



October 2: World Communion Sunday

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Faithful Lord, present in sorrow, present in hope, allow our lament with space to seek you, that we may not forget that your steadfast love never ceases and your Spirit forever flows. Amen.

PRELUDE

Let Us Break Bread Together

arr. Callahan

The National Spiritual Anthem of Ukraine

(Please remain seated and reflect on the text, found on the back page)

Sally Harmon, organist

WELCOME & CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

The Rev. Sarah M. Bigwood

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Listen, O people, for the word of God.

The word of God giving seed to the sower and bread to the hungry.

Listen, O people, for the word of God.

The word of God growing trees in the desert and fruit in the wilderness

Listen, O people, for the word of God.

The word of God planting faith in the weary and hope in the desperate.

Listen, O people for the word of God.

And worship God with gladness.

***HYMN 36**

For the Fruit of All Creation

For the fruit of all creation, thanks be to God.

For the gifts to every nation, thanks be to God.

For the plowing, sowing, reaping, silent growth while we are sleeping,

future needs in earth's safekeeping, thanks be to God.

In the just reward of labor, God's will be done.

In the help we give our neighbor, God's will be done.

In our worldwide task of caring for the hungry and despairing,

in the harvests we are sharing, God's will be done.

For the harvests of the Spirit, thanks be to God.
For the good we all inherit, thanks be to God.
For the wonders that astound us, for the truths that still confound us,
most of all that love has found us, thanks be to God.

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

How often do we fall into the pattern of thinking that one person is not enough? That one small kindness, one act, one life, one offering, is not enough? How easily do we justify doing nothing because we feel our compassion is futile?

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

God the maker of all things good, have mercy upon your creation. We gather on Sundays to nourish our faith, but we find the seeds scorched in the light of Monday morning. We want to bear fruits of compassion and kindness, but we fall into selfish habits, and our discipleship withers. Forgive us, God of mercy. Shower us with your grace, and free us to try again.

***DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

As we gather for worship each week, we are reminded of Jesus' sacrifice on the cross, the singular act that overturned the powers of sin and death forever. Every compassionate act is an extension of that life altering moment. No kindness is too small to matter. Futility died on the cross with our Savior. Friends, believe in the Good News of the Gospel. **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Amen.**

***RESPONSE 155**

Raise a Song of Gladness

Musical notation for the response "Raise a Song of Gladness". The music is written on three staves in treble clef, with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a time signature of 2/2. The lyrics are: "Raise a song of glad-ness, peo-ples of the earth. Christ has come, bring-ing peace, joy to ev-ery heart. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, joy to ev-ery heart! Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, joy to ev-ery heart!"

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

The Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Jane Roggensack, Reader

Holy God, speak your word; let those who hear guard the good treasure entrusted to them with the help of the Holy Spirit, living in us all. Amen.

FIRST READING

Lamentations 3:19-26

The thought of my affliction and my homelessness
is wormwood and gall!

My soul continually thinks of it
and is bowed down within me.
But this I call to mind,
and therefore I have hope:

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases,
his mercies never come to an end;
they are new every morning;
great is your faithfulness.
'The Lord is my portion,' says my soul,
'therefore I will hope in him.'

The Lord is good to those who wait for him,
to the soul that seeks him.
It is good that one should wait quietly
for the salvation of the Lord.

May God bless the reading and hearing of this portion of the holy Word.

SECOND READING

Luke 17:5-10

The apostles said to the Lord, 'Increase our faith!' The Lord replied, 'If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, "Be uprooted and planted in the sea", and it would obey you.

'Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from ploughing or tending sheep in the field, "Come here at once and take your place at the table"? Would you not rather say to him, "Prepare supper for me, put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink"? Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, "We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!"'

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

SERMON

Start Small

Rev. Sarah M. Bigwood

***HYMN 515** (verses 1-3)

I Come with Joy

I come with joy, a child of God, forgiven, loved, and free,
the life of Jesus to recall, in love laid down for me,
in love laid down for me.

I come with Christians far and near to find, as all are fed,
the new community of love in Christ's communion bread,
in Christ's communion bread.

As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each proud division ends.
The love that made us, makes us one, and strangers now are friends,
and strangers now are friends.

Responding to the Word

MISSION COMMISSIONING

This week several members of the Presbytery of the Northern Plains including members of this

congregation will travel to Chogoria, Kenya to work, learn, teach, and prepare for future engagements. This partnership has been in place at First Presbyterian Church of Fargo for 25 years and within the Presbytery for over a decade. Missionaries: Kayla Bones, Jay Nelson, Kaitlin Schmitz, Sharon Secor, and Molly Secor will be commissioned at FPC-Fargo this morning. Rev. Cathie Bishop and Carrie Leopold will be commissioned at Community Presbyterian, West Fargo.



