



**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.

**May 26, 2024
Trinity Sunday**

We Gather in Christ

PRELUDE

Holy, Holy, Holy
Sally Harmon, organ

arrs. Leavitt/Kosnik

WELCOME

MOMENT OF SILENCE

Holy God, source of all goodness, you gave your Son for the life of the world and sent your Spirit that your love might abide within us. Teach us how to love each other this day, that we may have life, and have it abundantly, with you, in Christ, and through the Holy Spirit. Amen.

✦ CALL TO WORSHIP

The Rev. Mary Jo E. Holtey

Blessed be God,
Eternal Majesty,
Living Word,
Abiding Spirit.

Jesus said, the way to see God's dream for the world
is to be born from above by the Spirit.

**Jesus said, the way to take part in that dream
is to be born of water and Spirit.**

That gift is available this day.

May you receive God's Spirit, be made whole,
and dwell more deeply in love divine. Amen.

Glory to God, the Father, the Son, and the Spirit, forever.

Let us worship the Triune God.

❖ **HYMN 1**

Holy, Holy, Holy

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.
Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! all the saints adore thee,
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
who wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy! though the darkness hide thee,
though the eye of sinfulness thy glory may not see,
only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,
perfect in power, in love and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth and sky and sea.
Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

❖ **CONFESSION AND DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

Holy God, we know that you are always there to lead us, yet we somehow lose our way and fall back into fear. We confess that we have stumbled, and we recognize our need for you to lift us up and help us start again. Forgive us our failings, restore us to strength, and reconcile us with you, ourselves, and each other, through the power of Christ and the gift of your Spirit. 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**

GIFT OF MUSIC

God of Our Fathers

arr. Carl Seal

Nancy Norris and Virginia Stern, piano duo

The Word

SCRIPTURE

Romans 8:1-17, pp. 1029

Tori Hughes, reader

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

SERMON

Spirit of Adoption

The Rev. Sarah M Bigwood

❖ **HYMN 8**

Eternal Father, Strong to Save

Eternal Father, strong to save,
whose arm has bound the restless wave,
who bade the mighty ocean deep
its own appointed limits keep:
O hear us when we cry to thee
for those in peril on the sea.

O Savior, whose almighty word
the winds and waves submissive heard,
who walked upon the foaming deep,
and calm amid its rage did sleep:
O hear us when we cry to thee
for those in peril on the sea.

O Holy Spirit, who did brood
upon the chaos wild and rude,
and bade its angry tumult cease,
and gave, for fierce confusion, peace:
O hear us when we cry to thee
for those in peril on the sea.

O Trinity of love and power,
all travelers guard in danger's hour;
from rock and tempest, fire and foe,
protect them wheresoe'er they go;
thus evermore shall rise to thee
glad praise from air and land and sea.

❖ **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

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

arr. Joel Raney

Nancy Norris and Virginia Stern, piano duo

✦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 268

Crown Him with Many Crowns

Crown him with many crowns,
the Lamb upon his throne;
hark, how the heavenly anthem drowns
all music but its own!

Awake, my soul, and sing
of him who died for thee,
and hail him as thy matchless King
through all eternity.

Crown him the Lord of love;
behold his hands and side,
rich wounds, yet visible above,
in beauty glorified:
no angel in the sky
can fully bear that sight,
but downward bends his burning eye
at mysteries so bright.

Crown him the Lord of peace,
whose power a scepter sways
from pole to pole, that wars may cease,
absorbed in prayer and praise.
His reign shall know no end;
and round his pierced feet
fair flowers of paradise extend
their fragrance ever sweet.

Crown him the Lord of years,
the potentate of time;
creator of the rolling spheres,

ineffably sublime.
All hail, Redeemer, hail!
For thou hast died for me;
thy praise shall never, never fail
throughout eternity.

✦ **BENEDICTION**

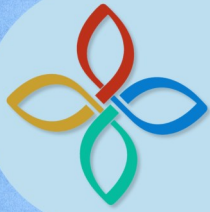
POSTLUDE

Crown Him with Many Crowns
Sally Harmon, organ

arr. James W. Kosnik

Thank you to Tetteh Dottey, Robby Bigwood, and Tori Hughes for assisting us in worship and to our Welcome Team: Colleen Ford-Dunker, David Hoffman, Kathleen Thomas, and Marcia Foss & her team for taking such good care of us this morning.

