



**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.

June 2, 2024

We Gather in Christ

PRELUDE

We Come to You for Healing, Lord
Sally Harmon, organist

arrs. Kosche/Powell

WELCOME

MOMENT OF SILENCE

Gracious God, we thank you for giving the gift of Sabbath in the midst of a busy and weary world. We rest because you rested. We rest because you command it. We rest in order to remember that the world and our worth do not depend on our efforts and accomplishments. We rest in such a way that others may also rest— not only all other human beings, but also creatures and creation itself. You made the Sabbath for us because you know all things that are good and necessary for us. We thank you; we praise you; we rest in you. Gather us, withered as we are, in your mighty hands and outstretched arms. Amen.

✦ CALL TO WORSHIP

Observe the Sabbath day and keep it holy.

Six days we labor and do all our work—

but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the Lord our God.

Remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt,
but God brought you out from there

with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm.

We, and the resident alien in our towns,
and all creatures great and small, rest;

giving thanks and praise to God, who has set us free!

✦ HYMN 796

We Come to You for Healing, Lord

We come to you for healing, Lord, of body, mind, and soul,
and pray that by your Spirit's touch we may again be whole.

As once you walked through ancient streets and reached toward those in pain,
we know you come among us still with power to heal again.

You touch us through physicians' skills, through nurses' gifts of care,
and through the love of faithful friends who lift our lives in prayer.

Through nights of pain and wakefulness, through days when strength runs low,
grant us your gift of patience, Lord, your calming peace to know.

We come to you, O loving Lord, in our distress and pain,
in trust that through our nights and days your grace will heal, sustain.

✧ CONFESSON AND DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

God of the outstretched arm, though you lead us into freedom, we choose again and again the chains of sin. Forgive us, we pray, for bowing to the false gods of our time. We believe we have made ourselves, rather than being made in your image—the work of your hands. We practice legalism against others yet expect exceptions for ourselves. We rest in ease, while others bear heavy burdens on our behalf. Heal us where we are withered in hand or heart or faith. Stretch us beyond what we have managed or imagined, to live as you intend and command. In the name of Christ, who came to set us free. Amen.

✧ RESPONSE 284

Holy Spirit, Come to Us

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 lyrics: "Ho - ly Spir - it, come to us; kin - dle in us the fire of your love." The second staff contains the melody for the second line of lyrics: "Ho - ly Spir - it, come to us. Ho - ly Spir - it, come to us." The music is written in a simple, accessible style with quarter and eighth notes.

✧ PASSING OF THE PEACE

The Word

SCRIPTURE

Deuteronomy 5:12-15, pp. 161

Tori Hughes, reader

Mark 2:23-3:6, pp. 912

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

SERMON

Fields

Rev. Sarah M. Bigwood

✧ HYMN 795

Healer of Our Every Ill

Refrain: Healer of our every ill, light of each tomorrow,
give us peace beyond our fear, and hope beyond our sorrow.

You who know our fears and sadness, grace us with your peace and gladness;
Spirit of all comfort, fill our hearts. (Refrain)

In the pain and joy beholding how your grace is still unfolding,
give us all your vision, God of love. (Refrain)

Give us strength to love each other, every sister, every brother;
Spirit of all kindness, be our guide. (Refrain)

You who know each thought and feeling, teach us all your way of healing;
Spirit of compassion, fill each heart. (Refrain)

The Sealing of the Word

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

The words spoken by the pastor bless the bread and cup on the table and all the elements that are an extension of this table

HYMN OF APPROACH 523 *You Satisfy the Hungry Heart (verses 1&2)*

Refrain: You satisfy the hungry heart with gift of finest wheat;
come give to us, O saving Lord, the bread of life to eat.

As when the shepherd calls his sheep, they know and heed his voice,
so when you call your family, Lord, we follow and rejoice. (Refrain)

With joyful lips we sing to you our praise and gratitude
that you should count us worthy, Lord, to share this heavenly food. (Refrain)

COMMUNION MUSIC *Op. 117, No. 1: Intermezzo* Johannes Brahms
Andy Froelich, pianist

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Responding to the Word



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OFFERTORY

116, No. 5: Intermezzo
Andy Froelich, pianist

Johannes Brahms

✦ **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 523

You Satisfy the Hungry Heart (verses 3-5)

Refrain: You satisfy the hungry heart with gift of finest wheat;
come give to us, O saving Lord, the bread of life to eat.

