



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

Good Shepherd, you call us by name, and we know your voice.

Open the gate for us, that we may come and go freely, have life, and have it abundantly.

PRELUDE

Sweet Hour of Prayer

arr. Wright

Have a Little Talk with Jesus

Derricks

Ransom Notes Quartet from Great Plains Harmony
Ryan Brehmer, Jeff Olson, Paul Sandbek, Ken Frank

WELCOME & CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

The Rev. Mary Jo E. Holtey

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Sisters and brothers, let us gather together with glad and generous hearts.

For many signs and wonders are being done among us.

Let us break bread together and share our lives in common.

**Let us give what we can to all who have needs so that all people,
no matter who they are, may regard us with good will.**

Let us devote ourselves to our prayers and to the gospel.

For in this way God will add to our numbers every day.

Let us worship God!

HYMN 327 *From All That Dwell Below the Skies

From all that dwell below the skies

let the Creator's praise arise:

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Let the Redeemer's name be sung

through every land, in every tongue.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Alleluia! Alleluia!

In every land begin the song;

to every land the strains belong:

Alleluia! Alleluia!

In cheerful sound all voices raise
and fill the world with joyful praise.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Eternal are thy mercies, Lord;
eternal truth attends thy word:

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thy praise shall sound from shore to shore,
till suns shall rise and set no more.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Alleluia! Alleluia!

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

Friends, in as much as God is our shepherd, let us not fear,
but confess our sin that God may restore our souls.

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Holy One, we confess to you and to one another that we have not always followed Christ's example. When we have been abused, we have been abusive in return. We have gone astray. Lead us back into your fold and guard our souls in Jesus' name. Amen.

***DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

Friends, the promise of our faith is that if we entrust ourselves to the One who judges justly, we need not feel threatened, for we will be returned to righteousness. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

***RESPONSE**

Hear the Good News of Salvation



Hear the good news of sal - va - tion: Je - sus died to show God's love. Such great kind - ness! Such great



mer - cy! Come to us from heaven a - bove. Je - sus Christ, how much I love you! Je - sus



Christ, you save from sin! How I love you! Look up - on me. Love me still and cleanse with - in.

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

GIFT OF MUSIC

Beautiful Savior
Ransom Notes Quartet

arr. Gentry

The Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Sue Van Osdel, reader

Loving God, we pray that your Holy Spirit will strengthen us to be devoted to the teachings of your Word, that through it we may hear your voice and follow it into eternal life. Amen.

FIRST READING John 10:22-30

At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one."

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

SECOND READING Psalm 23

The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters;

he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.

Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff—they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;

you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,

and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD my whole life long.

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

SERMON

The Rev. Mary Jo E. Holtey

***HYMN 516** *For the Bread Which You Have Broken*

For the bread which you have broken,
for the wine which you have poured,
for the words which you have spoken,
now we give you thanks, O Lord.

By this promise that you love us,
by your gift of peace restored,
by your call to heaven above us,
hallow all our lives, O Lord.

With the saints who now adore you
seated at the heavenly board,

may the church still waiting for you
keep love's tie unbroken, Lord.

In your service, Lord, defend us;
in our hearts keep watch and ward;
in the world to which you send us
let your kingdom come, O Lord.

***PROFESSION OF FAITH:** *Nicene Creed*

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Responding to the Word

OFFERING



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

OFFERTORY

Lord, Listen to Your Children
Men's Choir; Bryan Poyzer, director

Medema/Schrader

***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**

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is truly right and our greatest joy...
...we sing to the glory of your name:

RESPONSE 559 *Holy, Holy, Holy*

You are holy, O God of majesty, and blessed is Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord...
...Great is the Mystery of Faith;

RESPONSE 560 *Christ Has Died; Christ Is Risen*

Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these your gifts of bread and wine...

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.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

COMMUNION MUSIC

Nocturne in C Minor
Westminster Ringers; Jill Post, director

Helman

PRAYER

Bearing the Word into the World

***HYMN 265** *Jesus Shall Reign*

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
does its successive journeys run;
his kingdom stretch from shore to shore,
till moons shall wax and wane no more.

To him shall endless prayer be made,
and praises throng to crown his head;
his name, like sweet perfume, shall rise
with every morning sacrifice.

People and realms of every tongue
dwell on his love with sweetest song,
and infant voices shall proclaim
their early blessings on his name.

Blessings abound where'er he reigns:
the prisoners leap to loose their chains;
the weary find eternal rest,
and all who suffer want are blest.

Let every creature rise and bring
honors peculiar to our King;
angels descend with songs again,
and earth repeat the loud Amen!

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Finale on "From All That Dwell Below the Skies"

arr. Linker



May 8, 2022

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 is being deployed in May to Iraq for 9 months. If you have a loved one in the military, please let Pastor Mary know and we'll include his/her name.

Serving dinner at Churches United resumes! Starting May 12, we resume providing the evening meal every second Thursday of the month at Micah's Mission (the shelter for Churches United for the Homeless). Since COVID, they have tighter restrictions for the number of people in the kitchen. We need 4 food preparers (3:00-5:00) and 4 servers (5:00-7:00). You may do both, if you wish! A sign-up sheet is on the Volunteer Opportunities Board in the Foyer. Help us jump start this longstanding partnership with Churches United!

