



*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.*

*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**

Holy One, we thank you for the gift of the Bible, for its psalms and poems, myths and stories, histories, teachings, and prophecies. May the Holy Spirit who called out those ancient writings continue to call us out today, that our lives may reflect the first sermon of Jesus, our crucified and risen Christ, who brings good news to the poor and lets the oppressed go free. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

### **PRELUDE**

*Little Prelude in Bb*  
Christian Stromley, guest organist

accr. Bach

### **WELCOME & CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH**

#### **\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

God built the heavens, the earth, and everything in them.

**God calls us to be builders as well.**

God calls us to build our lives:

**to restore broken places and continue to grow.**

God calls us to build our faith:

**to study the Word and ponder its interpretation.**

God calls us to build our community:

**to build bridges of understanding and systems of justice.**

God calls us to build history by fulfilling the promises of Scripture:

**to preach the good news of God's love and liberation for all people.**

**Let us worship God!**

#### **\*HYMN 409: *God is Here!***

**God is here! As we your people  
meet to offer praise and prayer,  
may we find in fuller measure  
what it is in Christ we share.  
Here, as in the world around us,  
all our varied skills and arts**

**wait the coming of the Spirit  
into open minds and hearts.**

**Here are symbols to remind us  
of our lifelong need of grace;  
here are table, font, and pulpit;  
here the cross has central place.  
Here in honesty of preaching,  
here in silence, as in speech,  
here, in newness and renewal,  
God the Spirit comes to each.**

**Here our children find a welcome  
in the Shepherd's flock and fold;  
here, as bread and wine are taken,  
Christ sustains us as of old.  
Here the servants of the Servant  
seek in worship to explore  
what it means in daily living  
to believe and to adore.**

**Lord of all, of church and kingdom,  
in an age of change and doubt  
keep us faithful to the gospel;  
help us work your purpose out.  
Here, in this day's dedication,  
all we have to give, receive:  
we, who cannot live without you,  
we adore you! We believe!**

**\*CALL TO CONFESSION**

Let us confess our sin as an offering  
of our trust in God's love and forgiveness for us.

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**God of our Restoration, whenever we come home to you, we realize how far we have strayed  
and how much we have forgotten of your law and your love. We have not loved you with  
our whole hearts or loved our neighbors as ourselves. Forgive us, heal us, and restore us to  
our relationship with you; through Jesus Christ, in whom we trust. Amen.**

**\*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

As a called and ordained minister of Jesus Christ,  
I assure you that you have been restored in the grace of God.  
Do not mourn, therefore, but rejoice,  
for this is a new day for you and for me.

**\*RESPONSE:** *Christ, Be Our Light*

Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the dark - ness. Christ,  
 be our light! Shine in your church gath-ered to - day.

**\*PASSING OF THE PEACE**

**CHILDREN’S TIME:**

Penny Andrist

**The Word**

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

Sue VanOsdel

Just as we see your wisdom and glory in nature around us, God,  
 may we hear your Word for us in the words of these readings,  
 that by the power of the Holy Spirit we may be drawn closer to you.  
 Through your great preacher, Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

**LESSON:** 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot were to say, ‘Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body’, that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear were to say, ‘Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body’, that would not make it any less a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be? As it is, there are many members, yet one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, ‘I have no need of you’, nor again the head to the feet, ‘I have no need of you.’ On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it.

Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? But strive for the greater gifts. And I will show you a still more excellent way.

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

**SERMON:**

The Rev. Mary Jo E. Holtey

**\*HYMN 316: *Where Charity and Love Prevail***

Where charity and love prevail,  
there God is ever found;  
brought here together by Christ's love,  
by love we thus are bound.

Let us recall that in our midst  
dwells Christ, God's holy Son.  
As members of each body joined,  
in him we are made one.

Let strife among us be unknown;  
let all contentions cease.  
Be God's the glory that we seek;  
be his our only peace.

Let us forgive each other's faults  
as we our own confess,  
that we may love each other well  
in Christian gentleness.

Love can exclude no race or creed  
if honored be God's name;  
our common life embraces all  
whose Maker is the same.

**\*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.

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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**



*A reminder that offering plates are at the west & north doors of the sanctuary to receive your offering and yellow attendance cards or use the QR code to access the secure giving portal on our website!*

**OFFERTORY**

*Holy Mana*

Gerth

St. Andrew's Brass; Jill Post, director

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

# Bearing the Word into the World

**\*HYMN 610:** *O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

**O for a thousand tongues to sing  
my great Redeemer's praise,  
the glories of my God and King,  
the triumphs of his grace!**

**My gracious Master and my God,  
assist me to proclaim,  
to spread thro' all the earth abroad  
the honors of your name.**

**Jesus! the name that charms our fears,  
that bids our sorrows cease,  
'tis music in the sinner's ears,  
'tis life and health and peace.**

**He breaks the power of cancelled sin,  
he sets the prisoner free;  
his blood can make the foulest clean;  
his blood availed for me.**

**To God all glory, praise, and love  
be now and ever given  
by saints below and saints above,  
the Church in earth and heaven.**

**\*BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

*Fugue in C*

Buxtehude



January 23, 2022

**Covenant of Prayer:** family and friends of Peg Robson who died on January 14 in Oregon. A memorial service will be held at a later time. Her husband, Ross, was Pastor here for many years in the '60s and '70s. Blessed be her memory.

