



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

Almighty God, in Christ you have shown us the way, revealed to us your truth, and offered to us everlasting life. Keep our eyes upon him, that we may see your path more clearly, know your truth more fully, and receive your life more abundantly; through Christ who dwells with you and the Holy Spirit in eternal glory.

PRELUDE

Let All Things Now Living
The National Spiritual Anthem of Ukraine
(see text on back page)
Sally Harmon, organist

arrs. Ore/Lasky

WELCOME & CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

The Rev. Mary Jo E. Holtey

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Let us offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God, through Jesus Christ our risen Lord.

Alleluia! Thanks be to God!

***HYMN 37** *Let All Things Now Living*

Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving to God our Creator triumphantly raise;
who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us, by guiding us on to the end of our days.
God's banners are o'er us; pure light goes before us, a pillar of fire shining forth in the night:
till shadows have vanished, all fearfulness banished, as forward we travel from light into light.

By law God enforces the stars in their courses, the sun in its orbit obediently shine;
the hills and the mountains, the rivers and fountains, the depths of the ocean proclaim God
divine. We too should be voicing our love and rejoicing; with glad adoration, a song let us raise,
till all things now living unite in thanksgiving: to God in the highest, hosanna and praise!

*CALL TO CONFESSION

Whoever believes in Christ will not be put to shame.

Confident in this promise, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

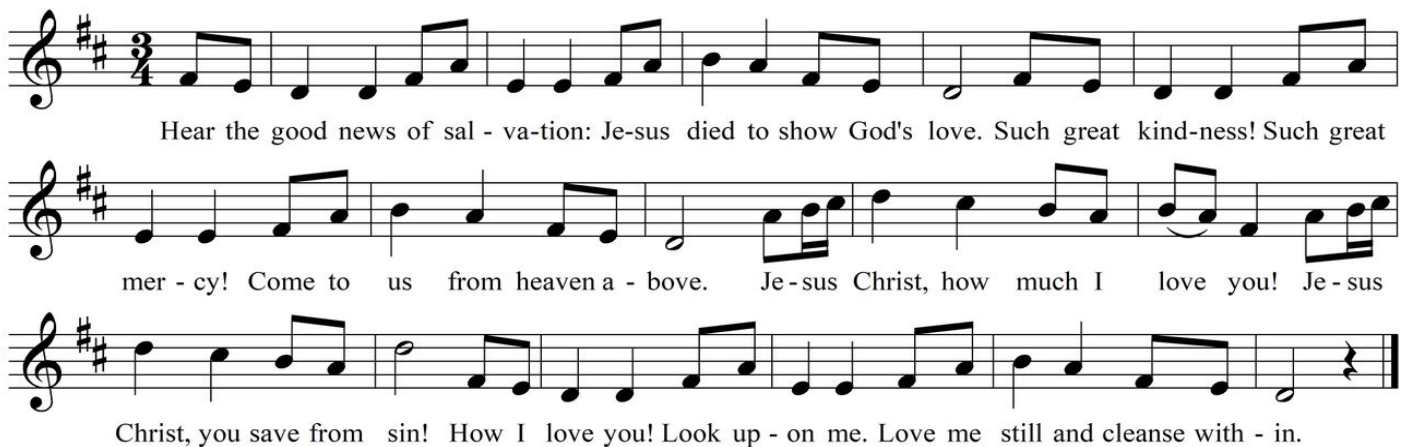
Almighty God, your word offers freedom from sin, but we confess that we have not obeyed your word. We have harbored malice toward our enemies; we have been deceitful in our relationships; we have been insincere in our commitments; through gossip we have slandered our friends. Forgive us our sins and lead us to genuine repentance. Help your children long for your pure, spiritual milk that we may grow into the joy of salvation through Jesus Christ. Amen.

*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Friends, once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy. In the name of Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

*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

Fill Us With Your Love

arr. Young

Sanctuary Choir; Bryan Poyzer, director

CHILDREN'S TIME

Penny Andrist

The Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Jean Pladson, reader

Lord, as we listen to your holy Word, open our hearts to the power of your Spirit, call us out of darkness, and lead us into your marvelous light. Amen.

