



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.*

We Gather in Christ

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Holy God, who comes to us in breath, visits us from the throne of heaven, and sets us aflame with amazement and joy, you open our paths to new visions and guide our feet deeper into your wisdom. Give us faith to trust your presence, through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

PRELUDE

*Variations on "Holy Spirit, Truth Divine"
The National Spiritual Anthem of Ukraine*

arr. Burkhardt

(Please remain seated and prayerfully reflect on this anthem's text, printed on the back page.)

Sally Harmon, organist

WELCOME & CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

How manifold are your works, O Lord!

In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

You send forth your spirit, and they are created;

and so you renew the face of the earth.

I will sing to the Lord as long as I live;

I will praise my God while I have my being.

Let us worship God!

***HYMN 289 On Pentecost They Gathered**

On Pentecost they gathered quite early in the day,

a band of Christ's disciples, to worship, sing, and pray.

A mighty wind came blowing, filled all the swirling air,

and tongues of fire a-glowing inspired each person there.

The people all around them were startled and amazed
to understand their language, as Christ the Lord they praised.

What universal message, what great good news was here?

That Christ, once dead, is risen to vanquish all our fear.

God pours the Holy Spirit on all who would believe,
on women, men, and children who would God's grace receive.
That Spirit knows no limit, bestowing life and power.
The church, formed and reforming, responds in every hour.

O Spirit, sent from heaven on that day long ago,
rekindle faith among us in all life's ebb and flow.
O give us ears to listen and tongues aflame with praise,
so folk of every nation glad songs of joy shall raise.

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

Our sister Julian of Norwich spoke these words of faith: "All people who shall be saved, while we are in this world, have in us a marvelous mixture of both weal [well-being] and woe. We have in us our risen Lord Jesus; we have in us the misery of the harm of Adam's falling and dying. We are steadfastly protected by Christ, and by the touch of his grace we are raised into sure trust of salvation. And by Adam's fall our perceptions are so shattered in various ways, by sins and by different sufferings, that we are so darkened and blinded that we can hardly find any comfort." In the strong assurance of pardon, let us confess our sin.

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Without your power, O God, we are lost. We have done the things we would avoid, and what you desire, we have not done. By your purifying fire transform our lives; guide us into honesty and compassion so that filled with your peace our dreams and visions may be one with yours; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

***DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved. By the power in whom we live and move and have our being, I pronounce to you the complete forgiveness of all your sins, through the holy Trinity, one God, whose mercy is everlasting. Amen.

***RESPONSE** *Gloria Patri*

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be.
World without end. Amen, Amen.**

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

The Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Holy Wisdom, you are the pillar of fire that leads us into each new moment of our lives. By the power of your Spirit, settle now into our hearts and illumine your will; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Bruce Maylath, Reader

READING: Acts 2:1-21

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God’s deeds of power.” All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?” But others sneered and said, “They are filled with new wine.”

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, “Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o’clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: ‘In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord’s great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.’

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

SERMON

The Rev. Mary Jo E. Holtey

***HYMN 291** *Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness*

Refrain: Spirit, spirit of gentleness, blow through the wilderness, calling and free.
Spirit, spirit of restlessness, stir me from placidness, wind, wind on the sea.

You moved on the waters; you called to the deep;
then you coaxed up the mountains from the valleys of sleep;
and over the eons you called to each thing,
“Awake from your slumbers and rise on your wings.” (Refrain)

You swept through the desert; you stung with the sand;
and you goaded your people with a law and a land.
When they were confounded with idols and lies,
then you spoke through your prophets to open their eyes. (Refrain)

You sang in the stable; you cried from a hill;
then you whispered in silence when the whole world was still.
And down in the city, you called once again
when you blew through your people on the rush of the wind. (Refrain)

You call from tomorrow; you break ancient schemes;
from the bondage of sorrow the captives dream dreams.
Our women see visions; our men clear their eyes.
With bold new decisions your people arise. (Refrain)

***PROFESSION OF FAITH:** *Nicene Creed*

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Responding to the Word

OFFERING



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OFFERTORY

A Medley of Hymn Tunes
Curt Brickman, highland pipes

Traditional

***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**

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is truly right and our greatest joy...
...we sing to the glory of your name;

RESPONSE 559: *Holy, Holy, Holy*

You are holy, O God of majesty, and blessed is Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord...
...Great is the Mystery of Faith;

RESPONSE 560 *Christ Has Died; Christ Is Risen*

Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these your gifts of bread and wine...

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.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

COMMUNION MUSIC

Come Down, O Love Divine
Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart
Sally Harmon, organ

arr. Burkhardt
arr. Clambey

PRAYER

Bearing the Word into the World

HYMN 295 *Go to the World!

Go to the world! Go into all the earth.
Go preach the cross where Christ renews life's worth,
baptizing as the sign of our rebirth. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Go to the world! Go into every place.
Go live the word of God's redeeming grace.
Go seek God's presence in each time and space. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Go to the world! Go struggle, bless, and pray;
the nights of tears give way to joyous day.
As servant church, you follow Christ's own way. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Go to the world! Go as the ones I send,
for I am with you till the age shall end,
when all the hosts of glory cry "Amen!" Alleluia. Alleluia.

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Every Time I Feel the Spirit

arr. Maggs

Session has called a congregational meeting for today following worship to elect new elders, deacons and an at-large member to the Nominating Committee and to change Pastor Mary Holtey's terms of call.

