



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.

April 13, 2025

We Gather in Christ

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Parents and children are welcome to gather before worship with our pastors in the Narthex (back of church) for the Palm parade.

PRELUDE

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna
Sally Harmon, organist

arr. Linker

CALL TO WORSHIP

The Rev. Sarah M. Bigwood

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

*Lift your heads and join in loud Hosannas.
Wave your palms as the children pass.*

FANFARE and PALM PROCESSIONAL

Trumpet Fanfare

arr. Paul Edwards

Greg Post, Mike Wavra, Josh Argall; trumpet trio

Fanfare on "All Glory, Laud, and Honor"

arr. Edwin T. Childs

Sally Harmon, organist

GIFT OF MUSIC

Sing Hosanna

Michael Jothen

K-2 Choir; 3-6 Choir; and 7-12 Choir;

Pam Burns, directing; Virginia Stern, piano;

Brian Peterson, guitar; Bryan Poyzer, bass; Elliot Sander, percussion

✦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 heaven 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.

✦CONFESSION AND DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Holy and restoring God, when we have hoarded your light
instead of sharing it, when we have remained silent in the face of suffering,
restore your justice within us.

When we have neglected the stranger and dismissed the lost,
restore your compassion within us.

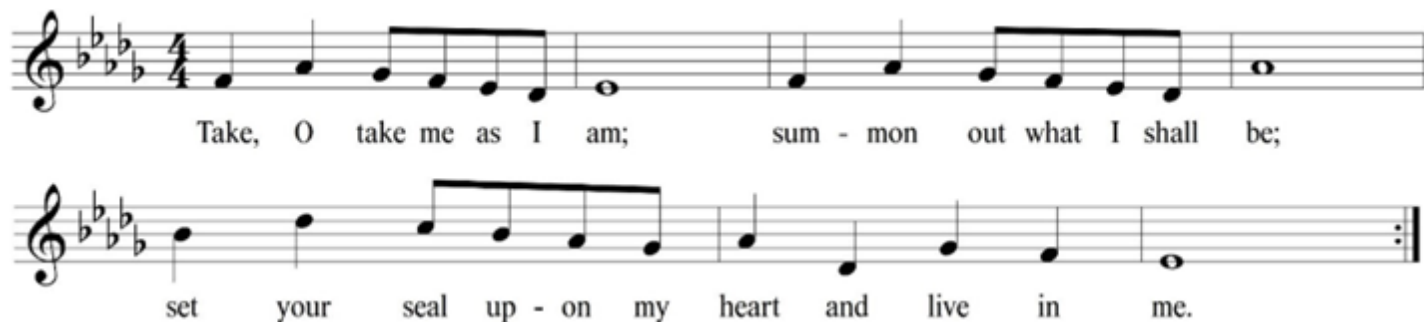
When we have failed to repair what is broken,
restore your mission within us.

When we have been content to live in the ruins,
restore your hope within us.

When our faith has been comfortable instead of courageous,
when our worship has been hollow instead of wholehearted,
restore your light within us.

✧RESPONSE 698

Take, O Take Me as I Am



✧PASSING OF THE PEACE

The Word

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 118:1, 14, 19-29, pp. 554

Erin Torpey, reader

Luke 19:28-40, pp. 957

Whirl Story Bible, pg. 390

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

SERMON

To God Be the Glory—Again

Elder Bruce Maylath

✧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, thou 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 MESSAGE – *Baker Downer Mission* Sherri Sanderson
Use the QR code to access the secure giving portal on our website!

OFFERTORY *Crown Him with Many Crowns* arr. David Angerman
Genesis Ringers; Sally Harmon, director; Elliot Sander, organ

✦ **RESPONSE 644** *Give Thanks, O Christian People (vs. 2)*

Give thanks, O Chris—tian peo—ple, for lead—ers of our years who live to share with
oth—ers our joy when Christ ap—pears, to teach the ones who seek light, to
guide the fal—tering feet, to lead the fol—lowers for—ward our liv—ing Lord to meet.

