



January 15, 2023

Ordination & Installation of Officers

*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**

*Improvisation on 'Ar Hyd y nos'*  
Kathleen Thompson, guest organist

Todd Wilson

### **WELCOME & CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH**

### **MOMENT OF SILENCE**

### **\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Sing a new song,  
**a song of thanks and praise,**  
for God has done wondrous deeds,  
**and is great beyond compare!**  
**Let us worship God!**

### **\*HYMN 39**

*Great is Thy Faithfulness*

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;  
there is no shadow of turning with thee.  
Thou changest not; thy compassions they fail not.  
As thou hast been thou forever wilt be.

Refrain: Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!

Morning by morning, new mercies I see.  
All I have needed thy hand hath provided.  
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,  
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above  
join with all nature in manifold witness  
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. (Refrain)

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,  
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,  
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow:  
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! (Refrain)

**\*CONFESSION AND DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

**Loving God, we have chased after foolish things, and spent our strength on vanity; our labor has been in vain. Deliver us from arrogance and forgive our self-concern, that we may find our reward with you, as servants of your dream. Through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.**

**\*RESPONSE 581**

*Gloria Patri*

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be.  
World without end. Amen, Amen.**

**GIFT OF MUSIC**

*This is My Song*

Sibelius/Wood

Sanctuary Choir; Bryan Poyzer, director; Wanda Wavra, piano

**The Word**

**SCRIPTURE**

*1 Corinthians 1:1-9, pp. 1038*

Sue Van Osdel, reader

*John 1:29-42, pp. 966*

*Whirl Story Bible pg. 206*

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

**SERMON**

The Rev. Mary Jo E. Holtey

**\*HYMN 726**

*Will You Come and Follow Me*

"Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?  
Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?  
Will you let my love be shown; will you let my name be known;  
will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?"

"Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?  
Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?  
Will you risk the hostile stare should your life attract or scare?  
Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?"

"Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name?  
Will you set the prisoners free and never be the same?  
Will you kiss the leper clean, and do such as this unseen,  
and admit to what I mean in you and you in me?"

"Will you love the 'you' you hide if I but call your name?  
Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?  
Will you use the faith you've found to reshape the world around,  
through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?"

Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name.  
Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.

in your company I'll go where your love and footsteps show.  
Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

## Responding to the Word

### ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF CHURCH OFFICERS

*Toby Christensen, Paula Christensen, Deb Dawson, Tom Dawson, Steve Dawson, Brenda Deckard, Tetteh Dottey, Jody Hudson, Bruce Maylath, Virginia Stern*

#### APOSTLE'S 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.**

#### \*SHARING OF CHRIST'S PEACE

#### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

#### 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.**



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

**OFFERTORY** *Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us* arr. Raney  
Nancy Norris & Virginia Stern, piano duo

**\*RESPONSE** *We All Are One In Mission*

We all are one in mis - sion; we all are one in call, our var - ied gifts u -  
nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all. A sin - gle great com - mis - sion com -  
pels us from a - bove to plan and work to - geth - er that all may know Christ's love.

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#### \*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

# Bearing the Word into the World

## \*HYMN 269

*Lead On, O King Eternal!*

Lead on, O King eternal! The day of march has come;  
henceforth in fields of conquest your tents shall be our home.  
Through days of preparation your grace has made us strong,  
and now, O King eternal, we lift our battle song.

Lead on, O King eternal, till sin's fierce war shall cease,  
and holiness shall whisper the sweet amen of peace;  
for not with swords' loud clashing, nor roll of stirring drums;  
with deeds of love and mercy the heavenly kingdom comes.

Lead on, O King eternal: we follow, not with fears,  
for gladness breaks like morning where'er your face appears;  
your cross is lifted o'er us; we journey in its light.  
The crown awaits the conquest; lead on, O God of might!

## \*BENEDICTION

## POSTLUDE

*Toccata from Symphony No. 5*  
Kathleen Thompson, organ

Widor



Welcome, Kathleen Thompson!

