



**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.*

October 22, 2023

We Gather in Christ

PRELUDE

Variations on "Take My Life, and Let it Be"
Sally Harmon, organist

arrs. Held/Pethel

WELCOME & CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

MOMENT OF SILENCE

Holy God, you have made us in your image, and we belong to you alone. Therefore, we offer ourselves to you in service, love, and praise. Use us for the glory of your realm and the good of your people, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Sing to the Lord and bless God's name.

Tell of God's saving power from day to day.

Worship the Lord in holy splendor.

Tremble before God, all the earth.

We have come together to worship a God who blesses and saves.

Let us worship God!

***HYMN 716**

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

God, whose giving knows no ending,
from your rich and endless store,
nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom,
costly cross, grave's shattered door:
gifted by you, we turn to you,
offering up ourselves in praise;
thankful song shall rise forever,
gracious donor of our days.

Skills and time are ours for pressing
toward the goals of Christ, your Son:
all at peace in health and freedom,
races joined, the church made one.
Now direct our daily labor,
lest we strive for self alone.
Born with talents, make us servants
fit to answer at your throne.

Treasure, too, you have entrusted,
gain through powers your grace conferred:
ours to use for home and kindred,
and to spread the gospel word.
Open wide our hands in sharing,
as we heed Christ's ageless call,
healing, teaching, and reclaiming,
serving you by loving all.

***CONFESSION AND DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

What a debt we owe to you, O God. You have given us all things in Christ, and yet we withhold from you the honor and glory that are yours. Instead, we pay tribute to empire, plot to entrap the innocent, mock your truth with empty praise, and put your patience to the test. Forgive us, O God, and by your grace restore in us the image of your face; through Christ Jesus our Lord.

***RESPONSE 48**

Rain Down

Musical notation for the song 'Rain Down'. It consists of two staves of music in 3/4 time, with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is written on a treble clef. The lyrics are: 'Rain down; rain down; rain down your love on your peo - ple.' The second staff continues with 'Rain down; rain down; rain down your love, God of life.' followed by a long horizontal line indicating the end of the phrase.

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

GIFT OF MUSIC

Christ is Made the Sure Foundation
Sanctuary Choir; Shawn Neisen, director

arr. Wood

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Penny Andrist

The Word

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 96, pp. 539
Matthew 22:15-22, pp. 900
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Sue Van Osdel, reader
Whirl Story Bible, pg. 250

SERMON

The Rev. Mary Jo E. Holtey

***HYMN 770**

I'm Gonna Eat at the Welcome Table

I'm gonna eat at the welcome table;
I'm gonna eat at the welcome table, Alleluia.
I'm gonna eat at the welcome table;
I'm gonna eat at the welcome table, Alleluia.

I'm gonna eat and drink with my Jesus;
I'm gonna eat and drink with my Jesus, Alleluia.
I'm gonna eat and drink with my Jesus;
I'm gonna eat and drink with my Jesus, Alleluia.

I'm gonna join with sisters, brothers;
I'm gonna join with sisters, brothers, Alleluia.
I'm gonna join with sisters, brothers;
I'm gonna join with sisters, brothers, Alleluia.

Here all the world will find a welcome;
here all the world will find a welcome, Alleluia.
Here all the world will find a welcome;
here all the world will find a welcome, Alleluia.

We're gonna feast on milk and honey;
we're gonna feast on milk and honey, Alleluia.
We're gonna feast on milk and honey;
we're gonna feast on milk and honey, Alleluia.

***PROFESSION OF FAITH**

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

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



MINUTE FOR MISSION

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Karen Rivers

OFFERTORY

Come Thou Fount

arr. Marvin

St. Andrews Brass; Sally Harmon, piano

***RESPONSE 712**

As Those of Old Their Firstfruits Brought

As those of old their first - fruits brought of vine - yard flock and field to God, the giv - er
of _ all good, the source of _ boun-teous yield, so we to-day our first - fruits bring, the
wealth of this good land: of farm and mar-ket, shop and home of mind and heart and hand.

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Bearing the Word into the World

***HYMN 697**

Take My Life

Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee;
take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise;
let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of thy love;
take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful for thee,
swift and beautiful for thee.

Take my voice and let me sing always, only, for my King;
take my lips and let them be filled with messages from thee,
filled with messages from thee.

Take my silver and my gold; not a mite would I withhold;
take my intellect and use every power as thou shalt choose,
every power as thou shalt choose.

Take my will and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy royal throne,
it shall be thy royal throne.

Take my love; my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure store;
take myself and I will be ever, only, all for thee,
ever, only, all for thee.

