



**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.

February 4, 2024

We Gather in Christ

PRELUDE

Flute Fantasia in E minor

Georg Philipp Telemann

Russell Romine, flute

K. 332 Piano Sonata in F, II. Adagio

W.A. Mozart

Russell Romine, piano

WELCOME

MOMENT OF SILENCE

Almighty God, Light from Light, who commands the universe and all that is made, your Word is the power that makes whole what is broken, the force of good, and the food of peace. Teach us now as you taught in the synagogue. Heal us now so that in all that we say and do, the freedom we have in you may be for others, too; in Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

✦ CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Mary Jo E. Holtey

Come! Let us give thanks to the Lord with whole hearts.

Awe in the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.

Glory be to the One whose wonders are to be remembered.

Awe in the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.

The Lord is gracious and full of compassion.

Awe in the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.

The Lord feeds the righteous with truth.

Awe in the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.

Come! Let us give thanks to God.

Let us worship the Lord, our 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!

✦ CONFESSIO AND DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

All-powerful God, who commands all spirits, comforts those in distress, and casts out destructive forces, we confess that we are unable to do your will. We protect what is familiar and reject what is unknown. We forget that you are always with us, and that with you all things are possible. Forgive us, lead us, make us new. Remove our desire to heed false prophets and show us your way; in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

✦ RESPONSE 137

He Came Down

He came down that we may have light; he came down that we may have light; he
came down that we may have light; hal-le - lu - jah for - ev - er - more.

✦ PASSING OF THE PEACE

The Word

SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 40:21-31, pp. 654

Lisa McEvers, reader

Mark 1:29-39, pp. 911

Whirl Story Bible pg. 278

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

SERMON

The First Deacon

Rev. Sarah M. Bigwood

HYMN 744

Arise Your Light Is Come!

Arise, your light is come! The Spirit's call obey;
show forth the glory of your God, which shines on you today.

Arise, your light has come! Fling wide the prison door;
proclaim the captives' liberty, good tidings to the poor.

Arise, your light has come! All you in sorrow born,
bind up the brokenhearted ones and comfort those who mourn.

Arise, your light has come! The mountains burst in song!
Rise up like eagles on the wing; God's power will make us strong.

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 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

Refrain: 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 [Refrain]

COMMUNION MUSIC *Bound for Glory* arr. Tammy Waldrop
Genesis Ringers; Tammy Olson, director

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Responding to the Word



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OFFERTORY

Go Light Your World!

Chris Rice

Sanctuary Choir; Shawn Neisen, director; Russell Romine, piano;
Bryan Poyzer, bass; Kevin Thomas, drums

❖RESPONSE 606

Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise Christ, all people here below;

praise Holy Spirit evermore;
praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

❖ **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Bearing the Word into the World

❖ **HYMN 761**

Called As Partners in Christ's Service

Called as partners in Christ's service, called to ministries of grace,
we respond with deep commitment fresh new lines of faith to trace.
May we learn the art of sharing, side by side and friend with friend,
equal partners in our caring to fulfill God's chosen end.

Christ's example, Christ's inspiring, Christ's clear call to work and worth,
let us follow, never faltering, reconciling folk on earth.

Men and women, richer, poorer, all God's people, young and old,
blending human skills together gracious gifts from God unfold.

Thus new patterns for Christ's mission, in a small or global sense,
help us bear each other's burdens, breaking down each wall or fence.
Words of comfort, words of vision, words of challenge, said with care,
bring new power and strength for action, make us colleagues, free and fair.

So God grant us for tomorrow ways to order human life that surround each
person's sorrow with a calm that conquers strife.

Make us partners in our living, our compassion to increase,
messengers of faith, thus giving hope and confidence and peace.

❖ **BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Prelude in G minor
Russell Romine, guest organist

J.S. Bach

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH OF FARGO



Sunday Worship

February 4, 2024

From the Bdecan Church: Thank you to everyone who contributed winter clothing, monies, and everyday clothes. We were able to provide winter wear to 160 kids in the Bdecan Church community last fall. The rest of the clothing was put into the clothing closet at the church. -Jan Carlsen, co-moderator.