The National Spiritual Anthem of Ukraine

Lord, oh the Great and Almighty,
Protect our beloved Ukraine,
Bless her with freedom and light
Of your holy rays.

We pray, oh Lord Almighty,
Protect our beloved Ukraine,
Grant our people and country
All your kindness and grace.

With learning and knowledge enlighten
Us, your children small,
In love pure and everlasting
Let us, oh Lord, grow

Bless us with freedom, bless us with wisdom,
Guide into kind world,
Bless us, oh Lord, with good fortune
Forever and evermore.



June 5, 2022

Covenant Of Prayer: Jennifer; Hannah; Mary Bohnenblust; Fraser Harrison; those who are experiencing homelessness in our community; our sister congregation in Chogoria, Kenya; and the people of Ukraine.

Remembering Our Soldiers In Prayer: Lt. Col. Dan Sundberg has been deployed to Iraq for 9 months. If you have a loved one in the military, please let Pastor Mary know and we'll include his/her name.

Today's Congregational Meeting: Session has called a congregational meeting for today, following worship, to elect new elders, deacons and an at-large member to the Nominating Committee, and to change Pastor Mary Holtey's terms of call.

Pentecost Offering: One of our denomination's four annual offerings will be dedicated today, but is accepted throughout June. Your donations are used to nurture the faith of those who are the church to come – children, youth and young adults. Forty percent of the offering stays local. This year our portion will be given to the Legacy Children's Foundation, a wonderful local organization that works to help youth receive their high school diplomas. Pentecost Offering envelopes are in the pew racks, Narthex, and Info Kiosk. Thank you for your generosity!

Nametag Blitz: Do you have a church nametag? We hope everyone will wear theirs when Pastor Sarah arrives in July. If you have never had one, you may receive one free. If you need to replace a lost nametag, we ask for a donation of \$10 to cover the cost. The standard nametag will have a magnetic back. If for any reason you would like a nametag with a pin back, please indicate that after your name. Students in 5th grade and above are welcome to order a nametag.

Summer Choir Sings June 19: All singers are welcome to join the choir for a day! The rehearsal will be in the choir room at 9:30 am, and the choir will sing at the 10:30 service. The music is available in advance down by the choir room doors. This is a Come-as-you-are event. We will not wear choir robes.

Magazine Collection: This summer, Kayla Bones will be teaching a collaging class at Synod School for the youth. She is in need of magazines and other craft supplies like washi tape, stickers, etc. If you have any of these things at home that you would like to pass along, please drop them off in the office.

Here We Are Downtown: The Pilgrimage invites Pilgrims and all interested to an event of contemplative photography on **Wednesday, June 15 from 6 to 8 pm. Rain or Shine!** We will meet at the church. With Kevin Tobosa leading the group, we will spread out to take photos, bring photos back to the church, and share our images and thoughts with one another over refreshments. Bring cell phones or cameras (no experience necessary and no signup required). Questions can be directed to Mike Wavra (wavramw@aol.com).

Summer Office Hours: From May 31 through Labor Day the church office hours are: Monday through Thursday from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. The office is closed on Fridays.

Banner for Pentecost: The day of Pentecost marks the end of the Easter season. The banner for the day makes visual the Pentecost experience which is recorded in the second chapter of the book of Acts. Red, the symbol of the Holy Spirit, is the predominant color of the banner. Tongues of fire, fed by the wind of the Spirit, point to the dove. The dove recalls the Baptism of our Lord, and our own baptisms. The dove is the symbol of God's spirit resting on the disciples.

Closing the P.O. Box this summer: Please note that we will be closing our P.O. Box #327 effective June 30th. Due to rising costs and decreased levels of mail, the decision was made to close the P.O. Box and have all mail sent to the physical address. New offering envelope packets have been ordered (for those who use them) with the updated mailing address. When mailing your contributions or correspondence, please remember to use the church's physical address: 650 2nd Ave N, Fargo, ND 58102.

No June Messenger: There will not be a Messenger published or emailed for the month of June. Watch for news in the insert each Sunday and for Messengers in July and August.

Friendship Pads: Please remember to sign the Friendship Pad for each member of your family (ex. instead of writing "The Patrick & Patricia Patterson Family", write Pat, Pat, Matt, Nat and Nicki). Pads are located at the end of your pew. Pass it down the row. If your pew doesn't have one, please ask an usher to get a replacement.

Hearing devices and large print copies of today's hymns are available, please ask an usher for assistance.

The Nursery is not staffed during the summer months. Parents are welcome to use the nursery while supervising their young children. There's a TV monitor in the room so that you are able to watch the service.

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.

FPC Officers

Session: Kim Carter, Lisa Edison-Smith, Colleen Ford-Dunker, Bruce Furness, Dick Henderson, Ryan Johnston, Kurt Kooyer, Elaine Rudd (clerk), Scott Swanholtm, 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*

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Most 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, June 5

11:30 Congregational Meeting & Fellowship

Monday, June 6

No church events

Tuesday, June 7

9:00 Bulletin Insert Articles Due

12:00 S&E Board (Z)

1:00 Staff Meeting

7:00 Mission Committee

Wednesday, June 8

9:00 Men's Group

1:00 Library Committee

Thursday, June 9

9:30 Town Hall Board

Friday, June 10

5:00 Wedding Rehearsal

Saturday, June 11

4:00 Mowery-DeCoteau Wedding

Sunday, June 12

10:30 Worship & Communion (L)

11:30 Fellowship

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For Your Information

May 29 Attendance:

60 in person;

21 households livestreamed

Contributions received: \$2,354.00



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