



**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.

July 28, 2024

We Gather in Christ

PRELUDE

How Firm a Foundation
Sally Harmon, organist

arr. Robert A. Hobby

WELCOME

MOMENT OF SILENCE

Triune God, shepherd of your people Israel, you provide for us far more than we expect or imagine possible. Calm our fears; speak peace to us; lead us beyond ourselves. Gather us with all the saints in the church to glorify you for your mighty deeds. We pray in the strong name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

✧CALL TO WORSHIP

Rusty Bender

God created all things visible and invisible; none other.

God provides food for your stomach and spirit; none other.

God is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine.

Let us worship the Trinity, and none other.

✧HYMN 4

Holy God, We Praise Your Name

Holy God, we praise your name; Lord of all, we bow before you.

All on earth your scepter claim; all in heaven above adore you.

Infinite your vast domain, everlasting is your reign.

Hark! The glad celestial hymn angel choirs above are raising;
cherubim and seraphim, in unceasing chorus praising,
fill the heavens with sweet accord: "Holy, holy, holy Lord!"

All apostles join the strain as your sacred name they hallow;
prophets swell the glad refrain, and the blessed martyrs follow,
and from morn to set of sun, through the church the song goes on.

Holy Father, Holy Son, Holy Spirit: three we name you,
while in essence only one; undivided God we claim you,
and adoring, bend the knee while we own the mystery.

✧ **CONFESSION AND DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

God of wonder, we confess our sins and pray for your help so that we can truly repent and turn from evil. Deliver us from the temptation to hide from you, to lie to you, or to excuse ourselves because of the harm we have done to others. Forgive us for the curse we have brought upon the earth. Restore your creation to full health and feed the multitudes from the abundance of your merciful power. Grow in us a deeper desire to love Christ with the fullness of your love, and to glorify him, along with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

✧ **RESPONSE 284**

Holy Spirit, Come to Us

Ho - ly Spir - it, come to us; kin - dle in us the fire of your love.
Ho - ly Spir - it, come to us. Ho - ly Spir - it, come to us.

✧ **PASSING OF THE PEACE**

GIFT OF MUSIC

I Feel the Spirit Moving

arr. Mark Hayes

Kevin Thomas, tenor; Virginia Stern, piano

The Word

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 14, pp. 485

John 6:1-21, pp. 971

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

SERMON

New Passover

Rev. Sarah M. Bigwood

✧ **HYMN 509**

All Who Hunger

All who hunger, gather gladly; holy manna is our bread.

Come from wilderness and wandering. Here, in truth, we will be fed.

You that yearn for days of fullness, all around us is our food.

Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.

All who hunger, never strangers, seeker, be a welcome guest.

Come from restlessness and roaming. Here, in joy, we keep the feast.

We that once were lost and scattered in communion's love have stood.

Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.

All who hunger, sing together; Jesus Christ is living bread.

Come from loneliness and longing. Here, in peace, we have been led.

Blest are those who from this table live their days in gratitude.

Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.

✧ 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



OFFERING

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OFFERTORY

Romance

Johann S. Svendson

Kathleen Thomas, violin; Virginia Stern, 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 463

How Firm a Foundation

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
is laid for your faith in God's excellent Word!
What more can be said than to you God hath said,
to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

"Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed,
for I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;
I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.

"When through the deep waters I call thee to go,
the rivers of sorrow shall not overflow;
for I will be near thee, thy troubles to bless,
and sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.

"When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie,
my grace, all sufficient, shall be thy supply;
the flame shall not hurt thee; I only design
thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine.

"The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to its foes;
that soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I'll never, no, never, no, never forsake."

❖ **BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

How Firm a Foundation
Sally Harmon, organist

arr. Don Hustad


Thank you to Ally and Josh Trumbo on livestream and soundboard, Rusty Bender for assisting in worship, and our Welcome Team: Jody Hudson, Virginia Stern, David Hoffman, and Fred Hudson for taking such good care of us this morning.

A special thank you to our musicians: Sally Harmon, Kevin Thomas, Virginia Stern, and Kathleen Thomas.

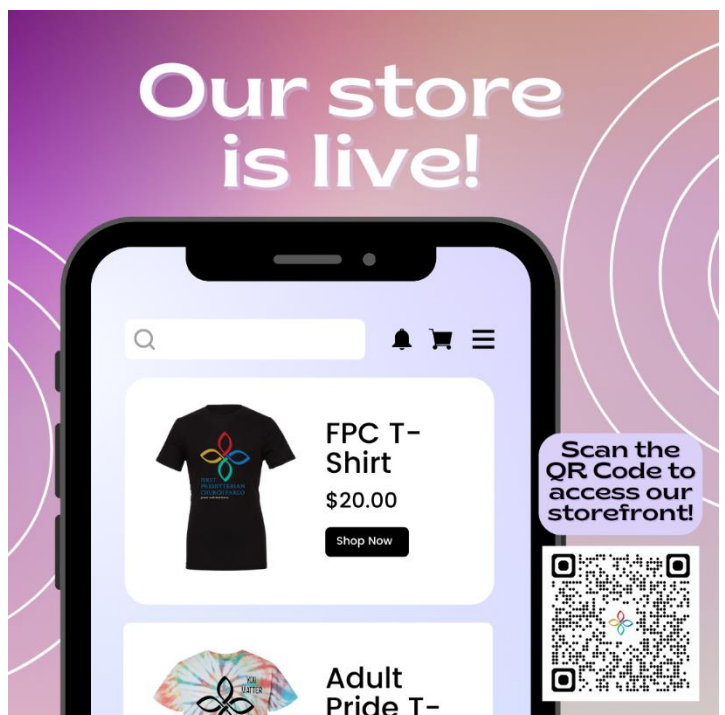


Heart-n-Soul
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@ FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF FARGO