Vacation Bible School
May 31 - June 2, 2022

Surprising Adventures Creative Games Incredible Music
Bible Stories Amazing Experiments Friends

Family Meal - 5:30-6:00 p.m.
VBS - 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

ManUp's Tuesday, May 10th meeting, 6:45-7:45 am in the Jennie Roberts Room, will wrap up the program year with a discussion of N.T. Wright's book [*God and the Pandemic: A Christian Reflection on the Coronavirus and Its Aftermath*](#). If you lack time to read it, no worries: Kurt Kooyer and Bruce Maylath will present the main points and lead the group in discussion. If you do have time, it's a short read of just 96 pages. Even if you missed earlier meetings this year, please feel free to join this one. We'll also start discussing plans for the annual September retreat in Detroit Lakes. Questions? Contact Bruce Maylath at ring4linguist@yahoo.com.

Organ Recital May 13 All are invited to a Free, short organ recital in our sanctuary on Friday, May 13, at 7:00 pm. Organist Jacob Minns is moving to the Fargo-Moorhead area and will be playing an introductory recital, featuring works by Sigfrid Karg-Elert, Richard Lloyd, Margaret Sandresky, and others. Jacob Minns is a native of Peru, Indiana. He studied with Vicki Little, of Indiana University, and began assisting with masses at St. Charles Catholic Church of Peru, where he now serves as organist and choir accompanist. Jacob has performed recitals in North Carolina, Colorado, Wisconsin, and will be in the state of Virginia this year.

Summer Musicians needed

If you have family or friends with musical talent to share who will be home this summer, please contact Sally Harmon, sharmon@firstpresfargo.org. There are opportunities for instrumentalists to play or vocalists to sing at our Sunday services.

Book Exchange: First Presbyterian will be hosting a book exchange on **May 22** to share books among our members, both children and adults. The goal is to get some "new" books to enjoy over the summer. Please bring books to share and place them in the Holy Buckets. Books will be set out on **Sunday, May 22** for all to take.

Synod School: By now, you may have heard that Tri-ennium has been canceled this summer. The Presbytery Youth Connection Team has decided to offer a similar, regional opportunity. Synod School is **July 24-29** at Buena Vista University in Storm Lake, Iowa. The cost for 6-8th graders is \$260, \$320 for 9-12th grade, and \$395 for adults. This is an event that is available to all ages, but has separate tracks for children, youth, and adults. You can find more information and online registration at <https://lakesandprairies.org/engaging-leaders/synod-school/>. When registering in the Put Me By box, please enter PNP youth. Once you have registered, please contact Kayla Bones (kbones@firstpresfargo.org).

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) Ukraine:

Help our Ukrainian brothers and sisters in Christ by giving to the Presbyterian Church (USA) Disaster Response in Ukraine. Your gifts will create a significant impact by securing emergency humanitarian aid such as food items, shelter, medicines, diapers, hygiene items, etc. You can give by cash, check or through our website, make sure to note "Ukraine".

Friendship Pads: Please remember to sign the Friendship Pad for each member of your family (ex. instead of writing "The Patrick & Patricia Patterson Family", write Pat, Pat, Matt, Nat, and Nicki). Pads are located at the end of your pew. Pass it down the row. If your pew doesn't have one, ask an usher to get a replacement.

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: Kim Carter, Lisa Edison-Smith, Colleen Ford-Dunker, Bruce Furness, Dick Henderson, Ryan Johnston, Kurt Kooyer, Elaine Rudd (clerk), Scott Swanholm, Paula Thomas, Kevin Tobosa, Becky Trumbo, and Jeff Wilkens.

Deacons: Brenda Deckard, Ed Deckard, Rick Herberg, Beatrice Janaka, Jane Mathew (moderator), Karen Rivers, Kathleen Thomas, Debbie Tight, and Amy Wilkens.

Treasurer: Sherri Stern

Church Staff

Rev. Mary Jo E. Holtey-Head of Staff, Associate Pastor
Sally Harmon-Music Coordinator & Organist
Bryan Poyzer-Adult Choir Director
Jan Lundgren-Business Manager
Penny Andrist-Children's Ministry Coordinator
Kayla Bones-Youth & Young Adult Ministry Coordinator
Rick Fiebiger-Facilities Manager
Drew Brovold-Custodian

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

L: Live Stream Option, H: Hybrid, Z: Zoom

Sunday, May 8

11:30 Fellowship

Monday, May 9

5:30 EduCon Committee

Tuesday, May 10

6:45 ManUp (JRR)

8:30 Bulletin Articles Due

9:30 PW Board Mtg (Z)

11:00 PW General Meeting & Lunch Social Hall

1:00 Staff Meeting

5:30 Board of Deacons

Wednesday, May 11

9:00 Men's Group

5:30 Genesis Ringers

5:30 St. Andrew's Brass

6:30 Westminster Ringers

7:00 Youth Group

7:30 Sanctuary Choir

Thursday, May 12

No Church Events

Friday, May 13

7:00 Free Organ Recital in Sanctuary

Saturday, May 14

No Church Events

Sunday, May 15

9:15 Sunday School for All

10:30 Worship (L)

11:30 Fellowship

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For Your Information

May 1 Attendance:
0 in person;
0 households livestreamed
Contributions received: \$4,182.00



Church Information

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