



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

Variations on Kum Ba Yah
Sally Harmon, organist

arrs. Hailstork/Behnke

WELCOME & CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

The Rev. Sarah M. Bigwood

MOMENT OF SILENCE

Holy Spirit, we praise and thank you for the love you lavish upon us. You so graciously give comfort, truth, and even challenge. We earnestly crave to be in your presence, to feel the inner work of you in our hearts and minds. Come, light upon us, we pray. Empower us to be your church, this day and every day. Amen.

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Wind of God, who awakened creation and stirred dry bones to life.

Sweep through our spaces and enliven our worship.

Wind of God, who descended as tongues of flame and gave birth to the church.

Sweep through our spaces and ignite our hearts.

Wind of God, who guides our ministry and equips us for service,

sweep through our spaces and empower our witness.

Let us worship God!

***HYMN 688**

Spirit of God Descend Upon My Heart (vs. 1, 3, 5)

Spirit of God, descend upon my heart;

Wean it from earth; through all its pulses move;

Stoop to my weakness, mighty as thou art,

and make me love thee as I ought to love.

Hast thou not bid us love thee, God and King;

All, all thine own, soul, heart, and strength, and mind?

I see thy cross; there teach my heart to cling.
O let me seek thee, and O let me find!

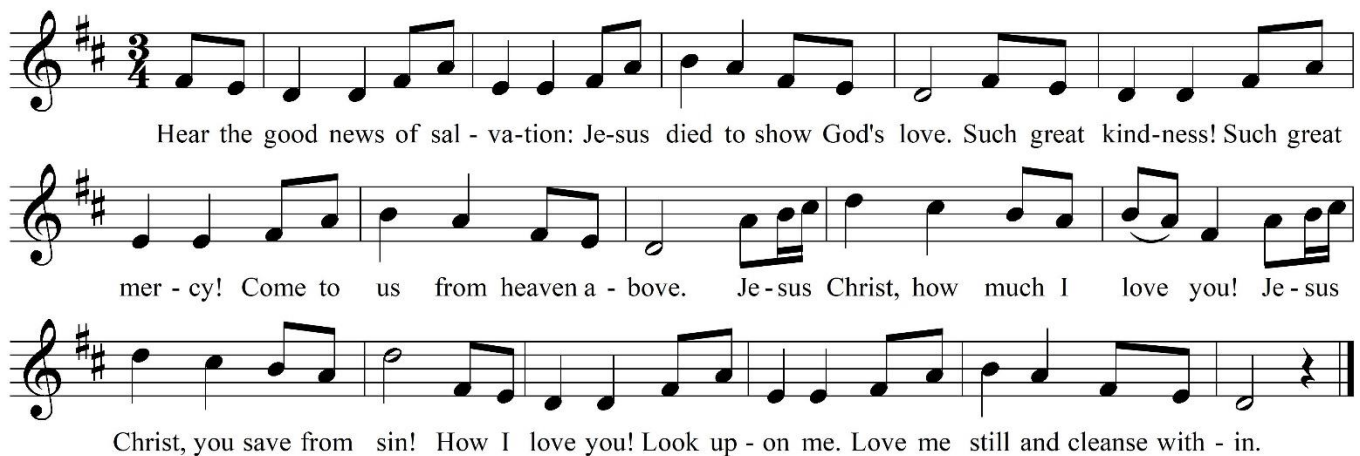
Teach me to love thee as thine angels love,
one holy passion filling all my frame;
the baptism of the heaven-descended dove,
my heart an altar, and thy love the flame.

***CONFESSION AND DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on us. We rejoice in the gifts you have given us. Yet, we confess, we use your gifts for selfish gain instead of for the common good. Or, we think too little of ourselves, believing that some gifts are more important than others, forgetting how the Body of Christ works. Melt us, mold us, fill us, use us -- so that our lives may glorify you.

***RESPONSE 441**

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

My Faith Looks Up to Thee
Nancy Norris & Virginia Stern, duo pianos

arr. Buda

The Word

SCRIPTURE

Psalms 104:31-34, pp. 544
Acts 2:1-21, pp. 992

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

Bruce Maylath, reader
Whirl Story Bible pg. 438

SERMON

Groupness

***HYMN 408**

There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit

There's a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place,
and I know that it's the Spirit of the Lord;
there are sweet expressions on each face,
and I know they feel the presence of the Lord.
Sweet Holy Spirit, sweet heavenly Dove,
stay right here with us, filling us with your love;
and for these blessings we lift our hearts in praise;
without a doubt we'll know that we have been revived
when we shall leave this place.

There are blessings you cannot receive
till you know him in his fullness and believe;
you're the one to profit when you say,
"I am going to walk with Jesus all the way."
Sweet Holy Spirit, sweet heavenly Dove,
stay right here with us, filling us with your love;
and for these blessings we lift our hearts in praise;
without a doubt we'll know that we have been revived
when we shall leave this place.

