



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

God of healing and reconciliation, you free us from our burdens and promise us safety and refuge. Help us to trust in your power, that we may praise you without qualification and rejoice in the power of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRELUDE

Variations on "Simple Gifts"

arr. Lau

The National Spiritual Anthem of Ukraine

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

Sally Harmon, organist

WELCOME & CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

The Rev. Sarah M. Bigwood

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Let us worship the One who nourishes us,

who satisfies us in parched places and makes our bones strong.

Let us worship the One who calls us,

who leads us to compassion and draws us nearer to justice.

Let us worship the One who creates us,

who forms and reforms us in the image of our maker.

***HYMN 32**

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

We sing the mighty power of God that made the mountains rise,
that spread the flowing seas abroad and built the lofty skies.

We sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day;
the moon shines full at his command, and all the stars obey.

We sing the goodness of the Lord that filled the earth with food;
he formed the creatures with his word and then pronounced them good.
Lord, how your wonders are displayed, where'er we turn our eyes,
if we survey the ground we tread or gaze upon the skies.

There's not a plant or flower below but makes your glories known,
and clouds arise and tempests blow by order from your throne;
while all that borrows life from you is ever in your care,
and everywhere that we can be, you, God, are present there.

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

Our God is compassionate and merciful, knowing us with an intimacy we cannot comprehend. There is nothing we have done, or left undone, that is not already known by God. This gives us confidence, to be fully ourselves, that we can be fully forgiven.

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

God of Life, you come to us as a consuming fire, and the one who has consecrated us before time. You promise us a kingdom that cannot be shaken and call us to serve you with praise and thanksgiving. But we forget, and yield to fear. We trust in the tangible rewards of this world and neglect your promises. We foster separation and reject ways of understanding others. Open us to your healing. Free us from all that distances us from your presence. Give us your grace and inspire us to serve you with courage; through Jesus Christ who comes to save. Amen.

***DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

Promising forgiveness and the sustenance we need to amend our lives, God rejoices in our longing for wholeness. We are known and forgiven, set free to live the resurrected life of faith.
Thanks be to God!

***RESPONSE**

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**

GIFT OF MUSIC

Great is the Lord

Smith/arr. Hines

Bryan Poyzer, saxophone & Jessica Poyzer, piano

The Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Brian McClure, Reader

Almighty God, you know us better than we know ourselves. By your word, give us wisdom. By your Spirit, grant us healing. Set us free to serve you with love. Amen.

FIRST READING

Psalm 71:1-6

In you, O Lord, I take refuge;

let me never be put to shame.

In your righteousness deliver me and rescue me;

incline your ear to me and save me.

Be to me a rock of refuge,

a strong fortress, to save me,
for you are my rock and my fortress.

Rescue me, O my God, from the hand of the wicked,
from the grasp of the unjust and cruel.

For you, O Lord, are my hope,
my trust, O Lord, from my youth.

Upon you I have leaned from my birth;
it was you who took me from my mother's womb.

My praise is continually of you.

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

SECOND READING

Luke 13:10-17

Now he was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, 'Woman, you are set free from your ailment.' When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, 'There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured, and not on the sabbath day.' But the Lord answered him and said, 'You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to give it water? And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the sabbath day?' When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame; and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things that he was doing.

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

SERMON

***HYMN 797**

We Cannot Measure How You Heal

We cannot measure how you heal or answer every sufferer's prayer,
yet we believe your grace responds where faith and doubt unite to care.
Your hands, though bloodied on the cross, survive to hold and heal and warn,
to carry all through death to life and cradle children yet unborn.

The pain that will not go away, the guilt that clings from things long past,
the fear of what the future holds, are present as if meant to last.
But present too is love which tends the hurt we never hoped to find,
the private agonies inside, the memories that haunt the mind.

So some have come who need your help and some have come to make amends,
as hands which shaped and saved the world are present in the touch of friends.
Lord, let your Spirit meet us here to mend the body, mind and soul,
to disentangle peace from pain and make your broken people whole.

