



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 6, 2025

We Gather in Christ

PRELUDE

*Eternal Father, Strong to Save
Father, I Adore You
Rescue The Perishing
Elliot Sander, organ*

arr. Sander

WELCOME

MOMENT OF SILENCE

God of the harvest, you call us to go into the world and share your peace. Help us to walk gently, speak kindly, and serve faithfully, trusting in your provision. May our lives reflect your grace, and our witness draw others into your kingdom. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.

✧ CALL TO WORSHIP

The Rev. Mary Jo E. Holtey

The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few.

We come to worship the God who calls us.

God sends us to share peace and proclaim the kingdom.

We come to be strengthened and inspired.

Rejoice that your names are written in heaven!

Let us worship God!

✧ HYMN 337

My Country, 'Tis of Thee

My country, 'tis of thee, sweet land of liberty, of thee I sing:
land where my fathers died, land of the pilgrims' pride,
from every mountainside let freedom ring.

My native country, thee, land of the noble free, thy name I love;
I love thy rocks and rills, thy woods and templed hills;
my heart with rapture thrills like that above.

Let music swell the breeze, and ring from all the trees sweet freedom's song.
Let mortal tongues awake; let all that breathe partake;
let rocks their silence break, the sound prolong.

Our fathers' God, to thee, author of liberty, to thee we sing.
Long may our land be bright with freedom's holy light;
protect us by thy might, great God, our King.

✧ **CONFESSION AND DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

Lord of the harvest, you call us to go out and proclaim your peace, yet we hesitate, afraid of rejection and discomfort. You send us with nothing but trust, yet we cling to our possessions and plans. Forgive us for our lack of courage and faith. Strengthen us to walk in your way, that we may be bearers of your peace and witnesses to your kingdom. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

✧ **RESPONSE 48**

Rain Down

Rain down; rain down;
rain down your love on your people.
Rain down; rain down;
rain down your love, God of life.

✧ **PASSING OF THE PEACE**

The Word

SCRIPTURE

Luke 10:1-11,16-20, pp. 945

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

SERMON

The Rev. Daniel Billings

✧ **HYMN 298** *Lord, You Give the Great Commission (vs. 1,2,5)*

Lord, you give the great commission: "Heal the sick and preach the word."
Lest the church neglect its mission, and the gospel go unheard,
help us witness to your purpose with renewed integrity:
with the Spirit's gifts empower us for the work of ministry.

Lord, you call us to your service: "In my name baptize and teach."
That the world may trust your promise, life abundant meant for each,
give us all new fervor, draw us closer in community:
with the Spirit's gifts empower us for the work of ministry.

Lord, you bless with words assuring: "I am with you to the end."
Faith and hope and love restoring, may we serve as you intend,
and, amid the cares that claim us, hold in mind eternity:
with the Spirit's gifts empower us for the work of ministry.

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 63 *The Lord Is God (vs. 1,2,4)*

The Lord is God, the Lord alone! Give honor, thanks, and praise
to God, the maker of all things and giver of our days.

With all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind and might,
O people, love the Lord your God, the source of truth and light.

The Lord is God, the Lord alone! Give honor, thanks, and praise
to God, the maker of all things and giver of our days.