FIRST READING: John 13:31-35

When he had gone out, Jesus said, “Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, ‘Where I am going, you cannot come.’ I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

May God bless the reading and hearing of this portion of the holy Word.

SECOND READING: Revelation 21:1-6

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them as their God; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away.” And the one who was seated on the throne said, “See, I am making all things new.” Also he said, “Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.” Then he said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.”

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

SERMON

***HYMN 757** *Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples*

Today we all are called to be disciples of the Lord,
to help to set the captive free, make plowshare out of sword,
to feed the hungry, quench their thirst, make love and peace our fast,
to serve the poor and homeless first, our ease and comfort last.

God made the world and at its birth ordained our human race
to live as stewards of the earth, responding to God’s grace.
But we are vain and sadly proud; we sow not peace but strife.
Our discord spreads a deadly cloud that threatens all of life.

Pray justice may come rolling down as in a mighty stream,
with righteousness in field and town to cleanse us and redeem.
For God is longing to restore an earth where conflicts cease,
a world that was created for a harmony of peace.

May we in service to our God act out the living word,
and walk the road the saints have trod till all have seen and heard.
As stewards of the earth may we give thanks in one accord
to God who calls us all to be disciples of the Lord.

Sacrament of Baptism

Collins Reed Nelson,
Daughter of Matthew and Haley Nelson
Colleen Ford-Dunker, Presiding Elder

Presentation

Parents: Do you desire that Collins be baptized?

I do.

Relying on God's grace, do you promise to live the Christian faith, and to teach that faith to your child?

I do.

Sponsors: Do you promise, through prayer and example, to support and encourage Collins to be a faithful Christian?

I do.

Congregation: Do we, as members of the church of Jesus Christ, promise to guide and nurture Collins by word and deed, with love and prayer, encouraging her to know and follow Christ and to be a faithful member of his church?

We do.

Profession of Faith

***Renunciations** (*parents and congregation*)

Trusting in the gracious mercy of God, do you turn from the ways of sin and renounce evil and its power in the world?

I do.

Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Lord and Savior, trusting in his grace and love?

I do.

Will you be Christ's faithful disciple, obeying his Word and showing his love?

I will, with God's help.

*Profession

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.

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.

We give you thanks, Eternal God,...

The Baptism

Laying On of Hands

Welcome

Collins has been received into the one holy catholic and apostolic church through baptism. God has made her 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.

Baptismal Response 491

You Have Put On Christ

You have put on Christ, in Christ you have been bap - tized.

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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

Give Thanks

arr. Geschke

Genesis Ringers; Sally Harmon, director

***RESPONSE 609**

Doxology

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow,
Praise God all creatures high and low. Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God in Jesus fully known:
Creator, Word, and Spirit One. Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Bearing the Word into the World

***HYMN 269** *Lead On, O King Eternal*

Lead on, O King eternal! The day of march has come;
henceforth in fields of conquest your tents shall be our home.
Through days of preparation your grace has made us strong,
and now, O King eternal, we lift our battle song.

Lead on, O King eternal, till sin's fierce war shall cease,
and holiness shall whisper the sweet amen of peace;
for not with swords' loud clashing, nor roll of stirring drums;
with deeds of love and mercy the heavenly kingdom comes.

Lead on, O King eternal: we follow, not with fears,
for gladness breaks like morning where'er your face appears;
your cross is lifted o'er us; we journey in its light.
The crown awaits the conquest; lead on, O God of might!

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Festival Postlude on "Let All Things Now Living"

arr. Sedio

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.

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

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

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



May 15, 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.

Church Parking Lot: If you use the church parking lot during the workweek, please bear in mind that the lot is also utilized for public parking during weekday hours. The church parking lot is managed by Martinson Lot Maintenance and generates about \$60,000 per year in income to our general fund. There are parking spots for people who pay monthly, there are spots held for juries, and yes, there are spots for church visitors and staff. Marshall, who works in the parking kiosk, does his very best to find a spot for everyone who needs to park. Please stop at the parking kiosk window to see where he might want you to park that day. He always has a smile and a kind word!