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

OFFERTORY *Together in One Song* Wood
Sanctuary Choir; Bryan Poyzer, director; Sally Harmon, organ

We gather here, to sing for every nation,
We sing of peace for lands both far and near;
We join as one, united in one spirit,
We share a vision of a world united, a world of peace, a world without fear.

All nations share the dream to build a future,
A future where all children may be free,
To grow in love, to grow in understanding;
This is the world we hope one day will be.
Join in our song, O people of all nations, our song is peace!

We sing today as one! May truth and freedom come to every nation,
May peace abound where strife has raged so long,
that we may seek to love and build together
a world united, righting every wrong.
A world united in its love of freedom, proclaiming peace, together in one song!

***RESPONSE 611** *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*
Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love!
Hearts unfold like flowers before thee, opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Sealing of the Word

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

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.

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

HYMN OF APPROACH 515 (verses 4 & 5) *I Come with Joy*

The Spirit of the risen Christ, unseen, but ever near,
is in such friendship better known, alive among us here,
alive among us here.

Together met, together bound by all that God has done,
we'll go with joy, to give the world the love that makes us one,
the love that makes us one.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION MUSIC

Come, Let Us Eat

arr. Moglebust

Westminster Ringers; Bryan Poyzer, directing
Sam Johnson, Jeff Olson, Kevin Thomas, percussion

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Bearing the Word into the World

***HYMN 530**

One Bread, One Body

Refrain: One bread, one body, one Lord of all, one cup of blessing which we bless.

And we, though many, throughout the earth, we are one body in this one Lord.

Gentile or Jew, servant of free, woman or man, no more. (refrain)

Many the gifts, many the works, one in the Lord of all. (refrain)

Grain for the fields, scattered and grown, gathered to one, for all. (refrain)

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

I Come with Joy to Greet My Lord

arr. Martin

The National Spiritual Anthem of Ukraine

Lord, oh the Great and Almighty,
Protect our beloved Ukraine,
Bless her with freedom and light
Of your holy rays.

With learning and knowledge enlighten
Us, your children small,
In love pure and everlasting
Let us, oh Lord, grow.

We pray, oh Lord Almighty,
Protect our beloved Ukraine,
Grant our people and country
All your kindness and grace.

Bless us with freedom, bless us with wisdom,
Guide into kind world,
Bless us, oh Lord, with good fortune
Forever and evermore.



Serving at Micah's Mission continues: Thank you to those who have been preparing and serving meals at Micah's Mission (part of Churches United for the Homeless). Our commitment continues every second Thursday of the month. A sign up sheet is at the Volunteer Opportunities Board if you're wishing to help on October 13. We need 4 meal preparers from 3-5pm and 4 servers from 5-7pm. Consider forming a team, or being part of a team. See Pastor Mary if this is for you! Come and be a part of this longstanding partnership.

Pilgrimage: "Alternative Orthodoxy" class open to all: How do contemplation, mysticism, compassion, and justice inform Christianity? With Rohr's videos facilitated by spiritual director Maren Ortmeier, this 5-session course provides new insight into age-old theology.

When: Tuesdays, 6:30-8:00 P.M., It started Sept. 13 and goes through Oct. 11

Where: Meeting rooms #2&3 and Zoom.

Contact: Mike Wavra, wavramw@aol.com or at 701-566-1483.

Town Hall: The Town Hall Lecture Series continues on October 18 with actor and historian Joe Wiegand. This new season includes a new day, Tuesdays at 10:30 am, and a new location at Prairie Heights Church, 319 32nd Ave. West Fargo. Please visit fargotownhall.org for more information.

St. Andrew's Society 37th Annual Dinner Program: The St. Andrew's Society of the FM area will have its 37th annual dinner/program that celebrates Scottish culture and heritage, on Saturday, November 5th at The Courtyard By Marriott, 1080 28th Ave. S., Moorhead, MN. The social hour will begin at 5:00 p.m. and the dinner/program will begin at 5:30 p.m. The program will include performances by the Heather and Thistle Pipes and Drums Band; dancing by members of the Minnesota Celtic Dance Association; and a singer who will perform famous Scottish songs. Tickets are available through November 2nd by calling 402-981-2333. **(FOR EVERYONE'S PROTECTION, IT IS REQUESTED THAT ALL ATTENDEES BE FULLY VACCINATED AND BOOSTED.)**

Covenant Of Prayer: Jennifer; Hannah; those who are experiencing homelessness in our community; our sister congregation in Chogoria, Kenya; and the people of Ukraine.

Remembering Our Soldiers In Prayer: Lt. Col. Dan Sundberg will return from Iraq in December. If you have a loved one in the military, please let Pastor Mary know and we'll include his/her name.

