



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.

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

Merciful God, you hear our cries and honor our tears. Stir in us such a passion during worship that we might vow to give you our best, for the glory of your name. Amen.

PRELUDE

How Firm a Foundation
Sally Harmon, organist

arr. Hobby

WELCOME & CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Let our hearts exult in the Lord;
our strength is exalted in God.
Let our mouths be ever fixed in praise;
God has given us the victory.
There is no Holy One like the Lord;
there is no Rock like our God.
Praise the Lord!

HYMN 41: *O Worship the King

O worship the King, all glorious above!
O gratefully sing God's power and God's love:
our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days,
pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.

O tell of God's might; O sing of God's grace,
whose robe is the light, whose canopy space,
whose chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form;
and bright is God's path on the wings of the storm.

The earth with its store of wonders untold,
Almighty, your power has founded of old;
established it fast by a changeless decree,
and round it has cast, like a mantle, the sea.

Your bountiful care what tongue can recite?
It breathes in the air; it shines in the light;

it streams from the hills; it descends to the plain,
and sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.

Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,
in you do we trust, nor find you to fail;
your mercies, how tender, how firm to the end,
our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend.

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

Trusting in the grace of God,
let us confess our sins against God and our neighbors.

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

O God, who is faithful and just, we have failed to help those who have little while we have much. We are boastful and haughty, and fail to appreciate the gifts you have given. Our arrogance has led us away from your righteous way. Forgive us, Merciful God, and lead us to a humble path, for Jesus' sake. Amen.

***DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

People of God,
Jesus Christ, who gave himself once and for all,
forgives and saves.
Therefore, be reconciled to one another,
holding fast to the confession of our hope,
through Christ our Lord.

***RESPONSE:** *God Welcomes All*

God wel - comes all, strang - ers and friends;
God's love is strong and it nev - er ends.

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

Thankful
2-6 Choir; Pam Burns, director
Virginia Stern, piano

Burrows

CHILDREN'S TIME: Penny Andrist

The Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION: reader, Mike Lochow
Almighty God,
speak your Word to us,
and guide our feet,
that we might be hearers and doers of your word. **Amen.**

FIRST LESSON: Samuel 1:4-20

On the day when Elkanah sacrificed, he would give portions to his wife Peninnah and to all her sons and daughters; but to Hannah he gave a double portion, because he loved her, though the LORD had closed her womb. Her rival used to provoke her severely, to irritate her, because the LORD had closed her womb. So, it went on year after year; as often as she went up to the house of the LORD, she used to provoke her. Therefore, Hannah wept and would not eat. Her husband Elkanah said to her, ‘Hannah, why do you weep? Why do you not eat? Why is your heart sad? Am I not more to you than ten sons?’

After they had eaten and drunk at Shiloh, Hannah rose and presented herself before the LORD. Now Eli the priest was sitting on the seat beside the doorpost of the temple of the LORD. She was deeply distressed and prayed to the LORD AND wept bitterly. She made this vow: ‘O LORD of hosts, if only you will look on the misery of your servant, and remember me, and not forget your servant, but will give to your servant a male child, then I will set him before you as a nazirite until the day of his death. He shall drink neither wine nor intoxicants, and no razor shall touch his head.’

As she continued praying before the LORD, Eli observed her mouth. Hannah was praying silently; only her lips moved, but her voice was not heard; therefore, Eli thought she was drunk. So, Eli said to her, ‘How long will you make a drunken spectacle of yourself? Put away your wine.’ But Hannah answered, ‘No, my lord, I am a woman deeply troubled; I have drunk neither wine nor strong drink, but I have been pouring out my soul before the LORD. Do not regard your servant as a worthless woman, for I have been speaking out of my great anxiety and vexation all this time.’ Then Eli answered, ‘Go in peace; the God of Israel grant the petition you have made to him.’ And she said, ‘Let your servant find favor in your sight.’ Then the woman went to her quarters, ate and drank with her husband, and her countenance was sad no longer.