✦ **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Bearing the Word into the World

A CALL TO HOLY WEEK

Maundy Thursday service 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 17, 2025

✦ **HYMN 198** *Ride On! Ride On in Majesty*

Ride on! ride on in majesty! Hark! all the tribes hosanna cry;
thy humble beast pursues its road with palms and scattered garments strowed.

Ride on! ride on in majesty! In lowly pomp ride on to die;
O Christ, thy triumphs now begin o'er captive death and conquered sin.

Ride on! ride on in majesty! The hosts of angels in the sky
look down with sad and wondering eyes to see the approaching sacrifice.

Ride on! ride on in majesty! In lowly pomp ride on to die;
bow thy meek head to mortal pain; then take, O God, thy power, and reign.

✧BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Ride On! Ride On in Majesty!
Sally Harmon, organist

arr. Robert Hobby

Thank you to Fred Hudson & family on livestream and soundboard, Erin Torpey for assisting in worship, and our Welcome Team: Jeff Wilkens, Debbie Tight, Sherri Sanderson, Amy Wilkens, and our youth for taking such good care of us this morning.

A special thank you to our musicians: Sally Harmon, Greg Post, Mike Wavra, Josh Argall, the Combined Choir directed by Pamela Andrist-Burns:(Friendship Choir, Erin Torpey, director; Kids of the Kingdom Choir, Pamela Andrist-Burns, director; and the Proclamation Choir Bryan Poyzer, director); Virginia Stern, Brian Peterson, Bryan Poyzer, the Genesis Ringers directed by Sally Harmon, and Elliot Sander.

Shine On

— *for generations to come* —

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, FARGO

2025 Capital Campaign



SUNDAY, APRIL 13TH - PALM SUNDAY

Last week we shared our Shine On Today plans to address deferred building maintenance. Today, we focus on our legacy, our future.

SHINE ON LEGACY: \$2,590,000

Our rich history and presence in downtown Fargo is a beacon to the community around us. As the church and the world around us change, our building will continue to be the light on 2nd Avenue, welcoming people into God's family and grace. For 150 years, our faith family has cared for this church home, and we recognize that, to position First Presbyterian for a strong future, we must remove the burden of maintenance from future generations. This will allow them to fully commit to the daily work of the church and maximize their generosity for worship, music, faith formation, community service, and pastoral care. To accomplish this, we will establish the Shine On Legacy Endowment to support the ongoing maintenance and care of our building—the place where church life is lived out for the benefit of the community.

Gifts given through the campaign will seed this endowment. Our goal is to launch the endowment is \$2,590,000. In addition to these initial gifts, members are invited to consider including First Presbyterian Church in their comprehensive charitable estate plans.

So many have responded to our invitation for the All Congregation Event and Presentation on Sunday, April 27th. It isn't too late to join us. Our plated brunch will be provided by Heart-n-Soul Community Café. We will provide a child-focused opportunity during the presentation with fun activities and a Shine On presentation to help them learn how they can be a part of this historic time in our church. There is no cost to attendees. RSVP by phone at the church at (701) 293-6311 or by emailing Casey in the office at admin.assistant@firstpresfargo.org.



GOD PROVIDES – THERE IS ENOUGH

“And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full.” Matthew 14.20

When Jesus fed the 5000 with five loaves and two fish, Jesus didn't provide barely enough for people to take the edge of their hunger. Everyone ate their fill and they had baskets full of leftovers.

We live in a world that constantly teaches us that we don't have enough. Scarcity rules the day. We focus on what we lack.

Yet with God, we have enough! Martin Luther clearly expresses this in his explanation to the first article of the Apostle's Creed:

I believe that God has made me and all creatures; that He has given me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my reason and all my senses, and still takes care of them. He also gives me clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, wife and children, land, animals, and all I have. He richly and daily provides me with all that I need to support this body and life. He defends me against all danger and guards and protects me from all evil. All this He does only out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me. For all this it is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him. This is most certainly true.

How might the next step on your journey of generosity respond to God's abundance in your life?

If you ordered flowers for Easter Sunday, please review the information below. If any corrections need to be made, please contact Casey in the office at clemier@firstpresfargo.org.

