



March 05, 2023
Second Sunday Lent

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

Where All is Peace
Sally Harmon, organist

arr. Smith

WELCOME & CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

The Rev. Mary Jo E. Holtey

MOMENT OF SILENCE

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

In days of old God called Abraham and Sarah:

Come—I am with you; step out in faith.

God speaks still, claiming people of every land and race:

Come—I will bless you, that you may bless others.

Heirs of the covenant, let us continue the journey.

Come—let us worship the Lord!

***HYMN 634**

To God Be the Glory

To God be the glory; great things he has done!

So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,

who yielded his life an atonement for sin,

and opened the life-gate that all may go in.

Refrain:

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the earth hear his voice!

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the people rejoice!

O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,

and give him the glory: great things he has done!

Great things he has taught us; great things he has done,

and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;

but purer and higher and greater will be

our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see. [Refrain]

***CONFESSION AND DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

Sending God, your call threatens to uproot our lives, so we disregard your voice and cling to the soils of safe, familiar places. Your call threatens to blow us off course, so we ignore your dynamic Spirit and shelter within protected harbors. Forgive us when we ignore your summons to grow as disciples. Immerse us in the Spirit’s sustaining waters so that we might respond to your call with faith and faithfulness.

Friends, believe in the Good News of the Gospel.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Amen.

***RESPONSE**

Throughout These Lenten Days and Nights

1. Through out these Len - ten days and nights we turn to walk the in - ward way, where,
 meet - ing Christ, our guide and light, we live in hope till Eas - ter day.

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

GIFT OF MUSIC

God So Loved the World

Wolaver

3-6 Choir; Pam Burns, director; Virginia Stern, piano;
 Laura Bontje, violin; Nathan Bolluyt and Cecelia Thorp, soloists
 Thank you to Erik Eide, our ASL certified sign language coach.

The Word

SCRIPTURE

Psalms 121, pp. 560

Sue Van Osdel, reader

John 3:1-17, pp. 968

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

SERMON

In the Middle of the Night

The Rev. Sarah M. Bigwood

***HYMN 440**

Jesus, Lover of My Soul

Jesus, lover of my soul, let me to thy bosom fly,
 while the nearer waters roll, while the tempest still is high.
 Hide me, O my Savior, hide, till the storm of life is past.
 Safe into the haven guide. O receive my soul at last!

Other refuge have I none; hangs my helpless soul on thee.
 Leave, ah! leave me not alone; still support and comfort me.
 All my trust on thee is stayed; all my help from thee I bring.
 Cover my defenseless head with the shadow of thy wing.

Thou, O Christ, art all I want; more than all in thee I find.
 Raise the fallen, cheer the faint, heal the sick, and lead the blind.
 Just and holy is thy name; I am all unrighteousness.
 False and full of sin I am; thou art full of truth and grace.

Plenteous grace with thee is found, grace to cover all my sin.
 Let the healing streams abound; make and keep me pure within.

Thou of life the fountain art; freely let me take of thee.
Spring thou up within my heart. Rise to all eternity.

Responding to the Word



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OFFERTORY

Wade in the Water

Printz

7-12 Proclamation Choir; Josh Argall, directing; Jane Ahlin, pianist

Soloists: Jayci Lawrence, Benjamin Trumbo, Zoe Booth

*RESPONSE

Surely It Is God Who Saves Me



Sure-ly, it is God who saves me; I will trust in God and not be a - fraid. For the
Lord is my strong hold and my sure de - fense, and God will be my Sav - ior.

Words: From The Book of Common Prayer, Canticle 9 (Is. 12:2-6)

Music: Jack Noble White

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*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

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.

HYMN OF APPROACH 533 *In the Singing*

In the singing, in the silence, in the hands expectant, open,
in the blessing, in the breaking, in the Presence at this table
Jesus Christ, Jesus Christ, be the wine of grace:
Jesus Christ, Jesus Christ, be the bread of peace.

In the question, in the answer, in the moment of acceptance,
in the heart's cry, in the healing, in the circle of your people
Jesus Christ, Jesus Christ, be the wine of grace:
Jesus Christ, Jesus Christ, be the bread of peace.

COMMUNION MUSIC *Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley*

arr. Waldrop

Genesis Ringers; Sally Harmon, director; Jeff Olson, solo

Bearing the Word into the World

*HYMN 826

Lift High the Cross

Come, Christians, follow where our Savior trod, the Lamb victorious, Christ, the Son of God.
Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim till all the world adore his sacred name.

All newborn servants of the Crucified bear on their brow the seal of Christ who died.
Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim till all the world adore his sacred name.

O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree, your death has brought us life eternally.
Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim till all the world adore his sacred name.

So shall our song of triumph ever be: praise to the Crucified for victory.
Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim till all the world adore his sacred name.

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Lift High the Cross

arr. Hamlin



One Great Hour of Sharing: In this annual offering of the PC USA, donations are used to provide relief from natural disasters, food for the hungry, and support for the poor and oppressed! From the initial disaster response, like in Turkey and Syria, to ongoing community development, their work fits together to provide people with safety, sustenance, and hope. We will receive your gifts to OGHS throughout the season of Lent and dedicate them on Palm Sunday. Envelopes are in the pew racks, the Narthex and the Welcome Desk Info Kiosk. You may also give online through our website, under special offerings. *You shall be called repairers of the breach.* (Isaiah 58:12)



