



Wandering Heart

"Rescue me from danger"

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.

February 25, 2024

We Gather in Christ

PRELUDE

Three Variations on "Rockingham"

Arr. Albert Adcock

Dialogue

Louis N. Clerambault

Give Me Jesus

Arr. John W. Work

Terri Diers, guest organist

INTROIT

Small and Simple Faith

Scott and Killian

K-2 Choir, Erin Torpey, director; Virginia Stern, pianist

WELCOME

MOMENT OF SILENCE

Holy Redeemer, Grant me the courage to step out in faith, even when the waters seem treacherous. Strengthen my trust in your unwavering presence, knowing that in the chaos of my life, you extend your hand to rescue me. When fear surrounds me, let your voice cut through the tumult, saying, "Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid." Amen.



CALL TO WORSHIP

Ally Trumbo

God welcomes the dreamers and the doubters,
the courageous and the fearful,
the hungry and the hopeful,
the impatient and the reserved.

God welcomes the young and the old,
the poets and the prophets,
the faithful and the tired,
the curious and the convicted.

Wherever you are on your journey,
wherever your boat is at sea,
there is room for all to gather here.

This is God's house.

Let us worship the one whom even the seas obey.



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."



CONFESSION AND DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Hazel Schmidt

Gracious God, There are days that threaten to swallow us, days when the storms of life feel too big. In those moments, we often cling to the sides of our ships in fear, spending more energy hiding from storms than looking for you. Forgive us for doubting ourselves. Forgive us for doubting you. Rescue us from the storms of today and from the fears that trap us. With hope in our hearts we pray, amen.



RESPONSE 595

Holy, Holy, Holy

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly. My heart, my heart a - dores you! My heart knows how to say to you: you are ho - ly Lord!



PASSING OF THE PEACE

GIFT OF MUSIC

Didn't My Lord Deliver Daniel?

arr. Roger Emerson

3-6 Choir; Pam Burns, director; Jane Ahlin, pianist

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Penny Andrist

The Word

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 14:22-33, pp. 892

Rev. Sarah M. Bigwood

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

CONFIRMATION MESSAGE

Discipleship Group "Silly Pickles": Thomas Hudson, Hazel Schmidt, Ally Trumbo, Tom Bigwood, & Susan Peterson

Discipleship Group: Caleb Dahl, Ethan Johnston, Carter Shambaugh, Brad Devig, & Josh Trumbo

Discipleship Group: Grace Devig, Emily Erpelding, Carsten Lawrence, Tricia Erstad, & Fred Hudson

GIFT OF MUSIC

Prayer of the Norwegian Child

Ruth Artman

7-12 Choir; Shawn Neisen, director; Virginia Stern, pianist

CONFIRMATION

Here I Am, Lord

Dan Schutte

Shawn Neisen, pianist



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.

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



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OFFERTORY

Let There Be Peace on Earth

Dan Coates

Caleb Gadberry, pianist



RESPONSE 655

What Shall I Render to the Lord

What shall I ren - der to the Lord; what shall my of - fering be, for
all the gra - cious ben - e - fits God hath be - stowed on me?



PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Emily Erpelding

Bearing the Word into the World



WORDS TO WANDER BY

Rescue Me

Poem by Rev. Sarah A. Speed | A Sanctified Art LLC | sanctifiedart.org

I'd rather not need rescue.
I'd prefer a five-step plan
and a quick-fix solution.
I'd prefer stubborn insistence
over honest vulnerability,
because rescue requires
asking for help.
Rescue names
the rising water.
Rescue sees
the tired, treading feet.
Rescue feels
the swell of the wind
and the rain at a slant.
But when the floor falls out
and the world is on fire
and my small hands

cannot fix the hurt welling in me,
the prayer that slips out
is rescue
rescue
rescue me.

 **HYMN 69**

I, the Lord of Sea and Sky

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)

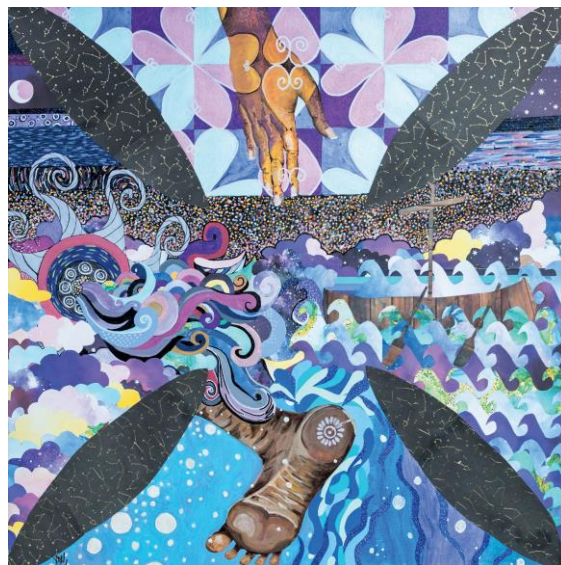
I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send? (Refrain)

 **BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Postlude in D
Terri Diers, organist

Christian Rinck



Lift Off | Rev. Nicolette Peñaranda
Acrylic, ink, paper collage, and mixed media on canvas



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF FARGO

Second Sunday of Lent

February 25th, 2024

Easter Flower Orders Available Now: To help us celebrate Easter, the Sanctuary will be adorned with spring flowers. You are invited to contribute to this enhancement of our worship space by purchasing a flower to be used for Easter Sunday. Order forms are available at the Welcome Desk, or in the Church Office. Orders and payments should be delivered to the office no later than noon on Monday, March 11. Thank You!