In Loving Memory of...	By...
Chester & Myrna Ahlin; L. J. & Virginia Boekelheide	Thomas & Jane Ahlin
Ed Anderson	Marion Anderson & Grandchildren, Elizabeth & Erik
Robert & Margaret Norman	Tom & Sarah Bigwood
Lori Billings	Rev. Dan Billings
Margaret Campbell	Larry Campbell
Bev Nathe & Jacob Dawson	Steve & Vicki Dawson Family
Bob, Edith, Gary, and Chuck Dawson	Kathy Fox Family, Tom & Georgia Dawson Family, and Steve & Vicki Dawson Family
Our Parents, Loran Guenther, Sandy Mathew, Edith Dawson	Bruce & Lorraine Furness
Stephen I. Morse, Elmer & Phyllis Haak	Tim, Linda, and Taaren Haak, Andrew & Leah Haak Beck
The Vosper & Hansen Families	Claudia Hansen
Do & Tod Gunkelman, Paul Gulbrandson	Sally & David Harmon
The Hoffman / Sander Families	David Hoffman & Wayne Sander
Vicki Laraway	Richard, Mark, and Megan Laraway
Tom Van Osdel, A.J. & Mildred Larew	Don Larew
Phil Martin	Gwen Martin
Clyde & Carroll Maylath, Frank & Jayne Turk	Bruce & AnneMarie Maylath
Lori & Robert	Marilyn Olson
Parents and Son	Judy Rippentrop
Marjorie & Fred Tight, Abbie & Bob Peterson, and Tom Tight	Debbie & Bob Tight
David Twete	Ginny Twete & Family
Mick & Irene Flanagan	Holly & Ryan Younggren

In Honor of...	By...
Our children, Robert & Kate	Tom & Sarah Bigwood
Our Children & Grandchildren	Bruce & Lorraine Furness
Monna Rae Morse	Tim, Linda, and Taaren Haak, Andrew & Leah Haak Beck
My Kids & Grandkids	Roberta Mohagen

To the Glory of God...	By...
	Mark & Ruth DeRuyter
	Steve & Terri Follingstad
	Corday & Sydney Goddard
	Amy & Jeff Wilkens



Holy Buckets ~ New Life Center: The mission of the New Life Center is to serve people who are on the journey from homeless and hurting to whole and healthy by meeting basic needs and transforming lives through the love of Christ. **URGENT Mission Needs:** Men's T-Shirts (3XL), Men's Boxers (All Sizes), Men's Gloves, Men's Thermals (2XL+), Razors / Shaving Cream, Toothbrushes / Toothpaste (Travel-Size), Cold Medicine (Alcohol Free), Cough Drops, Tylenol / Ibuprofen, Neosporin

You are invited!

SHINE ON BRUNCH

Following Worship
Sunday, April 27th

Scan the QR Code and fill out the form, or contact Casey in the Church office to RSVP!

RSVP Here

Church Event Parking: If you are frequently at the church during workday hours, please stop by the office for a "church event" parking permit rear view mirror hang tag, or you can call the church office and we'll leave one for you to pick up on Sunday. Occasionally, there is a walk-through done of the parking lot to identify those who should not be parking here. If you do receive a yellow warning ticket, don't panic, call the church office to let us know.

VBS is Coming Soon! Spring is here and that means summer is right around the corner! We are gearing up to start decorating for Vacation Bible School, which will be held June 9-12th, so keep an eye out for more information on materials to donate and a link to register in future publications.

Covenant of Prayer: Beatrice Janaka's husband, James; Brad Schenck, son of Richard Schenck (BD) fighting brain cancer.

Wed. Activities Meal: Thank you to the Building & Grounds Committee for providing the meal last Wednesday. This week's meal will be provided by the Management & Finance Committee. We are so grateful for all your service.

All-Church Orchestra will lead worship on Sunday, April 27. This group is for string, woodwind, brass, and percussion players who are 7th graders through adults. If you are interested and have not played with this ensemble before, please contact Jill Post at jillkath@aol.com. Rehearsals are scheduled for Wednesday 23rd at 5:30 p.m. and that Sunday morning at 9:30 a.m. If you have questions or comments regarding the music ministry, please contact coordinator, Pam Andrist-Burns, at pburns@firstpresfargo.org.