***PROFESSION OF FAITH**

Presbyterian Church U.S.A. Brief Statement of Faith, excerpt

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church. The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the church. In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

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.

Responding to the Word



OFFERING

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

OFFERTORY

Holy, Holy, Holy

arr. Raney

Nancy Norris & Virginia Stern; duo pianos

***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 66

Every Time I Feel the Spirit

(refrain, everyone | verse 1, high voices | verse 2, low voices)

Refrain: Every time I feel the Spirit
moving in my heart I will pray.
Yes, every time I feel the Spirit
moving in my heart I will pray.

Upon the mountain, when my Lord spoke,
out of God's mouth came fire and smoke.
Looked all around me, it looked so fine,
till I asked my Lord if all was mine. [Refrain]

Jordan River, chilly and cold,
it chills the body but not the soul.
There is but one train upon this track.
it runs to heaven and then right back. [Refrain]

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Kum Ba Yah

arr. Moore

Sally Harmon, organist

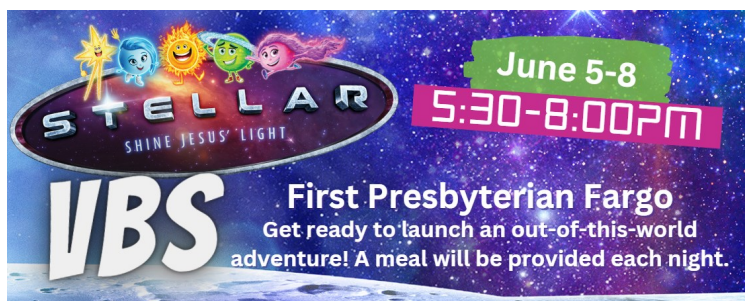
*Any children who are interested are welcome
to come up to the organ to watch Sally play the postlude.*



Serving at Micah's Mission: We continue to serve the evening meal at Micah's Mission every second Thursday of the month. Signup sheets for June 8 and August 10 are posted at the Volunteer Opportunities Board in the west foyer. We have found servers for both dates, but we are still looking for preparers! Sign up as a group or as individuals. If you wish to participate, but are unable to prepare or serve, consider making a donation to cover the cost of lasagna. One lasagna is about \$25; an entire meal is between \$200-\$250, depending on how many guests we expect to serve. Thank you for your generosity of time and resources!

Craft Kits in the Library! Come *check out* the new craft kits located in the church library! The EduCon committee, along with the generosity of the Library committee, have created a Wool Felting kit and two Paper Quilling kits for members to check out. Each kit contains tools, supplies, instructions and inspiration for a small group or family to learn and create a project of your choosing. Young or old, beginner or expert, come check out a craft kit and see what you can create! Simply pick a kit, fill out the check out card and leave it in the tray on the library desk. Please return the kits back to the library after you have finished with it. They are located just above the children's section near the rocking chairs!

Hope Blooms: Collecting small glass jars! Hope Blooms repurposes flowers to make new arrangements for community members in need – all with the message *You matter!* Throughout the year, you can bring clean jam or small sauce jars, etc., with labels removed, to the church and place them in the green buckets in the foyer. The Mission Committee will deliver them to Hope Blooms. *Inspiring hope, happiness and emotional healing through repurposed flowers!*



Covenant Of Prayer: Karen Brehmer; Beatrice Janaka and family; Louis Moniz; Michael Robidoux; foster families; those suffering from mental illness; Don Brummond; Jennifer; and the people of Ukraine, Syria, and Turkey.

EFP Birthday Bags: We are still collecting Birthday items for the Emergency Food Pantry! EFP would only like white, yellow, chocolate or confetti cake mixes. We are also asking for frosting and birthday cards to be provided. The Mission Committee is requesting card games and birthday hats to bring joy to two different age groups, 1 to 8 and 9 to 17 year olds, that families will receive when they pick up their food supplies.

Banner for Pentecost: The day of Pentecost marks the end of the Easter season. The banner for the day makes visual the Pentecost experience which is recorded in the second chapter of the book of Acts. Red, the symbol of the Holy Spirit, is the predominant color of the banner. Tongues of fire, fed by the wind of the Spirit, point to the dove. The dove recalls the Baptism of our Lord, and our own baptisms. The dove is the symbol of God's spirit resting on disciples.

Pentecost was the day when Jesus' disciples recognized the power God had bestowed on them: power to tell God's story and be heard; power to be the Body of Christ in the world.



VBS Volunteers Needed! Vacation Bible School is a great opportunity for kids to learn more about faith in a safe and fun environment provided by the church. We are so excited to 'blast off' on this great learning adventure in a few weeks, but we need some more volunteers! We are looking for a few folks to prepare and bring different parts of the meals that will be had by the kids and their families each night before the activities begin. We are also asking for some help with cleaning up afterwards. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact the church office at admin.assistant@firstpresfargo.org

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 10:20** 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

The Rev. Sarah M. Bigwood-*Head of Staff, Pastor*
 The Rev. Mary Jo E. Holtey-*Associate Pastor*
 The Rev. Daniel Billings-*Parish Associate*
 Sally Harmon-*Music Coordinator & Organist*
 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

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

Sunday, May 28

11:30 Fellowship

Monday, May 29

Office Closed

Tuesday, May 30

10:30 Staff Meeting

Wednesday, May 31

No Church Events

Thursday, June 1

No Church Events

Friday, June 2

No Church Events

Saturday, June 3

8:00 Depart for 'Take a Hike!'

