



**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 5, 2024

We Gather in Christ

PRELUDE

The Church's One Foundation
All Church Orchestra; Jill Post, director

arr. Robert Sterling

WELCOME

MOMENT OF SILENCE

Loving God, help us to love others as Christ has loved us. Bring us into the spiritual joy of living our lives as your friend, and teach us to abide in your love, that we may show that love to the world. Amen.

✦ CALL TO WORSHIP

Elder Corday Goddard

Sing to our God a new song.

God has done marvelous things!

Make a joyful noise to the Lord!

Break forth into joyous song and sing praises.

Let the sea roar and all that fills it.

Let the world and its people sing together for joy!

✦ HYMN 318

In Christ There Is No East or West

In Christ there is no east or west, in him no south or north,
but one great fellowship of love throughout the whole wide earth.

In Christ shall true hearts everywhere their high communion find;
his service is the golden cord close-binding humankind.

Join hands, disciples of the faith, whate'er your race may be.

All children of the living God are surely kin to me.

In Christ now meet both east and west; in him meet south and north.

All Christly souls are one in him throughout the whole wide earth.

✧ **CONFESSION AND DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

Loving God, we have not loved you or each other with our whole hearts. Forgive us, we pray, and lead us toward wholeness, that we may be filled with your joy. In Jesus' name 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.

✧ **PASSING OF THE PEACE**

The Word

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 98, pp. 540
John 15:9-17, pp. 983

Corday Goddard, reader
Whirl Story Bible pg. 388

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

SERMON

No One has Greater Love than This

Rev. Mary Jo E. Holtey

GIFT OF MUSIC

Love Divine
Sanctuary Choir & Orchestra; Shawn Neisen, director

arr. Joseph M. Martin

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 297 *In Christ Called to Baptize (verses 2 & 4)*

In Christ called to banquet, one table we share,
a haven of welcome, a circle of care.
Although we are many, we share in one bread.
One cup of thanksgiving proclaims Christ, our head.

Unite us, anoint us, O Spirit of love,
for you are within us, around us, above.
Equip us for service with gifts you bestow.
In Christ is our calling. In Christ may we grow.

COMMUNION MUSIC *My Jesus, I Love Thee*

Gordon/Pethel

Bradley Dalman, baritone saxophone; Sally Harmon, piano

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Responding to the Word



OFFERING MESSAGE – Contemplative Photography trip

Kit O’Neill

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

OFFERTORY

St. Magnus Way

arr. Andy Cant

Heather & Thistle Pipe Band and Orchestra;
Jill Post, director; Ian Durkin, Highland pipe soloist

✧ **RESPONSE 609**

Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures high and low.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Praise God, in Jesus fully known:

Creator, Word, and Spirit one.

Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

✧ **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Bearing the Word into the World

✧ **HYMN 435**

There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy

There's a wideness in God's mercy,
like the wideness of the sea.

There's a kindness in God's justice,
which is more than liberty.

There is no place where earth's sorrows
are more felt than up in heaven.

There is no place where earth's failings
have such kindly judgment given.

For the love of God is broader
than the measures of the mind.

And the heart of the Eternal
is most wonderfully kind.

If our love were but more faithful,
we would gladly trust God's Word,
and our lives reflect thanksgiving
for the goodness of our Lord.

✧ **BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Alleluia

arr. Margrethe Hokanson

Sally Harmon, organ

Thank you to Tetteh Dottey, Josh Trumbo, and Corday Goddard for assisting us in worship and to our Welcome Team: Dick Laraway, Wayne Sander, Paula Christensen, the Bolluyt Family, Sue Van Osdel, Dorothy McClure, Abi Carlson, Bruce Maylath, Kurt Kooyer, Amy Wilkens, Jeff Wilkens, Virginia Stern, Tom Dawson, Brian McClure, and Becky Trumbo for taking such good care of us this morning.

A special thank you to our musicians: Sally Harmon, Jill Post, the Sanctuary Choir, Shawn Neisen, Bradley Dalman, The Heather & Thistle Pipes and Drum Band, Ian Durkin, and our All Church Orchestra members:

Virginia Stern, Flute; Savannah Joldersma, Oboe; Catherine Tesch, Clarinet; Bradley Dalman, Baritone Saxophone; Josh Argall, Greg Post, and Mike Wavra, Trumpets; Gene Okerlund, Mellophone; Dave Stern, Trombone; Shane Erstad, Euphonium; John Tesch, Tuba; Jack Lawrence, Will Peterson, and Kevin Thomas, Percussion; Lauren Bontje, Emily Ojanen, and Kathleen Thomas, Violin 1; Leah Erpelding, Chelsea Erstad, Carrie Lawrence, Susan Peterson, and Eleanor Torpey, Violin 2; Erin Torpey, Viola; Don Carlsen Jr. and John Stern, Cello; Max Johnk, Bass; and Sally Harmon, Piano.