Easter Hallelujah Chorus: At the conclusion of both the 9:00 a.m. and the 11:00 a.m. services on Easter Sunday, the Sanctuary choir will sing the "Hallelujah" chorus from the oratorio, Messiah, by G. F. Handel. We wholeheartedly welcome anyone who has sung this in the past who would like to join the choir in singing *Hallelujah!* on Easter Sunday to come forward during the final hymn and take a place in the choir. Copies of the music will be available and ready for use. If you would like to see the music in advance or listen to an online rehearsal track for your voice part, please contact Pam Andrist-Burns at pburns@firstpresfargo.org.

Scholarship Opportunities: High school Seniors, are you thinking of attending University of Jamestown? If so, the PW of First Presbyterian Fargo has a scholarship you might be interested in applying for. Visit our website at www.firstpresfargo.org/scholarships, or contact Rusty Bender at rbender@firstpresfargo.org to get the application. This scholarship is available only to students from First Presbyterian Fargo, and the deadline is April 30th, 2025. It will be awarded at our May salad luncheon.

Our First Presbyterian Church scholarship is also available. This scholarship is open to those who will be starting their first year of college. The deadline to apply is May 4. Please contact Rusty Bender if you have any questions; you can find the application forms on our website at the link above.

Holy Week services:

- Maundy Thursday Worship, 4/17 @ 7:30pm
- Easter Sunday Worship, 4/20 @ 9:00am & 11:00am

Palm Sunday marks the jubilant entrance of Jesus into Jerusalem, where crowds cheered and laid down palm branches in praise. Yet, this triumph sets the stage for Holy Week, a journey that leads us from celebration to reflection. As we move through the solemn events of the Last Supper, Crucifixion, and ultimately the sorrowful waiting, we prepare our hearts for the joy of Easter morning and the victory of the Resurrection.

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: Curt Brickman, Kathryn Byrd, Deb Dawson, Tom Dawson, Tetteh Dottey, Colleen Ford-Dunker, Jody Hudson, Kurt Kooyer, Dick Laraway, Bruce Maylath, Brian McClure, Jim McEvers, Elaine Rudd (clerk), Sharon Secor, Jeff Wilkens, and Steve Wonderlich. **Deacons:** Paula Christensen, Toby Christensen, Dianne Connelly, Steve Dawson, Brenda Deckard, Sydney Goddard, David Hoffman, Gayla McGoldrick, Wayne Sander, Candy Shultz, Virginia Stern, Kathleen Thomas, Kevin 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*

Pamela Andrist-Burns: *Music Ministry Coordinator*

Bryan Poyzer: *Adult Choir Director*

Carrie Lawrence: *Sunday School 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

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

April 6, 2025 Attendance: 180

135 in person

45 households livestreamed

Contributions received: \$7,474.00



Church Information

Office Hours:

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

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

Sunday, April 13

11:30 Fellowship

Monday, April 14

No Church Events

Tuesday, April 15

9:30 PW Circles

1:00 PW Circle

Wednesday, April 16

5:00 Wednesday Activities Dinner

5:30 St. Andrew's Brass Rehearsal

5:30 Genesis Ringers Rehearsal

6:15 Children & Youth Choir Rehearsals

6:30 Westminster Bells Rehearsal

7:30 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, April 17

12:15 Centering Prayer

7:30 Maundy Thursday Tenebrae Service (L)

Friday, April 18

No Church Events

Saturday, April 19

10:00 PW Circle (H)

Sunday, April 20

9:00 Easter Sunday Worship (L)

10:00 Fellowship

11:00 Easter Sunday Worship (L)

12:00 Fellowship

Please note that the **office will be closed** Easter Monday and will be open again during our regular hours from 9:00am to 4:00pm on Tuesday, April 22nd.

JOIN IN THE FESTIVITIES!

Eggstra Eggstraordinary Eggstravaganza

April 13th, following Worship

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- QUICK, FUN CRAFTS
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