Fundraiser for PNP Youth Trip to Kenya

Order from February 26-March 12

\$13 per Butter Braid

Delivery on April 4 at
First Presbyterian Church, Fargo

Order in person or online at
<https://bit.ly/pnpbutterbraid>

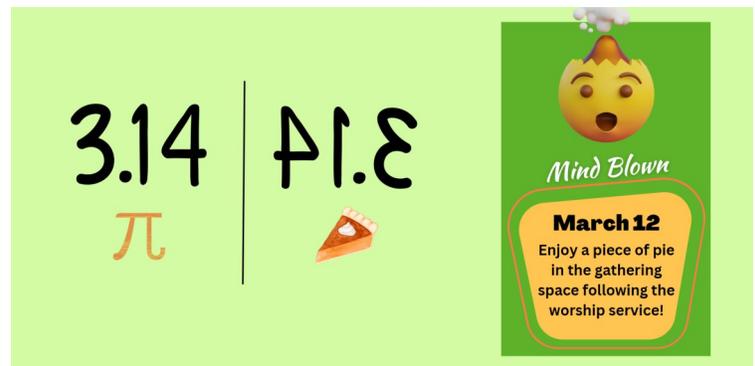
Holden Evening Prayer Services: With the Lenten season right around the corner, please consider joining us Wednesday evenings in March for a moment of quiet, contemplative but musically rich worship in the Jennie Roberts Room, 7:00pm to 7:25pm.

Sunday Morning Bible Study: Sunday morning Adult Bible Study is reading through Genesis. All levels of background are welcome. The class is lecture based with some audience participation. Each class is designed to be complete on its own, so please feel free to come when you are available. The dates are March 12 & 26; April 2, 16, & 30; May 7.

Covenant Of Prayer: The Bdecan Presbyterian Church in Tokio; Beatrice Janaka's family; Don Brummond, son of Joyce Brummond, with serious medical concerns; Jennifer; Our sister congregation in Chogoria, Kenya; and the people of Ukraine, Syria, and Turkey.

Easter Flower Orders To help us celebrate Easter, the Sanctuary will be adorned with spring flowers. You are invited to contribute to this enhancement of our worship space by purchasing a flower to be used for Easter Sunday. Flowers available this year are Easter lilies, Hydrangeas, and Tulips. Order forms can be found on the Welcome Desk and in the Office, or you can order online via our website! You may take your plant home following the 11:00am worship on Easter Sunday, or pick it up any time the following week. Orders and payments should be delivered to the office **no later than noon on Monday, March 20.** Thank you!

Pi day— π day—PIE Day! Join us for a slice of pie on March 12 following worship. Pie and toppings will be in the gathering space and Jennie Roberts room. Want to share your baking skills or your favorite pie? Sign up on the volunteer board to donate a pie.



Wacky Games Donations: We are looking for clean 5-gallon pails and buckets for some of our Wacky Festival Games. If you would like to donate, items can be dropped off in the coat room. Thank you!



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*

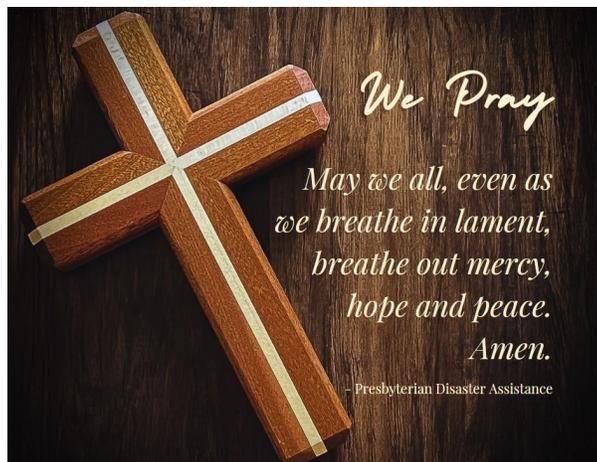
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Rick Fiebiger-*Facilities Manager*

Drew Brovold-*Custodian*

Staff emails are: (first initial and last name of person) @firstpresfargo.org



Ash Wednesday Offering: Thank you to all who gave so generously at the Ash Wednesday service. The offering received was \$755, which will be sent to the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance for earthquake relief in Turkey & Syria.

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

Sunday, March 5

11:30 Fellowship

Monday, March 6

5:30 Building & Grounds Meeting

6:00 Personnel Committee Meeting

Tuesday, March 7

10:30 Staff Meeting

5:30 Worship Committee Meeting (H)

7:00 Mission Committee Meeting

Wednesday, March 8

12:00 M&F Committee Meeting (Z)

5:30 Genesis Ringers

5:30 St. Andrews Brass

6:15 Children / Youth Choirs

6:30 Westminster Ringers

7:00 Lenten Vespers

7:00 Youth Group

7:30 Sanctuary Choir

Thursday, March 9

5:30 Nurturing Parenting Classes

Friday, March 10

No Church Events

Saturday, March 11

No Church Events

Sunday, March 12

9:15 Sunday School

9:15 Sunday Morning Bible Study

10:30 Worship & 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

February 22 & 26 Attendance: 311

241 in person;

70 households livestreamed

Contributions received: \$15,190.00



Church Information

Office Hours:

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

Phone: 701-293-6311

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Easter Flower Order Form

To help us celebrate Easter, the Sanctuary will be adorned with spring flowers. You are invited to contribute to this enhancement of our worship space by purchasing a flower to be used for Easter Sunday.

Please PRINT: Choose the number of plants you would like, and if you would like to offer this plant in memory/honor of someone special or to the Glory of God. If ordering more than one plant, and need more space to write, please use the back of this form.

Orders and payments should be delivered to the office **no later than noon on Monday, March 20**. Thank You!

Type of flower	Price per plant	# of plants	Total cost
Easter Lilies	\$12.00 each	x	=
Tulips	\$14.00 each	x	=
Hydrangeas	\$33.00 each	x	=

You may take your plant home following the 11:00 am worship on Easter Sunday, or pick it up any time the following week.

In loving Memory of:

In honor of:

To the Glory of God

By (your name):
