



May 07, 2023
 Fifth Sunday Easter
 Children and Youth Sunday

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

Ode To Joy

arr. Nancy Faber

Brooklyn Schumann, piano

Meditation on Thais

Jules Massenet

Emily Erpelding, violin; Sally Harmon, piano

Joyous Rhapsody

Melody Bober

Caleb Gadberry, piano

WELCOME & CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

The Rev. Mary Jo E. Holtey

MOMENT OF SILENCE

Lord of our richest encounters, you heard the hidden cry of Zacchaeus to welcome you into his home. Teach us to hear the whispers of the world, to feel its pain, and then bravely use our voice so the many cries for justice, and for peace can be heard. Amen.

INTROIT

Rejoice and Sing!

Curry

K-6 Combined Choirs; Erin Torpey & Pam Burns, Directors; Virginia Stern, flute

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Brooklyn Schumann

God calls us to welcome everyone into our lives, homes, and communities,

For we are all welcomed by God.

God calls us to love one another

For we are all loved by God.

Today, Jesus is staying at our house.

Let us worship God!

***HYMN 452**

Open the Eyes of My Heart

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord. Open the eyes of my heart;

I want to see you. I want to see you.

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord. Open the eyes of my heart;

I want to see you. I want to see you.

To see you high and lifted up, shining in the light of your glory.

Pour out your power and love as we sing "Holy, Holy, Holy."

Holy, holy, holy. Holy, holy, holy.

Holy, holy, holy, I want to see you.

***CONFESSION AND DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

Robby Bigwood

God, we admit that we are more like Zacchaeus than we wish to be. We count debts and favors like taxes. We use our power to take advantage of others. We harm others with our inaction. We do not speak out when we need to. We take more than we need. All of this makes us unable to see you clearly. Lord, we welcome you into our house today. Help us to be more empathetic and compassionate. Help us to have the courage to do the right thing even when others may dislike us because of it. May we know the same grace and mercy that you showed to Zacchaeus. Amen.

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

Hazel Schmidt

GIFT OF MUSIC

Is There Room For a Sinner?
7-12 Choir; Josh Argall, Director

Chopin

3RD GRADE BIBLE PRESENTATION

Jonah Argall	Adam Erstad
Liliana Mwangura	Maggie Schmidt
Milo Thorp	Jude Torpey

The Word

SCRIPTURE

Luke 19:1-10, pp. 956
Whirl Bible pg. 342

Jayci Lawrence

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

HYMN

Zacchaeus

Ukulele Band & Congregation

Zac - chae-us was a wee lit-tle man and a wee lit-tle man was he. He climbed up in a
 sy-ca-more tree for the Lord he want-ed to see. And as the sa - vior passed that way He
 looked up in that tree. For I'm go-ing to your house to - day yes I'm go-ing to your house to - day.

MESSAGE

Disappointment Nathan Bolluyt, Ally Trumbo, Robby Bigwood, Eli Barrett-Learn
Notice Jaden Argall, Hazel Schmidt, Grace Devig
Grace Zoe Booth, Katie Bigwood

GIFT OF MUSIC

Worthy!

Burrows

3-6 Choir; Pam Burns, Director

Responding to the Word

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

PRESENTATION OF THE CHILD

Cecelia Marie Carlson, child of Abigail and Tyler Carlson
Grandchild of Paula and Toby Christensen and Sandy and Dave Carlson
Toby Christensen, presiding elder

*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.

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.

WELCOME

Elder to Congregation: Cecelia Marie Carlson has been received into the one holy catholic and apostolic church through baptism. God has made him 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, in Christ you have been bap - tized.

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

PASTORAL PRAYER

Eli Barrett-Learn and Ally Trumbo

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.

TEACHER RECOGNITION

Children's Sunday School Teachers: Ginger Deitz, Jennifer Johnston, Jim McEvers, Lisa McEvers, Jennifer McKinnon, Chelsea Monda, Sara Mwagura, Rachel Schmidt, Troy Schmidt, Kimberly Waale, Maria Weller. **Youth Group Leaders:** Tracy Barrett, Jane Mathew, Becky Trumbo. **Youth Sunday School Teachers:** Andie Hensler, Fred Hudson. **Confirmation Mentors:** Claudia Hansen, Ryan Johnston, Jeff Olson, Troy Schmidt, Becky Trumbo. **Choir Directors:** Erin Torpey, Pam Burns, Josh Argall, Jill Post. **Choir Pianists:** Wanda Wavra, Virginia Stern, Jane Ahlin, Jessica Poyzer, Caleb Gadberry. **Adult Bible Study Leader:** Bruce Maylath.