Wandering Heart

Figuring out faith with Peter

Join us for Ash Wednesday

This service begins our journey through the season of Lent with one of Jesus' most famous disciples, as we strive to follow Him.

February 14, 2024 @ 7:00 pm

Holden Evening Prayer: Join us Wednesday evenings during Lent, starting February 21, from 7:05-7:30pm for the familiar Holden Evening Prayer. Brief reflections will be on poetry and art of the season, *Wandering Heart: Figuring out faith with Peter*. Come and join us in the Jennie Roberts Room for this time of Lenten devotion.

Office Closed Feb. 19: The office will be closed on Monday, February 19th in observance of President's Day. The office will open again on Tuesday, Feb. 20th.

You are invited! We will be holding a *Legacy Giving* informational meeting Sunday, Feb. 18 at 9:15 a.m. in the Jennie Roberts Room. Presented by Eric Wilkie, Executive Director, FM Area Foundation, this is the second installment of the *Legacy Giving* series sponsored by FPC Support & Endowment and Stewardship committees. For additional information please contact Ben Zietz @ Ben.Zietz@marshmma.com.

Covenant of Prayer: Dick Anderson (Bill Anderson's grandfather)

Join us!

NEW MEMBER
SUNDAY IS
FEBRUARY 11

If you are interested in becoming a member at First Presbyterian, please contact Pastor Mary or Pastor Sarah
firstpresfargo.org

Directory Updates: The office is working on putting out a Hard Copy Directory soon. We need **your** help to make sure everything is up-to-date! If you have any information that needs to be changed (address, phone number, email, etc.), please contact Casey in the office. You can also submit a new photo, either by email to clemier@firstpresfargo.org, or you can bring a physical picture in to the office. Thank you to those who have already submitted updates of information or new pictures, your punctuality is greatly appreciated!

Find a moment of stillness in your day

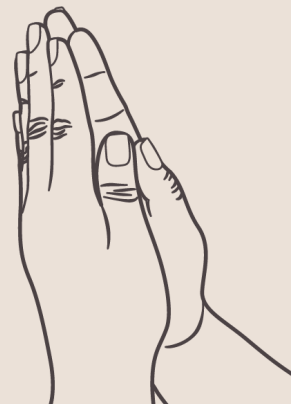
Centering Prayer

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.

Thursdays in Lent,
12:15-12:45 in the
Jennie Roberts Room

All are welcome.
No experience necessary.

*Sponsored by The Pilgrimage
and Presentation Prayer Center*



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: 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*
Pam Burns-*Music Ministry Coordinator*
Shawn Neisen-*Adult Choir Director*
Penny Andrist-*Children's Ministry Coordinator*
Kayla Bones-*Youth & Young Adult Ministry Coordinator*
Jan Lundgren-*Business Manager*
Casey LeMier- *Communications & Admin Assistant*
Rick Fiebiger-*Facilities Manager*
Drew Brovold-*Custodian*

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



Youth Ski Trip
Andes Tower Hills
SATURDAY, MARCH 2

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RSVP BY FEB 21

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

Sunday, February 4

11:30 Fellowship & Health Fair!

Monday, February 5

No Church Events

Tuesday, February 6

12:15 S&E Committee Meeting

1:00 Presbytery's SDoP Meeting

5:30 Mission Committee Meeting

5:30 Worship Committee Meeting (H)

6:30 Personnel Committee Meeting

Wednesday, February 7

5:00 Lay Preacher Seminar

5:00 Wednesday Activities Dinner

5:30 St. Andrew's Brass

5:30 Genesis Ringers

6:15 Children & Youth Choir Rehearsals

6:30 Westminster Ringers

7:00 Youth Group

7:30 Sanctuary Choir

Thursday, February 8

5:30 Nurturing Families

Friday, February 9

No Church Events

Saturday, February 10

No Church Events

Sunday, February 11

8:45 Second Sunday Activities Begin

10:30 New Member Sunday Worship Service (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

January 28 Attendance: 190

158 in person

32 households livestreamed

Contributions received: \$15,950.00



Church Information

Office Hours:

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

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