Book Exchange: First Presbyterian will be hosting a book exchange on **May 22** to share books among our members, both children and adults. The goal is to get some "new" books to enjoy over the summer. Please bring books to share and place them in the Holy Buckets. Books will be set out on **Sunday, May 22** for all to take.

Summer Musicians needed: If you have family or friends with musical talent to share who will be home this summer, please contact Sally Harmon, sharmon@firstpresfargo.org. There are opportunities for instrumentalists to play or vocalists to sing at our Sunday services.

Rocky Railway VBS: The train is taking off, but not without kids and teachers! We need both – so sign your kids up online at www.firstpresfargo.org/children or on a paper form at church. We also need volunteers to help teach, assist, lead groups and decorate. Tell Penny what you can do – pan-drist@firstpresfargo.org. There is a food donation sign up in the gathering space by "the tracks". There are many ways for you to help at VBS, May 31, June 1 & 2. All aboard!

An opportunity to consider: Do you have a background in finance or accounting? Are you looking for a way to get involved and meet new people? As things return to "normal", the Support & Endowment Board is looking for a few new members. The Support & Endowment (S & E) Board administers the endowment plan to best serve the activities, programs, and missions of First Presbyterian Church. The Board meets 6 times per year (Zoom option available), and members are elected for 3-year terms. If you are interested, please contact Pastor Mary at mholtey@firstpresfargo.org.

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) – Ukraine: Help our Ukrainian brothers and sisters in Christ by giving to the Presbyterian Church (USA) Disaster Response in Ukraine. As the violence continues, the number of people being displaced internally and fleeing to neighboring countries increases by the day. Amid the chaos, there are sibling churches and ecumenical partners who are already assisting with basic items for survival. The PDA's first priority would be to provide funding to these partners on the ground. Your gifts will create a significant impact by securing emergency humanitarian aid such as food items, shelter, medicines, diapers, hygiene items, etc. You can give by cash, check or through our website, make sure to note "Ukraine".

Vacation Bible School
May 31 - June 2, 2022

Surprising Adventures Creative Games Incredible Music
Bible Stories Amazing Experiments Friends

Family Meal - 5:30-6:00 p.m.
VBS - 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Contribution Statements: Contribution statements through April 30 have been emailed. If you can't find it, remember to search your spam/junk email folder. Please look them over carefully. It is much easier (and less stressful) to make any corrections to your offerings now rather than at year end. If you need a hard copy sent to you, or if you just need to know your balance, contact Jan Lundgren in the church office.

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, 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.

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

Rick Fiebiger-Facilities Manager

Drew Brovold-Custodian

**Most staff emails are:
(first initial and last name of person)
@firstpresfargo.org**

L: Live Stream Option, H: Hybrid, Z: Zoom

Sunday, May 15

11:30 Fellowship

Monday, May 16

6:30 Session

Tuesday, May 17

8:30 Bulletin Articles Due

1:00 Staff Meeting

2:00 PW Circles Meet

Wednesday, May 18

9:00 Men's Group

5:30 St. Andrew's Brass

6:30 Westminster Ringers & Sanctuary Choir

7:00 Youth Group

Thursday, May 19

No Church Events

Friday, May 20

No Church Events

Saturday, May 21

No Church Events

Sunday, May 22

9:15 Sunday School for All

10:30 Worship (L)

11:30 Fellowship

Pew Pride: You are reminded to make sure your hymnals/Bibles are facing outward, friendship pads are stationed near the center aisle, and the "Welcome the Wiggle/ABC's of Worship" inserts are showing out of the Bibles when you leave your pew. A minute of your time will greatly help keep our sanctuary looking neat and organized and ready for guests attending weddings here this summer!

Reminder: Use the QR code found in the bulletin to access the secure giving portal on our website!

For Your Information

May 8 Attendance:

137 in person;

(NA) households livestreamed

Contributions received: \$11,828.00



Church Information

Office Hours:

M-TH, 8:30 am-4:00 pm

Phone: 701-293-6311

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