COMMUNION MUSIC *God Leads His Children* arr. Sander
Elliot Sander, organ

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

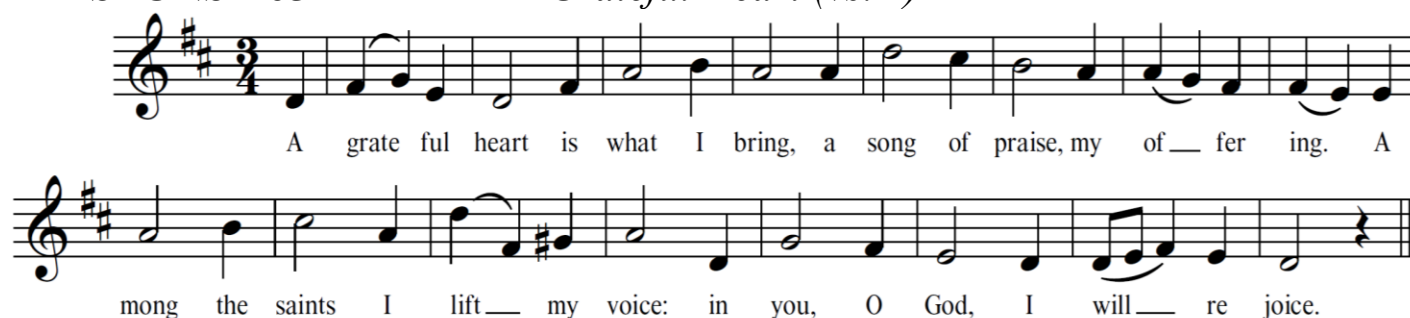
Responding to the Word



OFFERING MESSAGE

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

OFFERTORY *America, the Beautiful* Samuel Ward
Claudia Hansen, handbell solo; Elliot Sander, piano

❖ **RESPONSE 652***A Grateful Heart (vs. 1)*❖ **PRAYER OF DEDICATION****Bearing the Word into the World**❖ **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 brotherhood 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!

❖ **BENEDICTION****POSTLUDE***Battle Hymn of the Republic*
Elliot Sander, organ

arr. Sander

Thank you to Rusty Bender on livestream and soundboard, Rev. Daniel Billings for assisting in worship, and our Welcome Team: Jim McEvers, Wayne Sander, Amy Wilkens, Joe & Leanne Stanley, Mary & Jim Simle, Dorothy McClure, Kurt Kooyer, Bruce Maylath, Murray Moen, Sherri Stern, and Dick Laraway for taking such good care of us this morning.

A special thank you to our musicians: Claudia Hansen and Elliot Sander.



Heart-n-Soul is looking for Volunteers! HnS is looking for a variety of volunteers throughout the summer to help out with cooking, prepping, serving, and greeting for their Mobile Cafés. If you are interested in helping out, please visit their website at <https://heartsoulcafe.com/volunteer/>, or you can contact Leola at heartsoulcc@gmail.com.



Emergency Food Pantry: Items placed in the large tote box in the coat room go directly to the FM Food Pantry each week. They are currently in need of peanut butter; they are also short of canned frostings for birthday bags, which people request for their children who are celebrating a birthday in the next 2 months. There is a great need for personal care items, such as toothpaste, toothbrushes, shampoo, conditioner, laundry soap, dish soap, deodorant, cleaning supplies, feminine products, shavers, and shaving cream. As food is purchased with the funds they receive, these items must be donated voluntarily. If you can help out this summer, be assured it will go to those in need. Starting in August, school supply bags will be made for children.