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Over the Rainbow

Arlen

Arrangement for Piano Quartet by Melody Christianson Bober
Andrew Froelich, Virginia Stern, Kyle Kempel, Shelley Zietz

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH OF FARGO



Sunday Worship

October 22, 2023

Collecting Winter Gear: We join other churches in the Presbytery with our donations of new and gently used winter clothing, along with gear like warm coats, hats, gloves, boots and snowpants. All sizes needed for children and youth! We dedicated items in worship on World Communion Sunday, October 1, and we continue to collect **all winter gear and coats** through October 29th. Drop them off in the green buckets in the west foyer, or you may choose to make a financial contribution; members of the Mission Committee will do the shopping for you. Thank you for your continued support and generosity!



[Sign-Up Here](#)

Trunk or Treat: Leaves are turning and there's a chill in the air! It's time for Some Trunks! **Sunday October 29th** it will be All Treats after worship, No Tricks about it! Here are some ways you can participate. We could use more trunks; decorating can be as simple or extravagant as you like. If you prefer to stay warm you can host a trick or treat table inside. You can donate a bag of candy, just drop it in the office by Thursday Oct. 26th. Bake a pan of your favorite bars or volunteer to help serve. On Sunday, Oct. 29th, kids are welcome to come in costume! They will process to the social hall after worship, have a healthy snack and make a craft before heading out to trunk or treat. Check out the Jennie Roberts Room and Gathering Space for delicious fall treats to sample. Have a look at the sign ups on the volunteer board for all ways to get involved, or sign up online via the QR code above.

Serving at Micah's Mission: The sign-up sheets for Nov. 9 and Dec. 14 are posted on the Volunteer Opportunities Board. Micah's Mission is the shelter in the Churches United organization. We provide four volunteers to prepare the meal from 3-5pm and four volunteers to serve the meal from 5-7pm every second Thursday of the month. Come and be a part of this longstanding mission!

Presentation by Prakash Mathew: The Presentation Prayer Center will hold a breakfast fundraiser on Nov. 7 from 9-11 AM at the Sanctuary Events Center. Prakash Mathew will offer the keynote address, "*When Called to Lead, We Are Called to Serve: How Do We Respond?*" Tickets are \$40 apiece and we are organizing a group table for church members. Sign up on the bulletin board or contact Pastor Mary if you wish to attend.

Covenant Of Prayer: Tom Kley; Dale Rage; Jennifer; peace in the Middle East; and the people of Afghanistan, Libya, Morocco, Maui and Ukraine.



St. Andrew's Society Dinner & Program: The St. Andrew's Society of the FM area will have its 38th annual dinner/program that celebrates Scottish culture and heritage on Saturday, November 4 at The Courtyard by Marriott, 1080 28th Ave. S., Moorhead, MN. The social hour will begin at 5:00pm and the dinner/program will begin at 5:30pm. The meal will include a beef dinner, haggis, scones, bashed neeps, shortbread, and cranachan. The program will include performances by the Heather and Thistle Pipes and Drums Band; dancing by members of the Minnesota Celtic Dance Association; and a singer who will perform famous Scottish songs. Anyone interested in Scottish culture and heritage is welcome to attend. Tickets are available through Nov. 1 by calling 402-981-2333.

Town Hall Looking For Supporters: The Town Hall Board is looking for individuals and/or businesses who are interested in supporting our Town Hall Lecture Series in a larger way than just purchasing a season ticket. If you or someone you know would like to discuss how you could impact our program and the level of speakers that are brought to our community, please feel free to contact one of the following people: Cynthia Baumgardner, Mary Haugo, Marcia Foss, Elaine Rudd or Barb Erbstoesser. Help us continue the excellent program that this church started over 50+ years ago.

Attention Snow Birds! Please notify the office of your winter address along with the dates you'll be away. Some items are mailed at special non-profit rates and will not forward even if you have a forwarding order at the post office. Please help us stay in touch!

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: 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*

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

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

Sunday, October 22

11:30 Fellowship

2:00 Duo Pianos Concert

Monday, October 23

12:00 Messenger article deadline

5:00 Stewardship Committee Meeting

6:00 Nominating Committee (Z)

Tuesday, October 24

10:30 Town Hall Lecture Series @ Prairie Heights

Wednesday, October 25

5:00 Wednesday Activities Dinner

5:30 St. Andrew's Brass Rehearsal

5:30 Genesis Ringers Rehearsal

6:00 PW Ice Cream Bar & Uke Jam Session

6:15 Children & Youth Choir Rehearsals

6:30 Westminster Ringers

7:00 Youth Group

7:30 Sanctuary Choir

Thursday, October 26

5:30 Nurturing Families

Friday, October 27

No Church Events

Saturday, October 28

No Church Events

Sunday, October 29

9:15 *Lectio Divina* Class

10:30 Worship Service (L)

11:30 Trunk or Treat & Fall 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

October 15 Attendance: 163

132 in person

31 households livestreamed

Contributions received: \$7,647.00



Church Information

Office Hours:

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

Phone: 701-293-6311

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NOVEMBER 5TH 2023

Services at 9am & 11am in the Sanctuary

Celtic Dancers at 10am in the Sanctuary