



**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 07, 2024**

## **We Gather in Christ**

### **PRELUDE**

*Every Time I Feel the Spirit* arr. Michael Hassell  
Sally Harmon, piano; Michael Harmon, contrabass

### **WELCOME**

### **MOMENT OF SILENCE**

*O God of grace and mercy, you call us to proclaim your healing and faithfully fulfill your kingdom mission. Let us not count the cost of our wins and losses, but keep our eyes fixed on you as we seek your realm of peace. Amen.*

### **✦ CALL TO WORSHIP**

The Rev. Mary Jo E. Holtey

God is mighty in word and deed.

**God's mercy is everlasting.**

Blessed be the one holy and living God.

**Glory to God forever.**

### **✦ HYMN 327**

*From All That Dwell Below the Skies*

From all that dwell below the skies

let the Creator's praise arise:

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Let the Redeemer's name be sung  
through every land, in every tongue.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Alleluia! Alleluia!

In every land begin the song;  
to every land the strains belong:  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

In cheerful sound all voices raise  
and fill the world with joyful praise.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Eternal are thy mercies, Lord;  
eternal truth attends thy word:  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Thy praise shall sound from shore to shore,  
till suns shall rise and set no more.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

### ❖ CONFESSION AND DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

**Holy God, you call us to boldly proclaim your name, yet we are stubborn and rebellious and heedless of your call. By the power of your Spirit, raise us to new life that we may return to faithful living, in Christ's name we pray. Amen.**

### ❖ RESPONSE 284

*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

*Ezekiel 2:1-5, pp. 756*

*Mark 6:1-13, pp. 915*

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

### SERMON

*Messengers of Faith*

Elder Brian McClure

### ❖ HYMN 338

*O Beautiful for Spacious Skies*

O beautiful for spacious skies,  
for amber waves of grain,  
for purple mountain majesties  
above the fruited plain!  
America! America!  
God shed his grace on thee,  
and crown thy good with servanthood  
from sea to shining sea!  
O beautiful for heroes proved  
in liberating strife,

who more than self their country loved,  
and mercy more than life!

America! America!

God mend thine every flaw;  
confirm thy soul in self-control,  
thy liberty in law!

O beautiful for patriot dream  
that sees beyond the years  
thine alabaster cities gleam,  
undimmed by human tears!

America! America!

May God thy gold refine  
till all success be nobleness  
and every gain divine!

## **The Sealing of the Word**

### **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 521** *In Remembrance of Me*

In remembrance of me, eat this bread.

In remembrance of me, drink this wine.

In remembrance of me, pray for the time  
when God's own will is done.

In remembrance of me, heal the sick.

In remembrance of me, feed the poor.

In remembrance of me, open the door  
and let your neighbors in, let them in.

Take, eat, and be comforted;  
drink and remember too,  
that this is my body and precious blood  
shed for you, shed for you.

In remembrance of me, search for truth.  
In remembrance of me, always love.  
In remembrance of me, don't look above,  
but in your heart, look for God.  
Do this in remembrance of me.

**COMMUNION MUSIC**     *Precious Lord, Take My Hand*     arr. Michael Hassell  
   *All My Trials, Lord*     arr. Michael Hassell  
Sally Harmon, piano; Michael Harmon, contrabass

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

### Responding to the Word



#### OFFERING MESSAGE

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

**OFFERTORY**     *Wade in the Water*     arr. Michael Hassell  
Sally Harmon, piano; Michael Harmon, contrabass

✦ **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 331**     *God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand*

God of the ages, whose almighty hand  
leads forth in beauty all the starry band  
of shining worlds in splendor through the skies,  
our grateful songs before thy throne arise.

Thy love divine hath led us in the past.  
In this free land by thee our lot is cast.  
Be thou our ruler, guardian, guide, and stay:  
thy word our law, thy paths our chosen way.

From war's alarms, from deadly pestilence,  
be thy strong arm our ever sure defense.  
Thy true religion in our hearts increase.  
Thy bounteous goodness nourish us in peace.

Refresh thy people on their toilsome way.  
Lead us from night to never-ending day.  
Fill all our lives with love and grace divine,  
and glory, laud, and praise be ever thine.

✦ **BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

*When the Saints Go Marching In* arr. Michael Hassell  
Sally Harmon, piano; Michael Harmon, contrabass

*Thank you to our livestream and soundboard technicians for assisting us in worship and to our Welcome Team: Deb Dawson, David Hoffman, Jane Mathew, Mary Devig, Dorothy McClure, Colleen Ford-Dunker, Elaine Rudd, Kurt Kooyer, and Sherri Stern for taking such good care of us this morning.*

*A special thank you to our musicians: Sally Harmon and Michael Harmon*



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# Sunday Worship

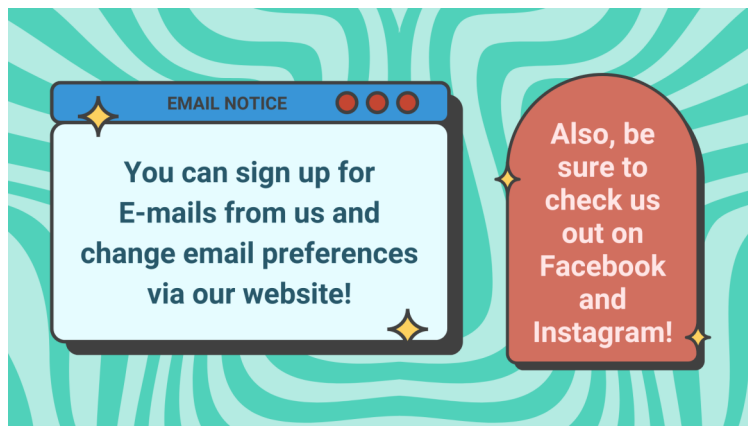
July 7, 2024

**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.



EMAIL NOTICE

You can sign up for E-mails from us and change email preferences via our website!

Also, be sure to check us out on Facebook and Instagram!

**Openings for preparing and serving meals in July & August:**

It's our turn to prepare and serve meals on July 11 and August 8 at Micah's Mission. If you are able to help, please sign up at the Volunteer Opportunities Board in the West Foyer. The needs have been great so far this summer. Please consider spending a few hours serving the families and individuals at Micah's Mission!

**Help us avoid the summer slump!** Here are a couple of options: Make your contributions easy with automatic monthly withdrawals from your checking (or savings) account; it's just a simple form to complete to get this started! Or, consider giving online through our website— you can make either a one-time payment or set up a recurring donation (use your credit card and accumulate points!). Contact Jan Lundgren in the church office if you have any questions.

**Covenant of Prayer:** 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.



Heart n Soul

# MOBILE CAFÉ

@ FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF FARGO

Every Second Wednesday  
June - October

Heart n Soul

4:30PM - 6:00PM  
650 2ND AVE. N FARGO, ND 58102

**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.



Last Chance!

# CHURCH DIRECTORY UPDATE

We will be working on printing Hard Copy Directories Soon!

Contact Casey in the Church Office if you would like one.

**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 7**

*11:30 Fellowship*

### **Monday, July 8**

5:30 EduCon Committee Meeting

### **Tuesday, July 9**

No Church Events

### **Wednesday, July 10**

4:30 Heart-n-Soul Mobile Café

### **Thursday, July 11**

No Church Events

### **Friday, July 12**

No Church Events

### **Saturday, July 13**

No Church Events

### **Sunday, July 14**

*10:30 Worship Service (L)*

*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.



### Church Information

Summer Office Hours:  
M-TH, 9:00 am-3:00 pm  
Phone: 701-293-6311  
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