeds the righteous with truth.

Awe in the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.

Come! Let us give thanks to God.

Let us worship God!

✦ HYMN 662

Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies

Christ, whose glory fills the skies; Christ, the true, the only light;
Sun of Righteousness, arise; triumph o'er the shades of night;
Dayspring from on high, be near; Daystar, in my heart appear.

Dark and cheerless is the morn unaccompanied by thee;
joyless is the day's return till thy mercy's beams I see;
till they inward light impart, cheer my eyes and warm my heart.

Visit then this soul of mine; pierce the gloom of sin and grief;
fill me, radiancy divine; scatter all my unbelief;
more and more thyself display, shining to the perfect day.

✦ **CONFESSION AND DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

Holy and all-powerful God, who commands all spirits, comforts those in distress, and casts out destructive forces, we confess that we are unable to do your will. We protect what is familiar and reject what is unknown. We admire those with courage but excuse ourselves when we falter from the truth. We forget that you are always with us, and that with you all things are possible. Forgive us, lead us, make us new. Remove our desire to heed false prophets, and show us your way; in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, Mother of us all. Amen.

✦ **RESPONSE 137**

He Came Down

He came down that we may have light; he came down that we may have light; he
came down that we may have light; hal-le - lu - jah for - ev - er - more.

✦ **PASSING OF THE PEACE**

GIFT OF MUSIC

Ubi Caritas

Durufilé/arr. Baker

Sanctuary Choir; Shawn Neisen, director; Terri Diers, piano

Where there is charity and love, God is there.

The love of Christ has gathered us as one.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Let us honor and love the living God.

And from a sincere heart let us love one another.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Kayla Bones

The Word

SCRIPTURE

Mark 1:21-28, pp. 910

Jane Roggensack, reader

Psalms 111, pp. 551

Whirl Story Bible, pg. 274

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

SERMON

The Rev. Mary Jo E. Holtey

✦ **HYMN 722**

Lord, Speak to Me

Lord, speak to me that I may speak
in living echoes of your tone.

As you have sought, so let me seek
your erring children, lost and lone.

O lead me, Lord, that I may lead
the wandering and the wavering feet.
O feed me, Lord, that I may feed
your hungering ones with manna sweet.

O teach me, Lord, that I may teach
the precious truths which you impart.
And wing my words that they may reach
the hidden depths of many a heart.

O fill me with your fullness, Lord,
until my very heart o'erflow
in kindling thought and glowing word,
your love to tell, your praise to show.

O use me, Lord, use even me,
just as you will, and when, and where
until your blessed face I see,
your rest, your joy, your glory share.

✦ 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 – Poverty Simulation

Steve Dawson

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

OFFERTORY

Be Thou My Vision

arr. Arnold Sherman

Westminster Ringers; Shawn Neisen, guest director;

Lauren Bontje, violin; Krista Clusiau, flute

✧ **RESPONSE 606**

Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise Christ, all people here below;
praise Holy Spirit evermore;
praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

✧ **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Bearing the Word into the World

✧ **HYMN 295**

Go to the World

Go to the world! Go into all the earth. Go preach the cross where Christ renews life's worth,
baptizing as the sign of our rebirth. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Go to the world! Go into every place. Go live the word of God's redeeming grace.
Go seek God's presence in each time and space. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Go to the world! Go struggle, bless, and pray; the nights of tears give way to joyous day.
As servant church, you follow Christ's own way. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Go to the world! Go as the ones I send, for I am with you till the age shall end,
when all the hosts of glory cry "Amen!" Alleluia. Alleluia.

✧ **BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Honor and Majesty
Terri Diers, organist

Edward Broughton

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH OF FARGO



Sunday Worship

January 28, 2024

The Health Fair is back! It will take place in the Social Hall on Sunday, February 4 after our worship service. This event will include blood pressure screenings, private mental health counseling, vaccines, and information on strokes, heart attacks, and diabetes. Learn about sustainable eating! We will have toothbrushes and proper brushing education, health information for veterans, games with prizes for the kids, hobbies such as fishing, woodworking, knitting, hiking and beekeeping, lots of door prizes... AND CORGIS! We are hoping you'll attend and have some fun improving your health IQ.