OFFERING

Jaden Argall

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OFFERTORY

Celebration

Cynthia Dobrinski

Genesis Ringers; Sally Harmon, director

*RESPONSE 609

Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessing 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

Eleanor Torpey

Bearing the Word into the World

*HYMN 700

I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

I'm gonna live so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

I'm gonna live so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

I'm gonna work so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

I'm gonna work so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

I'm gonna pray so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

I'm gonna pray so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

I'm gonna sing so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

I'm gonna sing so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

*BENEDICTION

Zoe Booth

*GRACE

Thanks for the food, God! You can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

Thanks for the food, God! You can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

POSTLUDE

Reprise: I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

arr. The Band

MUSICIANS

The Band

Sally Harmon, piano
Max Johnk, bass
Matthew Tinjum, percussion

Ukes

Penny Andrist, Kayla Bones, Sarah
Bigwood, Susan Peterson, Brian Peterson,
Will Peterson, Julie Erpelding, Leah
Erpelding, Carrie Lawrence, Jack Lawrence,
Jill Post, Becky Trumbo



Heart n' Soul Dinner — May 10: You may remember when Heart n' Soul hosted monthly “Community Café” meals in our Social Hall. They will return, starting May 10th! Since COVID, they have been serving their meals from a food truck. You are invited to join others from our congregation and community for a meal together. Come anytime between 4:30-6:30pm. We'll have tables set both inside and out! The cost of the meal is pay-what-you-can. We hope you will join us!

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

Men's Bible Study: The men's Bible study finishes its study of the Book of Job on **Tuesday, May 9th at 6:45 a.m.**, in the Jennie Roberts Room. Pastries and coffee will be served. The meeting will start with a viewing of N. T. Wright's 30-minute talk on Job in 2017 at Wheaton College. A group discussion will follow. No advance preparation is required for each month's study.

Covenant Of Prayer: Family of Jack Evert, who died on April 28; Karen Brehmer; Beatrice Janaka and family; Louis Moniz; Michael Robidoux; Foster Families; Don Brummond; Jennifer; and the people of Ukraine, Syria, and Turkey.

PW Bible Study Leaders: On May 10 Pastor Mary Holtey will present the Bible Study on Lesson 9 in the office conference room at 2:00pm.

PW Circles: Circles will meet May 16 in the Jennie Roberts Room; Naomi/Ruth Circles will meet at 9:30am and the Rachel Circle will meet at 1:00pm. All women of the church are invited to attend. If you are interested or have any questions, please contact Jan Kenien at (701) 280-2391.

Serving at Micah's Mission: We continue to serve the evening meal at Micah's Mission every second Thursday of the month. Signup sheets for May 11, June 8, July 13 and August 10 are posted at the Volunteer Opportunities Board in the west foyer. We need 4 food preparers and 4 servers. Sign up as a group or as individuals. If you wish to participate, but are unable to prepare or serve, consider making a donation to cover the cost of lasagna. One lasagna is about \$25; an entire meal is between \$200-\$250, depending on how many guests we expect to serve. Thank you for your generosity of time and resources!

Pentecost Offering: The Pentecost Offering helps our youth begin life with a strong start – a solid foundation of faith formed in the first third of life, from childhood through young adulthood. 40% remains with our congregation and community to support local ministries with children and youth; 25% supports youth ministries ages 12-18 throughout our denomination; 25% supports young adults be trained and equipped to engage in mission in the US and around the world; 10% supports the “Educate a Child, Transform the World” national initiative to better the lives of children at risk by working and advocating to ensure equitable, accessible, quality public education for all children. Envelopes may be found by the Welcome Desk in the west foyer and in the Narthex.

Looking for Worship Techs! Are you looking for a way to serve our church community? Are you interested in live streaming or sound board technologies? On May 16 at 5:45 pm, we will be hosting an orientation for new worship techs. This is a very important part of our ministry at First Presbyterian. Worship Techs help to make worship accessible for more than 35 households each week. If you are interested in becoming a worship tech, show up to the meeting on May 16 or email Kayla at kbones@firstpresfargo.org.

Contribution Statements: Contribution Statements through April 30 have been sent out via email. 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. Contact Jan or Casey in the office with any questions.

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 8:45** 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*
Ryan Smit-*Interim 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

TAKE A HIKE
JUNE 3
6 mile hike on the North Country Trail near Kathryn, ND
Transportation Provided
Sign up on the Volunteer Opportunities Board or scan the QR code to sign up online!
Register by May 19th!

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

Sunday, May 7

11:30 Hooray Buffet!

Monday, May 8

6:00 EduCon Committee Meeting

Tuesday, May 9

6:45 Men's Bible Study

10:30 Staff Meeting

10:30 Town Hall Lecture Series @ Prairie Heights

5:30 Board of Deacons Meeting

Wednesday, May 10

2:00 PW Bible Study Leaders

4:30 Heart n' Soul Food Truck (until 6:30)

5:30 St. Andrews Brass

6:15 Children / Youth Choirs

6:30 Westminster Ringers

7:00 Youth Group

7:30 Sanctuary Choir

Thursday, May 11

5:30 Nurturing Parenting Classes

6:00 Kenya Pre-Trip Education

Friday, May 12

4:30 Robertson/Burns Wedding Rehearsal

Saturday, May 13

2:00 Robertson/Burns Wedding

Sunday, May 14

9:15 Sunday School

10:30 Worship Service & Communion (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

April 30 Attendance: 215

172 in person

43 households livestreamed

Contributions received: \$5,638.00



Church Information

Office Hours:

M-TH, 9:00 am-4:00 pm

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