***PROFESSION OF FAITH**

The Scots Confession: CHAPTER I God

We confess and acknowledge one God alone, to whom alone we must cleave, whom alone we must serve, whom only we must worship, and in whom alone we put our trust. Who is eternal, infinite, immeasurable, incomprehensible, omnipotent, invisible; one in substance and yet distinct in three persons, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost. By whom we confess and believe all things in heaven and earth, visible and invisible, to have been created, to be retained in their being, and to be ruled and guided by his inscrutable providence for such end as his eternal wisdom, goodness, and justice have appointed, and to the manifestation of his own glory.

Background: The Scots Confession was written at a turning point in the history of the Scottish nation. The Protestant nobility of Scotland was able to secure English recognition of Scottish sovereignty in the Treaty of Edinburgh after the Queen Regent Mary of Guise died in her sleep in 1560. To the Scots, this favorable conclusion to the civil war with Mary's French-supported forces represented a providential deliverance.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

God of mercy, hear our 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.

Responding to the Word

OFFERING



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OFFERTORY

We Will Glorify

Paris/arr. Himes

Bryan Poyzer, saxophone & Jessica Poyzer, piano

***RESPONSE 717**

For the Life that You Have Given

**For the life that you have given, for the love in Christ made known,
with these fruits of time and labor, with these gifts that are your own:
here we offer, Lord, our praises; heart and mind and strength we bring;
give us grace to love and serve you, living what we pray and sing.**

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Bearing the Word into the World

***HYMN 157**

I Danced in the Morning

I danced in the morning when the world was begun,
and I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun,
and I came down from heaven and I danced on the earth. At Bethlehem I had my birth.

Refrain: Dance then, wherever you may be; I am the Lord of the Dance, said he,
and I'll lead you all, wherever you may be, and I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.

I danced for the scribe and the Pharisee,
but they would not dance and they would not follow me.
I danced for the fishermen, for James and John.
They came with me and the dance went on. *Refrain*

I danced on the Sabbath and I cured the lame. The holy people said it was a shame.
They whipped and they stripped and they hung me high, and left me there on a cross to die.
Refrain

I danced on a Friday when the sky turned black. It's hard to dance with the devil on your back.
They buried my body and they thought I'd gone, but I am the dance and I still go on. *Refrain*

They cut me down and I leapt up high. I am the life that will never, never die.
I'll live in you if you'll live in me, I am the Lord of the Dance, said he. *Refrain*

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Joyful, Joyful

arr. Line

Bryan Poyzer, saxophone & Jessica Poyzer,
piano

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.



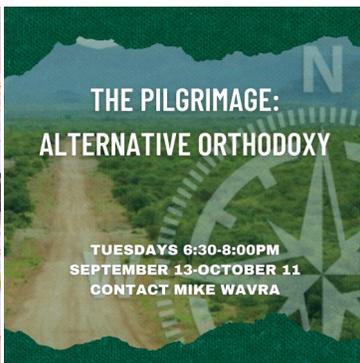
Covenant Of Prayer: Jennifer; Hannah; The families of Doug Froelich and Mary Bohnenblust; those who are experiencing homelessness in our community; our sister congregation in Chogoria, Kenya; and the people of Ukraine.

Remembering Our Soldiers In Prayer: Lt. Col. Dan Sundberg has been deployed 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.

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance July Flooding: Across our nation this summer, there have been numerous instances of destructive flooding. PDA is working in Missouri, Virginia, and Kentucky to offer resources, process grants, and deploy National Response Team. If you would like to help with this recovery effort, you can give by cash, check, through our website, or PDA's website. Please make sure to note PDA July Flooding.

Nametag Blitz: Do you have a church nametag? If you have never had one, you may receive one free. If you need to replace a lost nametag, we ask for a donation of \$10 to cover the cost. The standard nametag will have a magnetic back. If for any reason you would like a nametag with a pin back, please indicate that after your name. Students in 5th grade and above are welcome to order a nametag.

Pillows! Pillows! We continue to shower the YWCA shelter with new pillows that each person staying at the shelter gets to keep when they leave. May these women and children always have a safe and soft place to lay their heads at night. You may bring new pillows to the West Coat Room.