Kathleen is a freshman at Concordia College, where she is studying nursing and takes organ lessons from Andrew Steinberg. She is from Rochester, MN, where she began her organ studies. As well as being a student, she is on the Concordia Women's Tennis team.



**Sunday Morning Bible Study:** Sunday morning Bible study begins again next week! You are encouraged to bring your own Bible. Although classes will relate to the same topic, each class is designed to be complete on its own, so feel free to jump in when you can. We are not meeting every Sunday, so please mark your calendars. The Bible study will start up again January 22 at 9:15am, continuing January 29, February 5, February 12, February 26, March 5, March 12, March 26, April 2, April 16, April 30, and May 7.

**PW Circles:** Please note the change in location. Circles will meet Jan. 17 in the Jennie Roberts Room; Naomi/Ruth Circles will meet at 9:30am and the Rachel Circle will meet at 1:00pm. The Leah circle will meet Jan. 21 at 10:00am via Zoom. If you are interested or have any questions, please contact Jan Kenien at (701) 280-2391.



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1:00 - 4:00 in the Social Hall

# CRAFTERNOON!

Sign up on the Volunteer Opportunities Board



Sign-Up Here

**Crafternoon:** Come join us Saturday January 28th at 1:00 in the Social Hall and learn a new hobby. No experience or supplies needed. We will have stations for Wool Needle Felting, Leather Hand Tooling, Paper Quilling, Bath Bombs, and Macrame. Sign up using the QR code or on the Volunteer Opportunities board.

**Covenant Of Prayer:** 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.

**Remembering Our Soldiers In Prayer:** If you have a loved one in the military, please let Pastor Mary know and we'll include his/her name.

**Looking for University of Jamestown Alumni!** If you have a connection to the University of Jamestown, we would love to have you help us welcome the UJ Concert Choir and serve them lunch on Sunday, February 26 after they sing in worship. Needed are funds to pay for the lunch, and servers to set up and clean up in the Social Hall. For more information or to volunteer, contact Casey in the church office at [clemier@firstpresfargo.org](mailto:clemier@firstpresfargo.org).

## CHILI COOK OFF

January 22 after worship



Sign up on the Volunteer Opportunities Board or here: <https://subspla.sh/rd2w7pd/>

Perfect your chili today!

**Say Hello:** We stress to our desk volunteers during the week, *not to open the door for anyone* unless they are sure that person has reason to be here. Also, they may not recognize you on the monitor. When asked to identify yourself and state why you are at the church, please don't take offense, as safety is our paramount concern.

**Photo Updates:** Take a new photo for this year's holiday cards? If so, please email a copy to the church office at [admin.assistant@firstpresfargo.org](mailto:admin.assistant@firstpresfargo.org), or bring a hard copy into the office to be scanned. The office is hoping to put out the 2023 Hard Copy Directory soon!

**Check the Lost & Found:** Lose an earring? Can't find that sweater that you were wearing the other day? Check the Lost and Found table in the West Foyer. Unclaimed items will be donated at the end of each season.

**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

Rev. Sarah M. Bigwood-*Head of Staff, Pastor*  
Rev. Mary Jo E. Holtey-*Associate Pastor*  
Rev. Daniel Billings-*Parish Associate*  
Sally Harmon-*Music Coordinator & Organist*  
Bryan Poyzer-*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, January 15**

*11:30 Fellowship*

### **Monday, January 16**

6:30 Session & Board of Deacons Meeting

### **Tuesday, January 17**

*9:30 PW Circles*

*10:30 Staff Meeting*

*1:00 PW Circle*

### **Wednesday, January 18**

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, January 19**

No Church Events

### **Friday, January 20**

No Church Events

### **Saturday, January 21**

No Church Events

### **Sunday, January 22**

*9:15 Sunday Morning Bible Study*

*9:15 Sunday School*

*10:30 Worship (L)*

*11:30 Fellowship & Chili Cook Off*

**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 8 Attendance: 267

210 in person;

57 households livestreamed

Contributions received: \$4,018.25



### Church Information

Office Hours:

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

Phone: 701-293-6311

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## CASHWISE COUPON BOOKS

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