They rose early in the morning and worshipped before the LORD; then they went back to their house at Ramah. Elkanah knew his wife Hannah, and the LORD remembered her. In due time Hannah conceived and bore a son. She named him Samuel, for she said, ‘I have asked him of the LORD.’

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

SECOND LESSON: Mark 13:1-8

As he came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, ‘Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!’ Then Jesus asked him, ‘Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down.’

When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, ‘Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?’ Then Jesus began to say to them, ‘Beware that no one leads you astray. Many will come in my name and say, “I am he!” and they will lead many astray. When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birth pangs.

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

SERMON: The Rev. Mary Jo E. Holtey

***HYMN 618:** *O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High*

**O love, how deep, how broad, how high,
beyond all thought and fantasy,**

that God, the Son of God, should take
our mortal form for mortals' sake.

For us baptized, for us he bore
his holy fast and hungered sore;
for us temptations sharp he knew,
for us, the tempter overthrew.

For us by wickedness betrayed,
for us, in crown of thorns arrayed,
he bore the shameful cross and death;
for us gave up his dying breath.

For us he rose from death again;
for us he went on high to reign;
for us he sent the Spirit here
to guide, to strengthen, and to cheer.

All glory to our Lord and God,
for love so deep, so high, so broad:
the Trinity whom we adore
forever and forevermore.

***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.

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



OFFERTORY

Morning Has Broken
Westminster Ringers; Jill Post, director
Virginia Stern, keyboard

arr. Raney

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Bearing the Word into the World

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."**

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

How Firm a Foundation

arr. Young



November 14, 2021

Covenant Of Prayer: Bella Garcia; those who are experiencing homelessness in our community; and our sister congregation in Chogoria, Kenya.

Dates to Remember!

November 21: No Sunday School or Confirmation

November 24: No Wednesday night activities

November 25: Thanksgiving Day, Office Closed

November 28: No Confirmation

Attention Snow Birds: Please make sure you notify the office of your winter address **along with the start and end date** for using that address. We need all of that info to keep the system (and thus, the communication) in working order. Most items are mailed at special non-profit rates and those items are not forwarded even if you have a forward order at the post office. Your help keeps the lines of communication open and we thank you for helping us with this task.

Thanksgiving Volunteers Needed! We are partnering with Heart-n-Soul to prepare 200 meals for Thanksgiving this year. Drivers will be needed the Wednesday before to deliver meals (around noon). We may need a few food preparers as well, although dates/times are TBA. If you have open availability the week of Thanksgiving, this may be a job for you! Signups can be found at the Welcome Desk.

Volunteers Needed! The Emergency Food Pantry is looking for volunteers to assist the staff in filling requests for food and necessities. First Pres will not recruit like we have in the past, but there are two opportunities for the congregation to volunteer for this worthwhile mission!

- Volunteer for daytime slots, Monday-Friday.
- Volunteer to prefill baskets in the early evening on weekdays after the pantry is closed. **This is a great option for families and/or those who work during the day.**

Please call Stacie at the EFP (701)237-9337 to coordinate dates and times. Be sure to tell Stacie that you are with First Presbyterian Church, Fargo.

If you need further information, please call Jan Harrison at (701) 371-1855.

PW News: PW will be collecting any sized **garbage bags for the month of November**. These items can be placed in the YWCA bin in the West Coat Room.

Circles will meet on Tuesday, November 16 at 2:00 pm, for lesson 3 of our Bible Study led by Pastor Mary. 21 people ZOOMed with us last lesson! **Esther Circle will meet at 9:30am the same day** at the home of Lorraine Furness (address in the directory).

When Tears Sing: Lament as a Path to the Heart of God. This adult class meets on **November 21, 2–4:00 pm, in the Social Hall**. All are invited to explore the storied Christian tradition of lament. Through reflection and discussion, we'll wonder about relating to one another in a deeper way by making space for lament.