Is not the cup we bless and share the blood of Christ outpoured?
Do not one cup, one loaf, declare our oneness in the Lord? (Refrain)

The mystery of your presence, Lord, no mortal tongue can tell:
whom all the world cannot contain comes in our hearts to dwell. (Refrain)

You give yourself to us, O Lord; then selfless let us be,
to serve each other in your name in truth and charity. (Refrain)

❖BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

We Come to You for Healing, Lord
Sally Harmon, organist

arr. Don Hustad

Thank you to Jaden Argall, Katie Bigwood, and Tori Hughes for assisting us in worship and to our Welcome Team: Mindy Argall, Debbie Tight, Virginia Stern, Tom Bigwood Robby Bigwood, David Hoffman, Wayne Sander, Curt Brickman, Richard Laraway, Elaine Rudd, and Jane & Prakash Mathew for taking such good care of us this morning.

A special thank you to our musicians, Sally Harmon and Andy Froelich.

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CHURCH OF FARGO



Sunday Worship

June 2, 2024

Recognition & Thanks Event: Kayla Bones has announced that she will be leaving her position as Coordinator of Youth and Young Adult Ministries as of June 9th. For the last nine years she has been a key member of the church staff, and she has contributed significantly to building faith and strong relationships with our youth and young adults among many other things. We want to recognize and thank her for her many contributions in the life of this church. So, we are having a party after the worship service next week on **June 9th**. We will have tasty treats and refreshments. It will be lots of fun! All are welcome to attend. If unable to do so, consider sending a card of thanks to Kayla in care of the church. If you are attending, consider bringing a card wishing her well.

Before you head to the lake this summer...

Now is a great time to start
an automatic payment, or
consider paying your summer
month's pledges in advance.



Thank you, Shawn and Welcome Back, Bryan!

Thank you to our Interim Choir Director, Shawn Neisen, who expertly led our youth and adult choirs this past season! Shawn's contract ended on May 31st, and we send him on his way with immense gratitude and our best wishes! Beginning June 1st, Bryan Poyzer will return to this position. The Poyzers are an integral part of our community, and we are excited to welcome Bryan back on the FPC Staff. We are so blessed to have such wonderful and competent leadership in our music ministry!

Attention origami artist(s): While we appreciate the art form, we don't enjoy the folded bills we find in the offering plate each week. We admire the stewardship and unique talent, but it's not always easy for the volunteers who count the offering to unfold the currency. Thank you for your understanding!

VBS Food Donations Needed: We are still looking for some folks to volunteer to bring food for Vacation Bible School this week. For tomorrow we would like one more salad and one dessert; for Wednesday we would like one dessert; for Thursday we would like two salads. If you would like to donate a gallon of ice cream we would take that for any of the days! If you have any questions please contact Penny in the church office.

Fellowship of Frolicking Friendly Females (4 F's): This group is for single women over 55 who want to get together for social activities. The next upcoming event is Wednesday, June 12th, at 11:30am; we will be meeting for lunch at Granite City. RSVP by June 7th to Elaine Rudd or Marcia Foss at 701-840-1986.

Summer Choir: Summer is a one-time opportunity for older choir kids and adults of all ages to prepare and sing an anthem on Sunday, June 9th – to honor Kayla Bones and her ministry with us. There will be one rehearsal Wednesday, June 5, 8:00-8:45 in the adult choir room. Call time for Sunday morning, June 9th is 9:30 a.m. Please contact Pam Burns at pburns@firstpresfargo.org if you have any questions.



Notice of Office Closure: Please note the church office will be closed to visitors and inquiries from July 1st to the 4th. Church staff members may still be at work but will not have the interruption of the phones and doorbell, and there will be no need to find volunteers to cover the front desk over the lunch hour. Employees that choose to take this time off will use PTO.

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*
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**

Mom's Demand Action Event – Saturday, June 8.

A **Wear Orange** event will be held this Saturday, from 2-3pm at First Presbyterian, Moorhead, to honor the victims of gun violence and to call for an end to gun violence. The event includes a reading of the mayor's proclamation, inspirational messages, readings by various speakers, and refreshments. A service project is planned for the morning with F5 Projects – a nonprofit offering grace and a fresh start to individuals struggling with incarceration, addiction, and mental health issues. To know more contact Pastor Mary.

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

Sunday, June 2

11:30 Fellowship

Monday, June 3

5:30 Building & Grounds Committee Meeting

5:30 Vacation Bible School

6:30 Personnel Committee Meeting

Tuesday, June 4

12:15 Support & Endowment Committee Meeting

5:30 Mission Committee Meeting

5:30 Vacation Bible School

Wednesday, June 5

5:30 Vacation Bible School

8:00 Multigenerational Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, June 6

9:30 Town Hall Board Meeting

5:30 Vacation Bible School

Friday, June 7

No Church Events

Saturday, June 8

No Church Events

Sunday, June 9

10:30 Worship Service (L)

11:30 Kayla's Recognition Celebration!

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

May 26 Attendance: 115

87 in person

28 households livestreamed

Contributions received: \$2,500.00



Church Information

Summer Office Hours:

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

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