Covenant of Prayer: Dick Anderson (Bill Anderson's grandfather); the family of Margaret Schulze, who died on January 3. Her memorial service will be Feb. 3, 11am in the sanctuary. Blessed be her memory.

Join us!

**NEW MEMBER
SUNDAY IS
FEBRUARY 11**

If you are interested in becoming a member at First Presbyterian, please contact Pastor Mary or Pastor Sarah
firstpresfargo.org

Poverty Simulation: Join us for a unique opportunity to experience and understand what it might be like to live in a typical low-income family, working hard to survive month to month to succeed. This free event is sponsored by the Deacons, and will take place in the Social Hall on Wednesday, March 20th from 1:00-3:15pm. For more information or to register, please see the flyers hanging in the Gathering Space, or contact Steve Dawson.

Wandering Heart

Figuring out faith with Peter

Join us for
Ash Wednesday

This service begins our journey through the season of Lent with one of Jesus' most famous disciples, as we strive to follow Him.

February 14, 2024 @ 7:00 pm

Holden Evening Prayer: Join us Wednesday evenings during Lent, starting February 21, from 7:05-7:30pm for the familiar Holden Evening Prayer. Brief reflections will be on poetry and art of the season, *Wandering Heart: Figuring out faith with Peter*. Come and join us in the Jennie Roberts Room for this time of Lenten devotion.

Chili Cook-Off Results: We raised a total of \$1,148.60 for our youth, and the chili with the most votes was Eleanor Torpey's *Beef & Bean Chili*—Congratulations! Thank you to everyone who participated or volunteered to help make this event a success!

Find a moment of stillness in your day

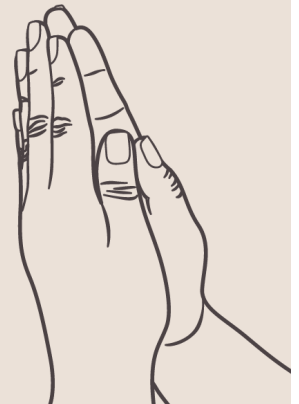
Centering Prayer

Centering Prayer is a form of silent prayer that quiets the mind and focuses attention on the presence and action of the Holy Spirit within.

Thursdays in Lent,
12:15-12:45 in the
Jennie Roberts Room

All are welcome.
No experience necessary.

Sponsored by *The Pilgrimage
and Presentation Prayer Center*



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: 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*
Sally Harmon-*Organist*
Pam Burns-*Music Ministry Coordinator*
Shawn Neisen-*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**

Directory Updates: The office is working on putting out a Hard Copy Directory in early 2024. We need your help to make sure everything is up-to-date! If you have any information that needs to be changed (address, phone number, email, etc.), please contact Casey in the office. You can also submit a new photo, either by email to clemier@firstpresfargo.org, or you can bring a physical picture in to the office. Thank you to those who have already submitted updates of information or new pictures, your punctuality is greatly appreciated!

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

Sunday, January 28

11:30 Fellowship

Monday, January 29

No Church Events

Tuesday, January 30

No Church Events

Wednesday, January 31

5:00 Lay Preacher Seminar

5:00 Wednesday Activities Dinner

5:30 St. Andrew's Brass

5:30 Genesis Ringers

6:15 Children & Youth Choir Rehearsals

6:30 Westminster Ringers

7:00 Youth Group

7:30 Sanctuary Choir

Thursday, February 1

No Church Events

Friday, February 2

No Church Events

Saturday, February 3

11:00 Margaret Schulze Memorial Service (L)

Sunday, February 4

10:30 Worship Service & Communion (L)

11:30 Fellowship & Health Fair!

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

January 21 Attendance: 238

194 in person

44 households livestreamed

Contributions received: \$10,407.27



Church Information

Office Hours:

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

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