



**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.*

**July 21, 2024**

**We Gather in Christ**

**PRELUDE**

*Partita on "I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say" arr. Charles Callahan  
Sally Harmon, organist*

**WELCOME**

**MOMENT OF SILENCE**

*Holy Spirit, come and dwell in us. Place Jesus Christ in us so that he is the cornerstone holding us together and making us a sacred place where steadfast love and faithfulness will meet; righteousness and peace will kiss each other. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.*

**✦ CALL TO WORSHIP**

Rev. Sarah M. Bigwood

Come into the presence of the Most High God  
**with songs of praise and shouts of thanksgiving.**

For our Savior frees us from slavery;

**our Savior heals our diseases;**

our Savior is our peace.

**Come; let us worship God.**

**✦ HYMN 321**

*The Church's One Foundation*

The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord.

She is his new creation by water and the word.

From heaven he came and sought her to be his holy bride.

With his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.

Elect from every nation, yet one o'er all the earth,

her charter of salvation: one Lord, one faith, one birth.

One holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food,

and to one hope she presses, with every grace endued.

Though with a scornful wonder this world sees her oppressed,  
by schisms rent asunder, by heresies distressed,  
yet saints their watch are keeping; their cry goes up: "How long?"  
And soon the night of weeping shall be the morn of song.

Mid toil and tribulation, and tumult of her war,  
she waits the consummation of peace forevermore:  
till with the vision glorious her longing eyes are blest,  
and the great church victorious shall be the church at rest.

Yet she on earth has union with God, the Three in One,  
and mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won:  
O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we,  
like them, the meek and lowly, may live eternally.

### ✧ CONFESSIO AND DECLARATIO OF FORGIVENESS

**Eternal God, your steadfast love endures forever. We confess that we act as if we are in control or as if you will bless whatever we do. If we think of others at all, it is with an eye toward their usefulness to us. If we consider your creation, it is to ponder what benefits us. We have failed to show your love or to do justice in obedience to you. Forgive our sins, we humbly pray. Put the mind of Christ within us, O God, so that our lives take the form of a cross. Use us to break down walls of hostility within the church, among the nations, and around the world. Equip us to do your will, giving you glory, honor, and praise together with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. Amen.**

### ✧ RESPONSE 284

*Holy Spirit, Come to Us*

Ho - ly Spir - it, come to us; kin - dle in us the fire of your love.

Ho - ly Spir - it, come to us. Ho - ly Spir - it, come to us.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of the response, and the second staff contains the melody for the second line. The lyrics are written below the notes.

### ✧ PASSING OF THE PEACE

#### GIFT OF MUSIC

*Can't Carry These Burdens Alone*

Michael Barrett

Penny Andrist, Pam Burns, and Kellie Pifer, vocal trio; Sally Harmon, piano;

Josh Argall, saxophone; Bryan Poyzer, bass; Kevin Thomas, drums

## The Word

#### SCRIPTURE

*Ephesians 2:17-22, pp. 1065*

*Mark 6:30-34, 53-56, pp. 916*

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

#### SERMON

Elder Becky Trumbo

❖ **HYMN 182**

*I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say*

I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Come unto me and rest;  
lay down, O weary one, lay down your head upon my breast."  
I came to Jesus as I was, so weary, worn, and sad;  
I found him in a resting place, and he has made me glad.

I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Behold, I freely give  
the living water, thirsty one; stoop down and drink and live."  
I came to Jesus, and I drank of that life-giving stream;  
my thirst was quenched, my soul revived, and now I live in him.

I heard the voice of Jesus say, "I am this dark world's light;  
look unto me, your morn shall rise, and all your day be bright."  
I looked to Jesus, and I found in him my star, my sun;  
and in that light of life I'll walk till traveling days are done.

❖ **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.**

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

**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!*

**OFFERTORY**

*I Sing Because I'm Happy*

arr. Padden/Dilworth

Penny Andrist, Pam Burns, Kellie Pifer, vocal trio; Sally Harmon, piano;  
Josh Argall, saxophone; Bryan Poyzer, bass; Kevin Thomas, drums

❖ **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**

## Bearing the Word into the World

### ❖ HYMN 343

*Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life*

Where cross the crowded ways of life, where sound the cries of race and clan,  
above the noise of selfish strife, we hear your voice, O Son of Man.

In haunts of wretchedness and need, on shadowed thresholds fraught with fears,  
from paths where hide the lures of greed, we catch the vision of your tears.

From tender childhood's helplessness, from human grief and burdened toil,  
from famished souls, from sorrow's stress, your heart has never known recoil.

The cup of water given for you still holds the freshness of your grace;  
yet long these multitudes to view the sweet compassion of your face.

O Master, from the mountainside, make haste to heal these hearts of pain;  
among these restless throngs abide; O tread the city's streets again;

Till all the world shall learn your love, and follow where your feet have trod;  
till glorious from your heaven above shall come the city of our God.

