

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.

January 14, 2024

We Gather in Christ

PRELUDE

Pilgrim's Hymn Shawn Neisen, piano

Stephen Paulus

WELCOME

MOMENT OF SILENCE

Holy One, in Jesus Christ you called us to come and see your goodness and truth. Help us to follow where he leads us, so that we may see the greater things you have prepared for us in glory; through Jesus, the hope of the prophets and the fulfillment of your promise. Amen.

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

The Rev. Mary Jo E. Holtey

Come and see the grace of God,

Christ our teacher and our friend.

Come and see the son of God,

Christ our healer and salvation.

God is moving in this place.

Come and see!

We are here to see!

% HYMN 749

We Are Called

Come! Live in the light!
Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord!
We are called
to be light for the kingdom,
to live in the freedom
of the city of God.

Refrain: We are called to act with justice; we are called to love tenderly; we are called to serve one another, to walk humbly with God.

Come! Open your heart!
Show your mercy to all those in fear!
We are called
to be hope for the hopeless
so hatred and violence
will be no more. (Refrain)
Sing! Sing a new song!
Sing of that great day when all will be one!
God will reign,
and we'll walk with each other
as sisters and brothers

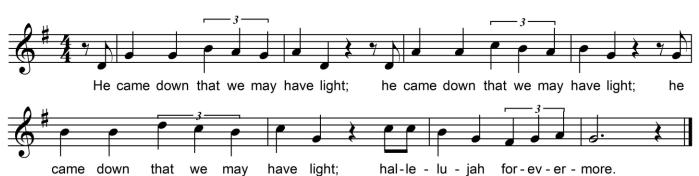
*** CONFESSION AND DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

God our Creator, we confess that we are broken, sinful creatures. You speak to us with tender mercy, yet we fail to recognize your voice. You know everything about us, yet we pretend we do not know you. Forgive us, God of grace. Help us to heed your voice of truth, to follow your way of faithfulness, and to glorify you with our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord.



united in love. (Refrain)

He Came Down



* PASSING OF THE PEACE

GIFT OF MUSIC

Here I Am

arr. Jack Schrader

Sanctuary Choir; Shawn Neisen, director

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Penny Andrist

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

PRESENTATION OF THE CHILD

Hayes Stephen Dawson, child of Leslie & Joseph Dawson Grandchild of Debra Dawson, Steve & Vicki Dawson, and Roger & Barbara Olson Steve Dawson, presiding elder

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

WELCOME

Hayes Stephen has been received into the one holy catholic and apostolic church through baptism. God has made him a member of the household of God, to share with us in the priesthood of Christ. Let us welcome the newly baptized.

With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you into Christ's church to share with us in his ministry, for we are all one in Christ.

The Word

SCRIPTURE

1 Samuel 3:1-20, pp.244

Brian McClure, reader

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Called

The Rev. Sarah M Bigwood

%HYMN 69

Here I Am, Lord

I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.

All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.

I, who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.

Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?

Refrain: Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.

I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain.

I have wept for love of them. They turn away.

I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.

I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send? (Refrain)

I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.

I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.

Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied.

I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send? (Refrain)

*PROFESSION OF FAITH

PC(USA) Brief Statement of Faith (adapted for use with children)

We belong to God.

We trust in Jesus who suffered like we suffer and broke the power of sin so we can live full lives.

We tarred in Cod rule arrested

We trust in God who created us good and helps us live with one another in healthy community and stays faithful to us forever.

We trust in the Holy Spirit who gives us the power to love as deeply as Jesus

so we can help others and live joyful lives. We join to celebrate God's love through Jesus. Glory be to the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

PASTORAL PRAYER

To you, O God, we cry; be gracious to us

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

Fred Hudson

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OFFERTORY

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Alan Moss

St. Andrews' Brass: Jill Post, director

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

I Have Decided to Follow Jesus arr. Russ Peterson/Pam Burns Second Sunday Band*

Refrain (sing twice):

I have decided to follow Jesus.

I have decided to follow Jesus.

I have decided to follow Jesus.

No turnin' back, no turnin' back.

Band Interlude

Refrain (sing twice)

Band Interlude

Refrain (sing twice)

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

I Have Decided to Follow Jesus Shawn Neisen and the Second Sunday Band

arr. Russell Peterson

^{*} Second Sunday Band: Pam Burns, coordinator; Penny Andrist, ukelele; Josh Argall, alto sax; Sam Johnson and Shelley Zietz, vocals; Shawn Neisen, piano; Brian Peterson, guitar; Bryan Poyzer, bass; Kevin Thomas, drums; Mike Wavra, trumpet



PW Circles: Circles will meet Jan. 16 in the Jennie Roberts Room; Naomi/Ruth Circles will meet at 9:30am and the Rachel Circle will meet at 1:00pm. The Leah Circle will meet at 10:00am on Jan. 20th via Zoom. All women of the church are invited to attend. If you are interested or have any questions, please call Paula Christensen at 701-219-5795.

Believe it or not, signing the <u>Friendship Pad</u> on Sunday mornings is more important than you know. More than keeping attendance, it allows for congregants and visitors to communicate to the office changes in personal information and new member interest. So please sign every service you attend and *don't forget to pass it down the row!*



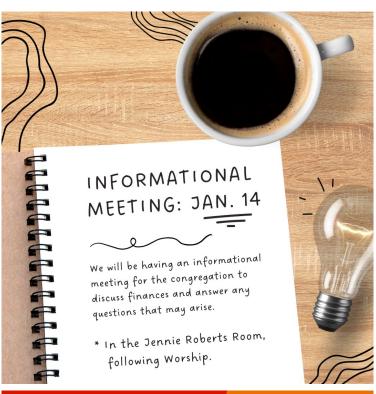
Veterans Affairs Sanford

North Country Trail Urgent Med
Cass County Public Health
Rape & Abuse Crisis Center
Hospice of RRV Heart Springs
Missions of Mercy Dr. Trout
Family Healthcare Total Balance
The Clinic Gracia Fulwiler

Joe Stanley FPC Fargo

- Cooperative Board Games
- Blood Pressure Checks
- Games for Youth
- Vendor Bingo
- Door Prizes

Come to our Health Fair and find out about local healthcare providers & services. In Remembrance: Church member, Kathryn (Kathy) Rosendahl died on Friday, January 6th under hospice care. She is Bobbie Holman's mother; Greg's grandmother and Andrew & Elijah's great grandmother. Kathy's funeral was on Saturday, January 13, 10AM at Hanson Runsvold Funeral Home.





<u>Directory Updates:</u> The office is hoping to put out a Hard Copy Directory in early 2024. 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!

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)

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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
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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
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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, January 14

11:30 Fellowship

11:45 Informational Meeting

Monday, January 15

6:30 Session Meeting (H)

Tuesday, January 16

9:30 PW Circle

1:00 PW Circle

7:00 Moms Demand Action

Wednesday, January 17

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, January 18

No Church Events

Friday, January 19

No Church Events

Saturday, January 20

10:00 PW Leah Circle (H)

11:00 Doug Harnisch Memorial Service

Sunday, January 21

8:45 Second Sunday Activities

10:30 Worship Service (L)

11:30 Fellowship

<u>Reminder:</u> 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 7 Attendance: 195
148 in person
47 households livestreamed
Contributions received: \$1,686.70



Church Information

Office Hours: M-TH, 9:00 am-4:00 pm Phone: 701-293-6311 www.firstpresfargo.org