Holden Evening Prayer Services

Every Wednesday in Lent, starting February 21st, join us from 7:05pm to 7:30pm in the Jennie Roberts Room for Holden Evening Prayer.

Brief reflections will be on poetry and art of the season, *Wandering Heart: Figuring out faith with Peter*. Come and join us in the Jennie Roberts Room for this time of Lenten devotion.

Have you paid your Per Capita?: Each year our congregation pays a per capita contribution to the Presbyterian Church (USA). Per Capita is a fundamental way in which all the nearly 10,000 congregations and mid councils of the PC (USA) connect, participate, and share in the work of the wider church. Individuals and families may not be aware that the per capita donation is separate from pledge donations. To calculate your total per capita, multiply \$50 by each church member in your household and then take a moment to pay online at www.firstpresfargo.org/give using the Per Capita fund, or you can mail a check to the church office.

Covenant of Prayer: The people of Burnsville, MN and Kansas City, MO, as the result of recent gun violence; Sherri Stern, who is recovering from shoulder surgery; Dick Anderson (Bill Anderson's grandfather).

Find a moment of stillness in your day

Centering Prayer

Centering Prayer is a form of silent prayer that quiets the mind and focuses attention on the presence and action of the Holy Spirit within.

Thursdays in Lent,
12:15-12:45 in the
Jennie Roberts Room

All are welcome.
No experience necessary.

*Sponsored by The Pilgrimage
and Presentation Prayer Center*



Directory Updates: The office is working on putting out a Hard Copy Directory soon. We need **you** 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!

Pi(e) Day is March 17th! The Board of Deacons is hosting Pi(e) Day this year, and have invited our friends from the neighborhood - the residents from The Graver and our homeless vets who visit the Community Resource and Referral Center (the former Dawson Insurance Building). We need lots and lots of pie! If you're able to make or buy a pie or 2 (or 3) for us, please sign up at the Volunteer Opportunities Board or at the Welcome Desk. Thank you in advance for helping to make Pi(e) Day a success!

Will you volunteer to help with funeral receptions? Families have entrusted the church at their most difficult and vulnerable times. We want to respond with our love and support. Are you able to help, from time to time, with setting up, serving and cleaning up funeral receptions? Or, perhaps, you could bring a pan of bars. You, too, guys! Please sign up at the Volunteer Opportunities Board, or you may contact Nancy Lium directly at liumn1949@gmail.com. It's a privilege to serve one another!

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

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Drew Brovold-*Custodian*

Staff emails are: (first initial and last name of person)

@firstpresfargo.org

Got Stuff? We'll take it! We're collecting items to begin crafting our Scuba VBS decorations and set:

- Paper towel/tissue tubes
- Pool noodles, all colors
- Large plastic bowls, clear or colored
- Bead necklaces
- Tulle, any color
- Egg cartons
- Q-tips
- Loofahs
- White coffee filters, flat bottom
- Plastic bottle caps, all sizes
- Paper lanterns
- Bright colored ribbon

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

Sunday, February 25

11:30 Fellowship

Monday, February 26

5:30 Stewardship Committee Meeting

Tuesday, February 27

No Church Events

Wednesday, February 28

5:00 Wednesday Activities Dinner

5:00 Lay Preacher Seminar

5:30 St. Andrew's Brass

5:30 Genesis Ringers

6:15 Children & Youth Choir Rehearsals

6:30 Westminster Ringers

7:00 Youth Group

7:05 Holden Evening Prayer

7:30 Sanctuary Choir

Thursday, February 29

12:15 Centering Prayer

5:30 Nurturing Families

Friday, March 1

No Church Events

Saturday, March 2

Youth Ski Trip @ Andes Tower Hills

Sunday, March 3

10:30 Worship Service & Communion (L)

11:30 Fellowship

2:00 University of Jamestown Choir Concert

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

February 18 Attendance: 155

123 in person

32 households livestreamed

Contributions received: \$20,370.29



Church Information

Office Hours:

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

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Easter Flower Order Form

To help us celebrate Easter, the Sanctuary will be adorned with spring flowers. You are invited to contribute to this enhancement of our worship space by purchasing a flower to be used for Easter Sunday.

Choose the number of plants you would like, and if you would like to offer this plant in memory/honor of someone special or to the Glory of God. If ordering more than one plant, and need more space to write, please use the back of this form.

Orders and payments should be delivered to the office **no later than noon on Monday, March 11**. Thank You!

Type of flower (6")	Price per plant	# of plants	Total cost
Easter Lilies	\$15.00 each	x	=
Tulips	\$15.00 each	x	=
Hydrangeas	\$35.00 each	x	=

You may take your plant home following the 11:00 am worship on Easter Sunday, or pick it up any time the following week.

Please **PRINT**:

In loving Memory of:

In honor of:

To the Glory of God

By (your name):