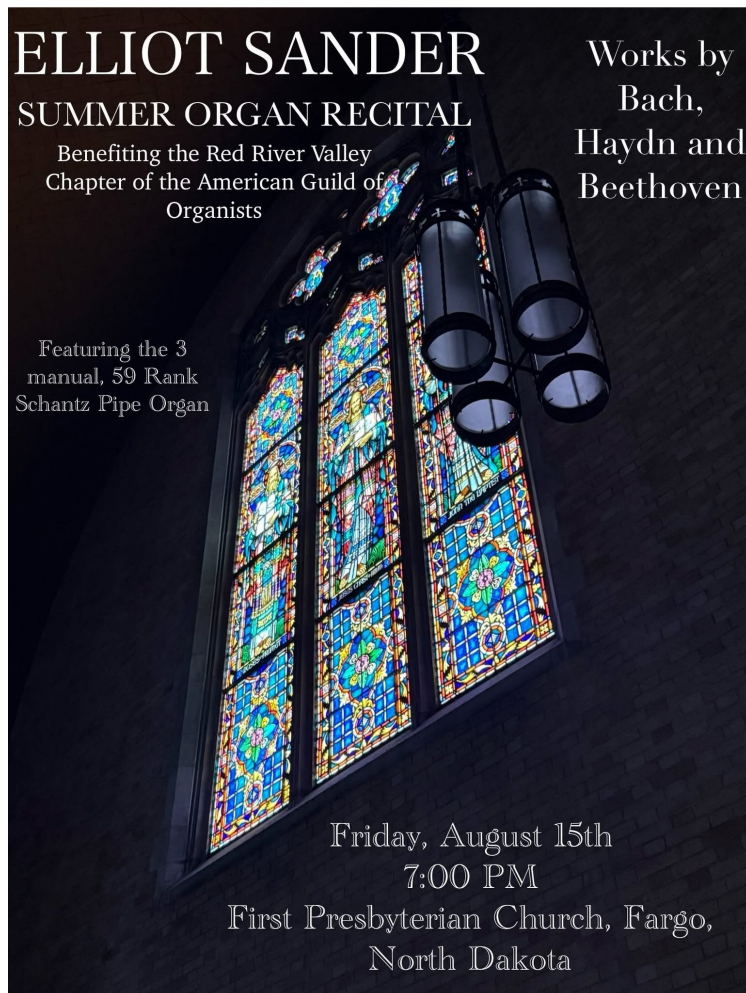


Adult Vacation Bible School: Join us July 28-31 at 7 PM, in the Jennie Roberts Room for Adult Vacation Bible School! Each session will focus on a different topic, with a Bible lesson, hymn singing, and treats. Come to one or all nights – no registration required. More information regarding the speakers coming soon!

Covenant of Prayer: Congratulations to Church Member Jenna Mazaheri and Warren Lenz on their marriage June 19, 2025; Beatrice Janaka's husband, James; Brad Schenck, son of Richard Schenck (BD) fighting brain cancer.

Outside Group Event: Please be aware that outside groups will be using various spaces throughout the church this coming week, from Monday morning July 7th through the evening on Thursday the 10th. Affected spaces are the Sanctuary, Jennie Roberts Room, Meeting Rooms 1, 2, and 3, and some upstairs classrooms. Thank you.

Serving meals at Micah's Mission. We will continue to serve at Micah's Mission throughout the summer on the second Thursday of every month. Signup sheets are at the Volunteer Opportunities Board in the west foyer for July, August, September and October. We are still looking for a couple people to help serve the meal this week! Thank you for your continued support of and generosity to this mission.



Elliot Sander Summer Organ Recital: This music-filled evening will serve as a fundraiser benefit for the Red River Chapter of the American Guild Of Organists. Works from Bach, Beethoven and Haydn will be featured. Guest performers, Alex Swanson and Organist Emeritus Sally Harmon will be joining Elliot for the performance. The star of the show is our church's exquisite 59 rank Schantz pipe organ. There will be a reception following; we hope to see you there!

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, Colleen Ford-Dunker, Jody Hudson, Kurt Kooyer, Dick Laraway, Bruce Maylath, Brian McClure, Jim McEvers, Sharon Secor, Paula Thomas (clerk), 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*

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Staff emails are: (first initial and last name of person)

@firstpresfargo.org

L: Live Stream Option, H: Hybrid, Z: Zoom
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Sunday, July 6

11:30 Fellowship

Monday, July 7

No Church Events

Tuesday, July 8

No Church Events

Wednesday, July 9

No Church Events

Thursday, July 10

3:00 Preparing @ Micah's Mission

5:00 Serving @ Micah's Mission

Friday, July 11

No Church Events

Saturday, July 12

No Church Events

Sunday, July 13

10:30 Worship Service

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!



Church Information

Summer Office Hours:

M-TH, 9:00 am-3:00 pm

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Attendance and Contribution Information: Due to the office closure this past week, Attendance and Received Contribution information will be available in next week's bulletin insert for both June 29th and today's services. Thank you for your patience.

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.



Help us avoid the 'Summer Slump'! With so many congregants "at the lake", we historically see donations decrease during the summer months. Contact Jan Lundgren in the church office if you have any questions.



Help Us Share Comfort and Care This Summer! These simple items offer protection and dignity to those spending time outdoors without consistent shelter. *Thank you for your compassion!*