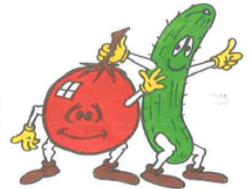


The Banner for Ordinary Time includes symbols from our Lord's parable of the sower demonstrating the theme of Christian growth. A withered bush testifies to the seed which fell on thorny soil and did not grow. The seed which fell on good soil matured and produced fruit as seen in the mature wheat at the bottom of the banner. The banner is crafted in shades of green to symbolize the growth of Christians as they walked their road of discipleship, faces pointed always toward the triumph of the cross.

Town Hall: A new season for Fargo Town Hall is starting on September 20. 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 the website fargotownhall.org for more information.

Garden Overflowing??

Can't Eat Another Tomato or Zucchini?
Donate Your Excess Fruit and Vegetables To...



You drop it here,
We donate it there.

Each Monday, 6:30-7:30 p.m. Even Labor Day!	Donate in Fargo	Donate in West Fargo
	The Bowler 2630 University Dr. S.	Holy Cross Catholic Church 2711 7 th St. E.
July 25 until the Monday following the 1 st frost	Longfellow Recycle Parking Lot 2939 Elm St. N.	Community Presbyterian Church 702 Sheyenne St.
	Donate in Horace	
Sponsors:  	In front of the water tower on Main Street Fargo, WF, Horace donations go to Emergency Food Pantry	
	Donate in Moorhead	
Each Monday 9:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. (closed Labor Day)	Trinity Lutheran Church: Corner of 8 th St. and 3 rd Ave. Parking lot of "The Village": 815 37 th Ave. S. Moorhead donations go to Dorothy Day House	
	Donate in Harwood	
Sheyenne Gardens Harwood donations go to Emergency Food Pantry		

Questions? Please contact NDSU Cass County Extension Service, 701-241-5700

The Emergency Food Pantry is in desperate need of volunteers for the summer and into the fall. Volunteers can pick the hours, days and times that work best for them. Several different tasks are available. Please contact the Pantry directly at 701-237-9337 or contact Jan Harrison at 701-371-1855 if you have questions.

Youth and Children's Choirs Meet 'n Treat: At 6:15pm on Wednesday, August 31 the directors of our young choirs will be out in the courtyard to share Dilly Bars from DQ with those interested in joining singing choirs or handbells this year! Ages from K to Grade 12 are invited! Come meet your directors!

Hearing devices and large print copies of today's hymns are available, please ask an usher for assistance.

The Nursery is not staffed during the summer months. Parents are welcome to use the nursery while supervising their young children. There's a TV monitor in the room so that you are able to watch the service.

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, Bruce Furness, Dick Henderson, Ryan Johnston, Kurt Kooyer, Dick Laraway, Carrie Lawrence, Brian McClure, Elaine Rudd (clerk), Scott Swanholm, Paula Thomas, Kevin Tobosa, Becky Trumbo, and Jeff Wilkens.

Deacons: Brenda Deckard, Ed Deckard, Gracia Fulwiler, Rick Herberg, Beatrice Janaka, Jane Mathew (moderator), Karen Rivers, Donna Rummons, Candy Shultz, Kathleen Thomas, Debbie Tight, and Amy Wilkens. **Treasurer:** Sherri Stern

Church Staff

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

Rev. Mary Jo E. Holtey-*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

P.O. Box is closed: Please note that the P.O. Box #327 has been closed. When mailing your contributions or correspondence, please remember to use the church's physical address: 650 2nd Ave N, Fargo, ND 58102. New offering envelope packets have been ordered (for those who use them) with the updated mailing address.

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

Sunday, August 21

11:30 Coffee & Fellowship

Monday, Aug. 22

No Church Events

Tuesday, Aug. 23

9:00 Bulletin Insert Articles Due

1:00 Staff Meeting

12:00 ***Messenger Deadline**

Wednesday, Aug. 24

1:00 Library Committee

Thursday, Aug. 25

5:00 Nurturing Parenting Meal & Classes

Friday, Aug. 26

No Church Events

Saturday, Aug. 27

No Church Events

Sunday, Aug. 28

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

August 14 Attendance:

87 in person;

37 households livestreamed

Contributions received: \$6,027.60



Church Information

Summer Office Hours:

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

Phone: 701-293-6311

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