Jennifer; Hannah; Bella Garcia; those who are experiencing homelessness in our community; and our sister congregation in Chogoria, Kenya.

**Guest Organist:** Christian Stromley is our guest organist today, and will be on the bench until Sally Harmon returns from vacation. He grew up in Wisconsin, starting piano at 12, and has been playing in church since age 15. He studied Organ and Church Music at Concordia, St. Paul. Music has always been his love and it is his dream to pursue it professionally. You may recall that Christian recorded several gifts of music on our church's organ during 2020 while we were doing online worship and shared some of those recordings with us.

**We're "Almost" Ready for BINGO?!** Our congregational fun night has been postponed due to the rise in COVID cases in our area. We'll let you know the rescheduling details soon! It will be a fun night with Bingo, karaoke, prizes, and more! Feel free to bring a friend or two! Everyone is welcome!

**Home Lost in the Colorado Fires:** Jenna Iszler (daughter of members Virg and Jocie Iszler) and her husband Rob lost their home in the devastating Marshall fires on December 30<sup>th</sup>. A GoFundMe account has been set up in their names. Search **GoFundMe** by typing **Rob and Jenna**. "Help Rob and Jenna Rebuild their lives" will pop up. Click on it and follow the directions from there. They made it out with their dogs, but the home was a complete loss. Thank you for your consideration.

**2021 Year End Contribution Statements have been mailed!** Watch your mailbox for your 2021 contribution statement that has been mailed. Please review carefully and contact Jan Lundgren in the office if you have questions: [jlundgren@firstpresfargo.org](mailto:jlundgren@firstpresfargo.org) or 701.293.6311.

**Pilgrimage:** A new Pilgrimage class directed toward current participants and FPC worshippers interested in becoming part of The Pilgrimage ministry, will be held **February 6 & 13 from 2:00-4:00 pm** in the Social Hall. *Seeking God Together* is a 2-session class that will provide small group experience steeped in the contemplative Christian tradition. We will explore the concept of soul friendship to deepen connections with one another. We will also practice contemplative prayer, holy listening, and Lectio Divina in a group setting. Recommended reading for the class is *The Pilgrim's Compass*, by Paul H. Lang, available in the church library. Contact Mike Wavra at [wavramw@aol.com](mailto:wavramw@aol.com) or Judy Rippentrop at [jrippentrop@yahoo.com](mailto:jrippentrop@yahoo.com) to indicate your interest.

**PW News:** Our YWCA representative has posted a sign on our bulletin board, listing the items we are focusing on each month. This month the focus will be Laundry/Dishwasher pods. These can be placed in the YWCA bin in the coat room. We welcome any item from the urgent needs list of the YWCA at any time, as well as pillows.

**Ordinary Time Banner:** Baptism marks the beginning of the Christian life. The Baptism of our Lord marks the beginning of these days between the two great festivals of the Christian year. The shell at the tip of the banner reminds us of our own baptisms and points us to the church, represented by a boat. The seas are choppy and yet the church manages to stay afloat, spreading God's good story wherever it finds itself. The fish in the sea reminds us of Jesus' ministry and His call to others to become fishers of men and women, and of His miracle of the loaves and fishes. The dove near the top of the banner, hidden in the clouds, symbolizes the presence of the Holy Spirit.

The banner is in many hues of green symbolizing the growth of discipleship which comes after baptism, in the community called the church, and extends into all the world.

**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 through 3 years, in the nursery complex on the 1<sup>st</sup> 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:** Kim Carter, Lisa Edison-Smith, Colleen Ford-Dunker, Bruce Furness, Dick Henderson, Ryan Johnston, Kurt Kooyer, Elaine Rudd (clerk), Scott Swanholm, Paula Thomas, Kevin Tobosa, Becky Trumbo, and Jeff Wilkens.

**Deacons:** Brenda Deckard, Ed Deckard, Rick Herberg, Beatrice Janaka, Jane Mathew (moderator), Karen Rivers, Kathleen Thomas, Debbie Tight, and Amy Wilkens.

**Treasurer:** Sherri Stern

### Church Staff

Rev. Mary Jo E. Holtey-*Head of Staff, 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*

**All staff emails are:**

**(first initial & last name of person)@firstpresfargo.org**

**L:Live Stream Option, H:Hybrid, Z:Zoom**

### **Sunday, January 23**

12:00 No Confirmation

### **Monday, January 24**

8:30 Messenger Deadline

5:00 Stewardship Committee

### **Tuesday, January 25**

8:30 Bulletin Articles Due

### **Wednesday, January 26**

5:30 St. Andrew's Brass / Genesis Ringers

6:15 Children/Youth Choirs

6:30 Westminster Ringers

7:00 Youth Group

7:30 Sanctuary Choir

### **Sunday, January 30**

9:15 No Sunday School

10:30 Worship Service (L)

12:00 No Confirmation

### For Your Information

January 16 Worship Attendance:

69 in person, 50 Livestreamed

Contributions Received: \$4,539.00



### Church Information

Office Hours:

M-TH, 8:30 am-4:00 pm

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