Kirkin' o' the Tartans information: The tickets that were available online for both services have all been reserved. We know there will be people interested in attending who can't get a ticket, so we're asking for help. **If you have pre-reserved a ticket that you know you won't be able to use, you can easily release it back to be used by someone else.** Go online to the church website, to the ticket link and "ask for a refund" for the number of tickets you are returning. (No money is involved, but that wording is used by the app for the tickets.) It will give someone else a chance to attend our traditional event! You will not need to show a physical ticket at the door, as we will be checking people in from an alphabetical listing. Entrance to the church that morning will be by the West doors only. Please plan for a bit of a delay as we check people in. Everyone's cooperation and patience will allow us to keep our congregation safe and healthy. Thank you!

Hanging of the Greens: At worship on **Sunday, November 28** we celebrate the *Hanging of the Greens*, which is a well-loved tradition in many churches around the country. Readings will focus on the meaning and symbolism of the different decorations that are used to adorn our worship space and/or homes during the seasons of Advent and Christmas. The Advent Wreath will be lighted for the beginning of Advent.

Fill a Home with Hope! The Sunday School class is collecting basic household items to provide to YWCA families who are transitioning from the shelter to a home of their own. The items needed can be found on the Volunteer Opportunities Board. As you are able and willing, please take a card item and document it on the clipboard for tracking. **Items can be returned to the green Holy Buckets anytime before December 1.**

Poinsettias: It's not too early to order your Christmas Poinsettia! You can find order forms online, at the Info Kiosk, and in the December Messenger. Orders and payments should be delivered to the office **no later than noon on December 13**. *Please write a separate check for your poinsettia; do not include in your offering.*

A Peek @ Next Week: Our annual Kirkin' o' the Tartans worship service is at 9:00 & 11:00 am.

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)

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*

Monica Gelinske-*Administrative Assistant*

Penny Andrist-*Children's Ministry Coordinator*

Kayla Bones-*Youth & Young Adult Ministry Coordinator*

Rick Fiebiger-*Facilities Manager*

Drew Brovold-*Custodian*

All staff emails are:

(first initial and last name of person)@firstpresfargo.org

FPC Officers

Session: Kim Carter, Tom Clusiau, Lisa Edison-Smith, Colleen Ford-Dunker, Bruce Furness, Dick Henderson, Ryan Johnston, Kurt Kooyer, Elaine Rudd (clerk), Scott Swanholm, Paula Thomas, and Kevin Tobosa, Becky Trumbo, and Jeff Wilkens.

Deacons: Brenda Deckard, Ed Deckard, Rick Herberg, Beatrice Janaka, Jane Mathew (moderator), Bob Morton, Karen Rivers, Andrea Smith, Kathleen Thomas, Debbie Tight, and Amy Wilkens.

Treasurer: Sherri Stern



Church Information

Office Hours:

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

Phone: 701-293-6311

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

Sunday, November 14

12:00 Confirmation

Monday, November 15

3:30 Compass #3

6:30 Session

Tuesday, November 16

8:30 Bulletin Articles Due

9:30 Esther Circle

2:00 PW Circles (Z)

Wednesday, November 17

5:30 Genesis Ringers / St. Andrew's Brass

6:15 Youth Choirs

6:30 Westminster Ringers

7:00 Youth Group

7:30 Sanctuary Choir

Thursday, November 18

1:00 Compass #2

Friday, November 19 *No Church Events*

Saturday, November 20 *No Church Events*

10:00 Kirkin' Rehearsals

Sunday, November 21

NO Sunday School

9 & 11 Kirkin' o' the Tartans Worship Service

12:00 Confirmation

2:00 Pilgrimage: When Tears Sing

For Your Information

November 7 Worship Attendance:

142 in person, 46 Livestreamed

Contributions Received: \$10,960.00

FPC Financial Summary

September 2021 - General Fund Only

	<u>YTD Actual</u>	<u>YTD Budget</u>	<u>Increase/Decrease</u>	<u>Annual Budget</u>
Income	\$597,835	\$550,117	\$47,718	\$779,600
Expense	575,673	613,232	-\$37,558	798,774
Net/Shortfall	\$22,162	-\$63,115	\$10,159	-\$19,174