The Emergency Food Pantry: We are once again going to commit to serving the Pantry through our volunteering mission. This very worthwhile mission service had a break during the pandemic but now they are ready for us to assist them again. We will be volunteering the mornings of the week Monday, October 3rd through Thursday, October 6th from 9:30 a.m. to noon. There are many different jobs to do. There will be signup sheets at today's and Oct 3rd services. You may also sign up by calling Jan Harrison at 701-371-1855 or 701-293-6130 or for more information.

ManUp Bible Study for Men: ManUp kicks off its monthly study for the program year on October 11th at 6:45 a.m., in the Jennie Roberts Room. The group meets on the second Tuesday of each month, October through May. Coffee and breakfast pastries will be served. Intended to help men understand what the Bible says in relation to what is expected of a Christian man, the study this year examines the Book of Job. A copy of the study guide can be obtained by requesting a copy from Bruce Maylath at ring4linguist@yahoo.com. No advance preparation is required for each month's study

Piano for Sale \$200: Do you know a young musician starting piano lessons this year? The church has an extra piano that could use a new home! This Everett spinet piano, with bench, is in good condition. The buyer will need to have it moved. For further information, contact Sally Harmon, sharmon@firstpresfargo.org.

We need you for All Treats, Some Trunks, and No Tricks! Help is needed to make this a great event. We are looking for people willing to bring and hand out candy. There will be stations set up inside for people who want to stay warm. Returning as well is "Trunk" decorating and handing out treats in the parking lot. There is a sign-up for those who will decorate a trunk and those who want to hand out candy from a station. Please reach out to Vicki Dawson or Carrie Lawrence with any questions.

PW Bible Study Leaders: Mary Holtey will present the Bible Study on Lesson 2 in the office conference room Oct. 5 at 2pm. ZOOM available upon request.

PW Circles: Circles will meet on Oct. 11. The Naomi/Ruth Circle will meet in the Social Hall at 9:30am, and the Rachel Circle will meet at 1 PM in the Social Hall. The Leah Circle met Saturday 9/24.

We Have New Neighbors! In the former Dawson Insurance Company building across the church parking lot is a new agency that helps unsheltered veterans. The mission committee thought a fall Holy Buckets drive would be a warm way of welcoming the Veterans Center into the neighborhood. We will be collecting items for the Veterans that are **brand new** and still have the tags on. They are in need of:

winter coats (M-3XL), cold weather hats/caps (no homemade ones at this time), insulated gloves (L or XL), insulated coveralls/bibs (L or XL), sweatpants (S-3XL), Tee-shirts (S-3XL), men's underwear (S-2XL)

XL and XXL are the most needed sizes. Consider asking a First Pres Fargo neighbor to share the cost of a coat (or any other neighbor you might have). Cash donations will also be accepted and the mission committee can do the shopping. Stay tuned for a new Giving Tree this Christmas for our new neighbors.

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: Abi Carlson, Kim Carter, Lisa Edison-Smith, Colleen Ford-Dunker, Dick Henderson, Ryan Johnston, Kurt Kooyer, Dick Laraway, Carrie Lawrence, Brian McClure, Elaine Rudd (clerk), Scott Swanholm, Becky Trumbo, and Jeff Wilkens. **Deacons:** Brenda Deckard, Ed Deckard (treasurer), Gracia Fulwiler, Rick Herberg, Beatrice Janaka, Jane Mathew (moderator), Karen Rivers, Donna Rummens, Candy Shultz, Kathleen Thomas, Debbie Tight, and Amy Wilkens.

Church Treasurer: Sherri Stern

Church Staff

Rev. Sarah M. Bigwood-*Head of Staff, Pastor*
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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, October 2

11:30 Coffee & Fellowship

Monday, October. 3

1:00 Bulletin Insert Articles Due

5:30 Building and Grounds Committee Meeting

Tuesday, October. 4

10:30 Staff Meeting

5:30 Worship Committee Meeting (H)

6:30 "Alternate Orthodoxy" Pilgrimage (H)

7:00 Mission Committee Meeting

Wednesday, October. 5

1:00 Pilgrimage Guides

5:30 Genesis Ringers

6:15 Children / Youth Choirs

6:30 Westminster Ringers

6:30 Pilgrimage Guides

7:00 Youth Group

7:30 Sanctuary Choir

Thursday, October. 6

No Church Events

Friday, October. 7

No Church Events

Saturday, October. 8

No Church Events

Sunday, October. 9

9:15 Sunday School

10:30 Worship (L)

11:30 Fellowship

Reminder: Use the QR code found in the bulletin to access the secure giving portal on our website!

For Your Information

September 25 Attendance: 192

161 in person;

31 households livestreamed

Contributions received: \$8714.00



Church Information

Office Hours:

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

Phone: 701-293-6311

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