



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

*You Satisfy the Hungry Heart
Go, My Children, with My Blessing*
Sally Harmon, organist

arr. Callahan
arr. Burkhardt

WELCOME & CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

The Rev. Mary Jo E. Holtey

MOMENT OF SILENCE

*Generous God, the whole creation looks to you, and you give them their food in due season.
Open your hand to us and satisfy us with what we most deeply desire. Amen.*

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

God meets us
in our greatest need.
God satisfies us
with divine presence and provision.
In gratitude,
we worship the risen Lord!

***HYMN 411**

God is Here Today
(soloist, once | congregation, twice)

God is here today;
as certain as the air I breathe,
as certain as the morning sun that rises,
as certain when I sing you'll hear my song.

***CONFESSION AND DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

God of compassion, we are sick. We have wrestled all night with worry instead of resting in you. We have asserted our own goodness instead of awakening to yours. We have

turned away those hungry for your help instead of trusting you and feeding them from your limitless supply of blessings. Forgive us, heal us, and help us to hold on to you. We call upon you, for you will answer us, O God, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

***RESPONSE 240**

Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Give thanks to the ris - en Lord. Al - le -
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Give praise to His Name.

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

The Word

SCRIPTURE

Deuteronomy 11:18-21, pp. 167

Lisa McEvers, reader

Matthew 14:13-21, pp. 891

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

SERMON

Keep Them

The Rev. Sarah M. Bigwood

***HYMN 523**

You Satisfy the Hungry Heart

You satisfy the hungry heart with gift of finest wheat;
come give to us, O saving Lord, the bread of life to eat.
With joyful lips we sing to you our praise and gratitude
that you should count us worthy, Lord, to share this heavenly food.

You satisfy the hungry heart with gift of finest wheat;
come give to us, O saving Lord, the bread of life to eat.
The mystery of your presence, Lord, no mortal tongue can tell:
whom all the world cannot contain comes in our hearts to dwell.

You satisfy the hungry heart with gift of finest wheat;
come give to us, O saving Lord, the bread of life to eat.
You give yourself to us, O Lord; then selfless let us be,
to serve each other in your name in truth and charity.

Responding to the Word

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

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.

HYMN OF APPROACH 516 *For the Bread Which You Have Broken*
(verses 1 & 2)

For the bread which you have broken,
for the wine which you have poured,
for the words which you have spoken,
now we give you thanks, O Lord.

By this promise that you love us,
by your gift of peace restored,
by your call to heaven above us,
hallow all our lives, O Lord.

COMMUNION MUSIC *You Raise Me Up* Groban
Sam Johnson, tenor; Krista Clusiau, piano



OFFERING *Use the QR code to access the secure giving portal on our website!*

OFFERTORY *And Can it Be?* arr. Forrest

Sanctuary Choir: Ryan Smit, director; Sally Harmon, piano

And can it be that I should gain an interest in the Savior's blood?

Died He for me who caused His pain? For me who Him to death pursued?

Amazing love! How can it be that Thou my God, shouldst die for me?

He left His Father's throne above, So free, so infinite His grace;

Emptied Himself of all but love, and bled for Adam's helpless race;

'Tis mercy all, immense and free; For, O my God, it found out me.

No condemnation now I dread, Jesus and all in Him is mine!

Alive in Him, my living Head, and clothed in righteousness divine,

Bold I approach the eternal throne, and claim the crown through Christ my own.

Amazing love, how can it be that Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

***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**

Bearing the Word into the World

***HYMN 547** *Go, My Children, with My Blessing*

“Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone.

Waking, sleeping, I am with you, you are my own.

In my love's baptismal river I have made you mine forever.

Go, my children, with my blessing, you are my own.”

“Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.

Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.

Here you heard my dear Son's story; here you touched him, saw his glory.

Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.”

“Go, my children, fed and nourished, closer to me.

Grow in love and love by serving, joyful and free.

Here my Spirit's power filled you; here my tender comfort stilled you.
Go, my children, fed and nourished, joyful and free."

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

You Satisfy the Hungry Heart

arr. Honoré



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. If you are interested in becoming a worship tech, show up to the meeting on May 16 or email Kayla at kbones@firstpresfargo.org.




Hope Blooms: Collecting small glass jars! Hope Blooms repurposes flowers to make new arrangements for community members in need – all with the message *You matter!* Throughout the year, bring your jam or small sauce jars, etc. to the church and place them in the green buckets in the foyer. The Mission Committee will deliver them to Hope Blooms. *Inspiring hope, happiness and emotional healing through repurposed flowers!*

EFP Birthday Bags: We are still collecting Birthday items for the Emergency Food Pantry! EFP would only like white, yellow, chocolate or confetti cake mixes. We are also asking for frosting and birthday cards to be provided. The Mission Committee is requesting card games and birthday hats to bring joy to two different age groups, 1 to 8 and 9 to 17 year olds, that families will receive when they pick up their food supplies.

Covenant Of Prayer: Karen Brehmer; Beatrice Janaka and family; Louis Moniz; Michael Robidoux; Foster Families; Don Brummond; Jennifer; and the people of Ukraine, Syria, and Turkey.

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.

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 call Jan Kenien at (701) 280-2391.



PENTECOST
SPECIAL OFFERINGS
 CHILDREN AT RISK • YOUTH • YOUNG ADULTS

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. This Offering will be received on May 28th, Pentecost Sunday. Envelopes may be found by the Welcome Desk in the west foyer and in the Narthex.

Holy Buckets!

Play it Forward!

Donate your unused musical instruments to be reconditioned & used by students in local schools. Collecting now through May 14!



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*
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

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

Sunday, May 14

11:30 Fellowship

Monday, May 15

6:30 Session Meeting

Tuesday, May 16

9:30 PW Circles

10:30 Staff Meeting

1:00 PW Circle

7:00 FM Moms Demand Action

Wednesday, May 17

5:30 St. Andrews Brass

6:15 Sanctuary Choir

6:30 Westminster Ringers

Thursday, May 18

5:30 Nurturing Parenting Classes

Friday, May 19

No Church Events

Saturday, May 20

No Church Events

Sunday, May 21

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

May 7 Attendance: 269

232 in person

37 households livestreamed

Contributions received: \$19,079.65



Church Information

Office Hours:

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

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