



**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.

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

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.

The Rev. Mary Jo E. Holtey

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
united in love. (Refrain)

❖ **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.

❖ **RESPONSE 137**

He Came Down

He came down that we may have light; he came down that we may have light; he
came down that we may have light; hal-le-lu-jah for-ev-er-more.

❖ **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 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

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

Fred Hudson

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 arr. Russell Peterson
Shawn Neisen and the Second Sunday Band

* *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*

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*

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Shawn Neisen-*Adult Choir Director*

Penny Andrist-*Children's Ministry Coordinator*

Kayla Bones-*Youth & Young Adult Ministry Coordinator*

Jan Lundgren-*Business Manager*

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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

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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

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