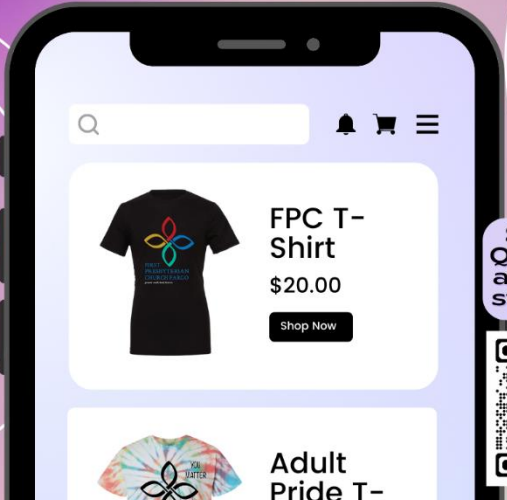
Every Second
Wednesday
June - October



4:30PM - 6:00PM
650 2ND AVE. N FARGO, ND 58102



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is live!



Scan the QR Code to access our storefront!



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH OF FARGO

Sunday Worship

July 28, 2024

Sunday School Volunteers Needed: We are seeking volunteers that love working with children and youth to help make our Sunday School programming vibrant and impactful. Does this sound like you? Contact Rusty Bender at rbender@firspresfargo.org.

NEW YORK KAMMERMUSIKER

FREE CONCERT
AUGUST 11 @ 7PM

17TH ANNUAL
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CONCERT

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Sunday School starts soon!

Don't forget to register at
www.firstpresfargo.org/children

Scan the QR code for
the registration form!



Covenant of Prayer: Brad Schenck, son of Richard Schenck (BDPC) fighting brain cancer; Kurt Kooyer and family upon the death of Kurt's brother, Erik, on June 30th in Grand Rapids, MI.; Fraser Harrison, under the care of hospice.



Meal Train set up for Jan and Fraser Harrison: Jan and Fraser's family has set up a "meal train" for their folks. Scan the QR code if you're able to sign up to bring them a meal. Contact Pastor Mary if you are in need of assistance.

Bolster Up! VBS for Adults: August 12- 15 at 7 PM, in the Jennie Roberts Room at First Presbyterian Church Fargo. Speakers will be Lorelee Benz, Prakash Mathew, Pastor Robert Drake, and Bruce Maylath. Each session will focus on a different topic, with a Bible lesson, hymn singing, and treats. Come to one or all nights - no registration required.

Bolster Up!

Adult Vacation Bible School

August 12-15 | 7PM

Jennie Roberts Room
First Presbyterian Church Fargo

A new speaker each night!
Inviting all Presbyterians for
Faith, Fun, and Fellowship!

Old Downer Church

Join us as we gather for worship in the
Old Downer Church.

August 25, 2024 | 10:30 a.m.
Rollag, MN

The Rev. Mary Jo E. Holtey, preaching

Hearing devices, as well as **large print copies of today's bulletins and 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*

Rusty Bender-*Director of Church Life*

Sally Harmon-*Organist*

Pam Burns-*Music Ministry Coordinator*

Bryan Poyzer-*Adult Choir Director*

Penny Andrist-*Children's 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

Mission Collections this Summer:

- **The Emergency Food Pantry** is in need of personal hygiene items, paper products, diapers (larger sizes) and nonperishable food—in particular peanut butter, canned tuna and chicken. Place items in the bin in the west foyer coatroom.

- We are collecting sunscreen and mosquito spray to be given to local agencies to hand out to those without shelter, particularly for families with children and for those living by the river. Items may be placed in the green buckets in the west foyer.

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

Sunday, July 28

11:30 Fellowship

Monday, July 29

No Church Events

Tuesday, July 30

No Church Events

Wednesday, August 1

No Church Events

Thursday, August 2

No Church Events

Friday, August 3

6:00 Husarik/Yaggie Wedding Rehearsal

Saturday, August 4

4:00 Husarik/Yaggie Wedding

Sunday, August 5

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

July 21 Attendance: 145

105 in person

40 households livestreamed

Contributions received: \$9,848.75



Church Information

Summer Office Hours:

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

Phone: 701-293-6311

www.firstpresfargo.org

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Donations Needed in our Community

The Emergency Food Pantry and other agencies in the FM Area are looking for support to help provide food, water, and protection to those without shelter.