



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

PRELUDE

The Heavens are Telling from The Creation
Krista Clusiau & Sally Harmon, duo pianos

Haydn/arr. Lorenz

WELCOME & CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

MOMENT OF SILENCE

Rock of Israel and cornerstone of our common life, you are not bound by our visions, our structures, our doctrine. We cannot predict your coming or going, yet you have given us your story, your family, your work to do. Meet us here. Shape us for service in your world, for we carry the name of Jesus and live by the power of your breath. Amen.

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

The Rev. Sarah M. Bigwood

O Lord, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

You have set your glory above the heavens.

When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers,

the moon and the stars that you have established;

what are human beings that you are mindful of them,

mortals that you care for them?

Yet you have made them a little lower than God

and crowned them with glory and honor.

Let us worship God!

***HYMN 366**

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Love divine, all loves excelling, Joy of heaven, to earth come down,
fix in us thy humble dwelling; all thy faithful mercies crown.

Jesus, thou art all compassion; pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation; enter every trembling heart.

Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit into every troubled breast;
let us all in thee inherit; let us find the promised rest.
Take away the love of sinning; Alpha and Omega be;
end of faith, as its beginning, set our hearts at liberty.

Come, Almighty, to deliver; "let us all thy life receive;
suddenly return, and never, nevermore thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray, and praise thee without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.

Finish then thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be;
let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee:
changed from glory into glory, till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise.

***CONFESSION AND DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

Ever-present God, there is no place where you are not with us. You see us at our worst and at our best. There is much we would hide from you--the ways we harm your creation, the ways we mistreat others, the ways we turn away when we should turn toward. Even as you know us, forgive us. Guide our thoughts, our words, our actions, that you may delight in us as we delight in you.

***RESPONSE**

Hear the Good News of Salvation

Hear the good news of sal - va - tion: Je - sus died to show God's love. Such great kind - ness! Such great
mer - cy! Come to us from heaven a - bove. Je - sus Christ, how much I love you! Je - sus
Christ, you save from sin! How I love you! Look up - on me. Love me still and cleanse with - in.

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

GIFT OF MUSIC

Adieu to the Piano

Beethoven

Krista Clusiau & Sally Harmon, duo pianos

The Word

SCRIPTURE

Wisdom of Solomon 12:13, 16-19, pp. 532 Brian McClure, reader
Genesis 28:10-19a, pp. 16

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

SERMON

Jacob's Dream

***HYMN 65**

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

Guide me, O thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land.
I am weak, but thou art mighty. Hold me with thy powerful hand.
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven, feed me till I want no more;
feed me till I want no more.

Open now the crystal fountain, whence the healing stream doth flow.
Let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through.
Strong deliverer, strong deliverer, be thou still my strength and shield;
be thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside.
Death of death, and hell's destruction, land me safe on Canaan's side.
Songs of praises, songs of praises I will ever give to thee;
I will ever give to thee.

***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.

COMMISSIONING FOR PNP MISSION TRIP TO KENYA

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

Esurientes from Magnificat

Bach/ arr. Marlowe

Krista Clusiau & Sally Harmon, duo pianos

***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 687

Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

Our God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home:

Beneath the shadow of thy throne thy saints have dwelt secure;
sufficient is thine arm alone, and our defense is sure.

Before the hills in order stood, or earth received its frame,
from everlasting thou art God, to endless years the same.

A thousand ages in thy sight are like an evening gone,
short as the watch that ends the night before the rising sun.

Time, like an ever rolling stream, bears all our years away;
they fly forgotten, as a dream dies at the opening day.

Our God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
be thou our guard while life shall last, and our eternal home.

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Russian Picnic

Krista Clusiau & Sally Harmon, duo pianos

Enders



Serving at Micah's Mission continues: Thank you to those who have been preparing and serving meals at Micah's Mission (part of Churches United for the Homeless). Our commitment continues every second Thursday of the month. A sign up sheet is on the Volunteer Opportunities Board if you're wishing to help for August 10th. We have all the meal servers and are looking for 3 more preparers from 3-5pm. Consider forming a team, or being part of a team. See Pastor Mary if this is for you! Come and be a part of this longstanding partnership.

**NEW YORK
KAMMERMUSIKER**

FREE CONCERT
AUGUST 6 @ 7PM

16TH ANNUAL
*WINDS OF
CHANGE*
CONCERT

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

The New York Kammermusiker will be holding their 16th annual *Winds of Change* concert at First Presbyterian on August 6 at 7:00pm. 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. The group prepares modern scores from long-neglected musical manuscripts that they discover during their extensive research.

Check the Lost & Found: Lose an earring? Can't find that sweater that you were wearing the other day? Check the Lost and Found box in the Coat Room. Unclaimed items will be donated at the end of each season.

Covenant Of Prayer: Officer Jake Wallin's family, Officers Andrew Dotas & Tyler Hawes and families, bystander Karlee Koswick and family; Don Brummond; Jennifer; and the people of Ukraine, Syria, and Turkey.

Per Capita: If you have not yet paid Per Capita for 2023, it's not too late! We will be accepting payments through the end of the year. Your contribution will be reflected on your giving record and will be greatly appreciated to help offset the Per Capita Apportionment payment sent to the Presbytery. The rate for 2023 is \$50.00 per confirmed member.

Summer Sermon Series: Our summer sermon series is on the Book of Genesis, which the Adult Education class has been studying all spring. Both the spring lectures and the summer sermons will be available on the FPC App which is available from the App store. Search First Presbyterian Fargo and select the app option with the PCUSA logo.

Member Nametags: Do you have a church nametag? 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. Order forms can be found both at the Welcome Desk and on our website. 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.

Looking for Nursery Attendants! We are looking for friendly people who can provide exceptional care for our church families with young children in the nursery. This is a paid position with opportunities on Sunday mornings, Wednesday evenings and other special events. Please contact Penny if you are able and willing to do this important, welcoming work at First Presbyterian!

**FRONT DESK
VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED**

Duties include:

- answering the phone
- letting people into the building
- occasionally an office project.

Dates and times are varied. If you are interested in helping out, contact Casey LeMier in the church office at clemier@firstpresfargo.org.

www.firstpresfargo.org
(701) 293-6311

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 10:20** 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*

Sally Harmon-*Music Coordinator & Organist*

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*

Rick Fiebiger-*Facilities Manager*

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, July 23

11:30 Fellowship

12:00 Messenger Article Deadline

Monday, July 24

5:00 Stewardship Committee Meeting

Tuesday, July 25

No Church Events

Wednesday, July 26

Mission Trip to Kenya Begins

Thursday, July 27

No Church Events

Friday, July 28

No Church Events

Saturday, July 29

No Church Events

Sunday, July 30

10:30 Worship Service (L)

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 16 Attendance: 122

86 in person

36 households livestreamed

Contributions received: \$8,865.00



Church Information

Summer Office Hours:

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

Phone: 701-293-6311

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