A special thank you to our musicians: Sally Harmon, Nancy Norris, and Virginia Stern.



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH OF FARGO

Sunday Worship

May 26, 2024

Summer Office Hours Begin: The office will be closed Monday, May 27 in observance of Memorial Day. From Tuesday, May 28 through Labor Day, the church office hours will be Monday through Thursday from 9:00am to 3:00pm. The office is closed on Fridays.

Recognition & Thanks Event: Kayla Bones has announced that she will be leaving her position as Coordinator of Youth and Young Adult Ministries as of June 9th. For the last nine years she has been a key member of the church staff, and she has contributed significantly to building faith and strong relationships with our youth and young adults among many other things. We want to recognize and thank her for her many contributions in the life of this church. So, we are having a party after the worship service on **June 9th**. We will have cake, cookies, and refreshments. It will be lots of fun! All are welcome to attend. If unable to do so, consider sending a card of thanks to Kayla in care of the church. If you are attending, consider bringing a card wishing her well to give her in-person.

Contemplative Photography

IN THE BADLANDS

Medora & Theodore Roosevelt National Park

Sponsored by the Pilgrimage

\$650 single occupancy;
\$595 double occupancy

Cost incl. course instruction,
hotel, and meals. Scholarships
available.

Registration due 6-1-24



ENCOURAGES A NEW PERSPECTIVE...

and lets us explore the heart of nature to find God "hidden in plain view".

AWE-INSPIRING VIEWS...

The starkly beautiful vistas of the Badlands and their unique flora and fauna inspire us.

NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY...

This course is for everyone who appreciates the wonders of nature.

MORE FUN!

Attend the Medora Musical preceded by a pitchfork fondue dinner on Thursday for an additional \$95, or add a one-day extension for time to explore the Badlands on your own for \$195 (includes hotel stay and Gospel brunch).

Contemplative Photography: For more information or to register, please contact Kit O'Neill at (701) 367-3925 or kit.oneill@outlook.com

Attention origami artist(s): While we appreciate the art form, we don't enjoy the folded bills we find in the offering plate each week. We admire the stewardship and unique talent, but it's not always easy for the volunteers who count the offering to unfold the currency. Thank you for your understanding!

VBS Food Donations Needed: If you could bring a salad, dessert, fruit & veggies, or ice cream for Vacation Bible School, please sign up in the Gathering Space following worship! Look for the big "VBS".

Centering Prayer: The Presentation Prayer Center, sponsored by our very own Pilgrimage group, is offering 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. Find a moment of stillness in your day. The last day will be Thursday May 30th at 12:15pm in the Jennie Roberts Room.

Fellowship of Frolicking Friendly Females (4 F's): This group is for single women over 55 who want to get together for social activities. The next upcoming event is Wednesday, June 12th, at 11:30am; we will be meeting for lunch at Granite City. RSVP by June 7th to Marcia Foss or Elaine Rudd.

There will be a Bus Trip to Jasper Theatre in Park Rapids, MN, through the Sons of Norway, for a performance of **Music of the 50's, 60's, and 70's** on Wednesday, July 10th. Tickets are \$95 for members of the Sons of Norway, \$110 for nonmembers. The price includes the bus, bus driver tip, guide, ticket for the performance, and dinner. Lunch is on your own in Park Rapids. We will leave Fargo at 11:00am and should return by 8:00pm. If you are interested you can sign up at the Sons of Norway, or contact Marcia Foss at 701-840-1986. The deadline to register is June 25th.

Before you head to the lake this summer...

Now is a great time to start an automatic payment, or consider paying your summer month's pledges in advance.



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*
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

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

Sunday, May 26

11:30 Fellowship

Monday, May 27

Office Closed

Tuesday, May 28

No Church Events

Wednesday, May 29

No Church Events

Thursday, May 30

12:15 Centering Prayer

Friday, May 31

No Church Events

Saturday, June 1

No Church Events

Sunday, June 2

10:30 Worship Service & Communion (L)

11:30 Fellowship

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

May 19 Attendance: 222
191 in person
31 households livestreamed
Contributions received: \$9,235.50



Church Information

Summer Office Hours:
M-TH, 9:00 am-3:00 pm
Phone: 701-293-6311
www.firstpresfargo.org
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Fargo, ND 58102

Attention!

**Office hours are changing
for the summer!**

Starting after Memorial Day, the
church office will be open:

Monday – Thursday;
9:00am – 3:00pm

Thank you!!