### ❖ BENEDICTION

#### POSTLUDE

*The Church's One Foundation*  
Sally Harmon, organist

arr. David Cherwien

*Thank you to Katie and Tom Bigwood on livestream and soundboard, and our Welcome Team: Tetteh Dottey, Gracia Fulwiler, Jane Mathew, and Becky Trumbo and family for taking such good care of us this morning.*

*A special thank you to our musicians: Sally Harmon, Penny Andrist, Pam Burns, Kellie Pifer, Josh Argall, Bryan Poyzer, and Kevin Thomas.*

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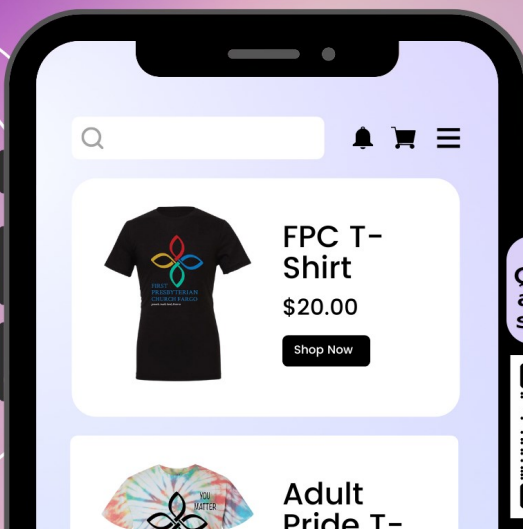


# Sunday Worship

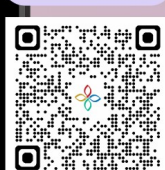
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**Bolster Up! VBS for Adults:** August 12– 15 at 7 PM, in the Jennie Roberts Room at First Presbyterian Church Fargo. Speakers will be Lorelee Benz, Prakash Mathew, Pastor Robert Drake, and Bruce Maylath. Each session will focus on a different topic, with a Bible lesson, hymn singing, and treats. Come to one or all nights – no registration required. Adult Vacation Bible School is for faith, fun and fellowship!

Our store is live!



Scan the QR Code to access our storefront!




# Old Downer Church

Join us as we gather for worship in the Old Downer Church.

August 25, 2024 | 10:30 a.m.  
Rollag, MN  
The Rev. Mary Jo E. Holtey, preaching

**Covenant of Prayer:** Kurt Kooyer and family upon the death of Kurt's brother, Erik, on June 30th in Grand Rapids, MI.; Fraser Harrison, under the care of hospice.



**Meal Train set up for Jan and Fraser Harrison:** Jan and Fraser's family has set up a "meal train" for their folks. Scan the QR code if you're able to sign up to bring them a meal. Contact Pastor Mary if you are in need of assistance.

**Congratulations to Shelby and Ryan Hunt** upon the birth of a son, Mills Sayre Hunt, on July 17. Carolyn Sayre is the proud grandmother!

# NEW YORK KAMMERMUSIKER

FREE  
AUGUST 11 @ 7PM

17TH ANNUAL  
WINDS OF CHANGE  
CONCERT



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH FARGO  
650 2ND AVE N.  
FARGO, ND 58102

Formed in 1969 by ND native, Ilonna Pederson, this non-profit organization seeks to reintroduce the instruments and the music of the double-reed band to modern audiences.

Heart-n-Soul

# MOBILE CAFÉ

@ FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF FARGO

Every Second  
Wednesday  
June - October



4:30PM - 6:00PM



**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

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*

Rusty Bender-*Director of Church Life*

Sally Harmon-*Organist*

Pam Burns-*Music Ministry Coordinator*

Bryan Poyzer-*Adult Choir Director*

Penny Andrist-*Children's Ministry Coordinator*

Jan Lundgren-*Business Manager*

Casey LeMier- *Communications & Admin Assistant*

Rick Fiebiger-*Facilities Manager*

Drew Brovold-*Custodian*

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

**@firstpresfargo.org**

### Mission Collections this Summer:

- **The Emergency Food Pantry** is in need of personal hygiene items, paper products, diapers (larger sizes) and nonperishable food—in particular peanut butter, canned tuna and chicken. Place items in the bin in the west foyer coatroom.

- We are collecting sunscreen and mosquito spray to be given to local agencies to hand out to those without shelter, particularly for families with children and for those living by the river. Items may be placed in the green buckets in the west foyer.

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

**Sunday, July 21**

*11:30 Fellowship*

**Monday, July 22**

*5:00 Stewardship Committee Meeting*

**Tuesday, July 23**

*12:00 Messenger Article Deadline*

**Wednesday, July 24**

No Church Events

**Thursday, July 25**

No Church Events

**Friday, July 26**

No Church Events

**Saturday, July 27**

No Church Events

**Sunday, July 28**

*10:30 Worship Service*

*11:30 Fellowship*

**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

July 14 Attendance: 125

89 in person

36 households livestreamed

Contributions received: \$6,204.00



### Church Information

Summer Office Hours:

M-TH, 9:00 am-3:00 pm

Phone: 701-293-6311

[www.firstpresfargo.org](http://www.firstpresfargo.org)

650 2nd Ave. N.

Fargo, ND 58102

## Donations Needed *in our Community*

The Emergency Food Pantry and other agencies in the FM Area are looking for support to help provide food, water, and protection to those without shelter.