Sunday, June 4

10:30 Worship Service & 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

May 21 Attendance: 202

174 in person

28 households livestreamed

Contributions received: \$9,232.00



Church Information

Office Hours:

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

Phone: 701-293-6311

www.firstpresfargo.org

COLLABORATE WITH

FIRST PRES FARGO & HEART N' SOUL COMMUNITY CAFE & PLAINS ART MUSEUM

Join us every second Wednesday of the month, through October, from 4:30pm to 6:30pm. The Plains Art Museum will lead an interactive art project during the summer months.

YOUTH GROUP SUMMER EVENTS

HERE ARE SOME GREAT EVENTS HAPPENING THIS SUMMER THAT YOU MIGHT BE INTERESTED IN:

JUNE 3	HIKE EVERY MILE RSVP by May 19 See website for more info	JULY 12	HEART AND SOUL FOOD TRUCK NIGHT 4:30-6:00 in the Courtyard
JUNE 5-8	VBS If you would like to volunteer for VBS, please RSVP by May 23	JULY 13	SERVE AT MICAH'S MISSION Shifts from 3-5 and 5-7 pm RSVP by July 6
JUNE 14	HEART AND SOUL FOOD TRUCK NIGHT 4:30-6:00 in the Courtyard	AUGUST 9	HEART AND SOUL FOOD TRUCK NIGHT 4:30-6:00 in the Courtyard
JUNE 20	TUBE THE OTTERTAIL RIVER RSVP by June 6	AUGUST 22	SERVICE PROJECT Watch for more details this summer!
JULY 7	LOCK IN RSVP by June 23		





PENTECOST SPECIAL OFFERINGS

CHILDREN AT RISK • YOUTH • YOUNG ADULTS

Every time we
break divisions
in the work of unity;

every time we act
with courage,
setting hopes
and visions free,
and every time

we teach our children
of the world
God longs to see,

In our living,
in our giving,
we are there.



*Empowering God, help us to encourage all of your children
to connect with us, one another and you,
that they may grow, thrive and take part
in building up the body of Christ.*

AMEN.



ANCHORAGE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

A tri-presbytery event, called "Belonging Together," brought together a diverse group of sixth to 12th graders across the Commonwealth of Kentucky. This event served to lift up the Matthew 25 vision "to demonstrate as people of God we have a true calling to address division, exclusion and all that goes against the love of Jesus Christ in our world."

"All our events build up the body of Christ in our worship, keynote, small groups and table fellowship," said Leslee Kirkconnell, a ruling elder in the Presbytery of Western Kentucky. "This event emphasized the very real bonds we have as humans, as Christians, as Presbyterians. We learned these bonds must be nurtured and encouraged — that relationships are so important."

We are there

We are there to create opportunities for young people to grow, thrive and take part in building up the body of Christ through our gifts to the Pentecost Offering.

40%

stays with our congregation to support local ministries with children, youth, and young adults.

25%

supports Young Adult Volunteers (YAV), serving in communities around the world, and growing as leaders through transformative Christian service.

25%

supports Ministries with Youth especially the Presbyterian Youth Triennium.

10%

is devoted to children at-risk and supports to improve education and provide safe havens.

Won't you join us?
**PLEASE GIVE GENEROUSLY...
FOR IF WE ALL DO A LITTLE,
IT ADDS UP TO A LOT.**



**PENTECOST
SPECIAL OFFERINGS**

CHILDREN AT RISK • YOUTH • YOUNG ADULTS

APRIL 10-MAY 28, 2023



MATTHEW 25

A FOUNDATION
OF FAITH
established during
childhood through
young adulthood
helps ensure lifelong
faith and service.
When you give to the
Pentecost Offering,
you are helping to
provide opportunities
for young people to
grow and share in
their faith in Christ.



WAYS TO GIVE —



Through your congregation



Text PENTECOST
to 91999 to support
these vital ministries



Give online at
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You can help sustain the important ministries and programs that are supported by the Pentecost Offering by making an online gift at any time throughout the year. Checks may be sent Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.); P.O. Box 643700; Pittsburgh, PA, 15264.



The Pentecost Offering is one of four annual special offerings. The church-wide Special Offerings of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) play an important role in defining what it means to be a connectional church in the twenty-first century, bringing together the diversity of the PC (USA) to focus and take faith-based action on shared concerns. The Offerings offer opportunities for partnership, learning and witness, and profoundly affect the life of the church as a collective witness to Jesus Christ's love for the whole church.