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH OF FARGO

Sunday Worship

May 5, 2024

CELEBRATION *Brunch*



SUNDAY | 12TH MAY | 11:30 AM
in the Social Hall

What a year its been -
let's celebrate with brunch! All
are invited to join in fellowship.

- * Steve's famous pancakes!
- * Carrie's homemade maple syrup (from Perham trees)!
- * Maria's Yogurt Parfaits!
- * Amy's egg bake!
- * David's fabulous fruit display!



Sponsored by EduCon

YOU ARE INVITED TO THE PW Luncheon

TUESDAY
MAY 7, 2024

12pm in the
Jennie Roberts Room

Featuring the Noteables
directed by Jill Post

Suggested donation: \$5

Graduation Sunday: Join us on Sunday, May 19 to celebrate our 2024 High School Graduates. They are: Eli Barrett-Learn, Gus Barrett-Learn, Katie Bigwood, Zoe Booth, Jonah DeJong, Mya Follingstad, Caleb Gadberry, Jack Gadberry, Elijah Holman, Jayci Lawrence, Sofie Robinson, and Nick Waale. Congratulations all of you!

Find a moment of stillness in your day

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.

Thursday afternoons,
12:15-12:45 in the
Jennie Roberts Room

All are welcome.
No experience necessary.

*Sponsored by The Pilgrimage
and Presentation Prayer Center*



May Plant Exchange: Did you have an overactive green thumb this winter and have more plants than you have space? Now is the time to divide your overgrown house plants or outdoor plants and exchange them for something new at our Spring Plant Exchange! May 12th after worship we will be coordinating a plant exchange. Much like the produce exchange last fall, we will have space for house-plants, outdoor landscaping plants, vegetable garden starter plants and herbs. If you can plant it, we will exchange it!



Be
Still
and know
that
I am God
Psalm 138:1



"Contemplative Photography in the Badlands"

Wednesday, Aug. 21 - Saturday, Aug. 24, 2024 (with optional extension to Aug. 25)
Medora and Theodore Roosevelt National Park, North Dakota
Sponsored by The Pilgrimage

Contemplative photography encourages us to see from a new perspective, to explore the heart of nature to find God "hidden in plain view." The starkly beautiful vistas of the Badlands and their unique flora and fauna inspire us to awe and wonder. Join us for a 3-night, 4-day excursion to western North Dakota in August. Instructors are Jeff and Janet Sockwell and their son Daniel, a professional nature photographer. This course is for everyone who appreciates the wonders of nature, regardless of their level of photography experience.

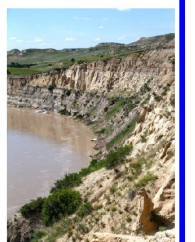
The course begins on Wednesday at 5 pm and concludes on Saturday at 11 am. Course instruction will be balanced with opportunities to visit the national park. Attend the popular Medora Musical preceded by a pitchfork fondue dinner on Thursday for an additional \$95. Add a one-day extension for time to explore the Badlands on your own for \$195 (includes hotel stay and Gospel brunch).

\$650 single occupancy; \$595 double occupancy. Cost incl. course instruction, hotel & meals; scholarships available.

For registration and more information:

Contact Kit O'Neill at kit.oneill@outlook.com

Registration and 50% deposit due by June 1st



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*
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Shawn Neisen-*Adult Choir Director*
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Drew Brovold-*Custodian*

Staff emails are: (first initial and last name of person)
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MISSION COMMITTEE
& THE EMERGENCY FOOD PANTRY
BIRTHDAY BAGS PROJECT

EFP is looking for donations of:

- Cake Mix (white, yellow, chocolate, or confetti)
- Frosting
- Birthday Cards

Please drop donations off in the Holy Buckets Through April & May

Mission is looking for donations of:

- Card Games
- Birthday Hats

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

Sunday, May 5

11:30 Fellowship

Monday, May 6

5:30 Building & Grounds Committee Meeting

5:30 CPMT Meeting (H)

Tuesday, May 7

12:00 PW Luncheon

5:30 Mission Committee Meeting

5:30 Worship Committee Meeting (H)

6:30 Personnel Committee Meeting

Wednesday, May 8

10:00 PW Bible Study Leaders

4:30 Heart-n-Soul Mobile Café!

5:30 Genesis Ringers

6:15 Children & Youth Choirs

6:30 Westminster Ringers

7:00 Youth Group

7:30 Sanctuary Choir

Thursday, May 9

12:15 Centering Prayer

Friday, May 10

No Church Events

Saturday, May 11

No Church Events

Sunday, May 12

8:45 Second Sunday Activities Begin

9:00 Plant Exchange Begins

10:30 Worship Service (L)

11:30 Celebration Brunch & 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

April 28 Attendance: 153

122 in person

31 households livestreamed

Contributions received: \$6,122.00



Church Information

Office Hours:

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

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