



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

How Clear is Our Vocation, Lord
Sally Harmon, organist

arr. Powell

WELCOME & CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

MOMENT OF SILENCE

Author of life, you cast your glory all around us; you invade our sleep; you reveal yourself in ancient stories and the give-and-take of common life. By the power of your Spirit, come to us now, for you have called us to this place. We pray in the name of Jesus -- our hope, our confidence-- and your beloved Son. Amen.

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

The Rev. Mary Jo E. Holtey

Beloved of God,
the winter is past,
the flowers appear on the earth,
this time of singing has come.
Let us lift our voices in praise to our Creator.
Let us worship God!

***HYMN 411**

God is Here Today (three times)

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.

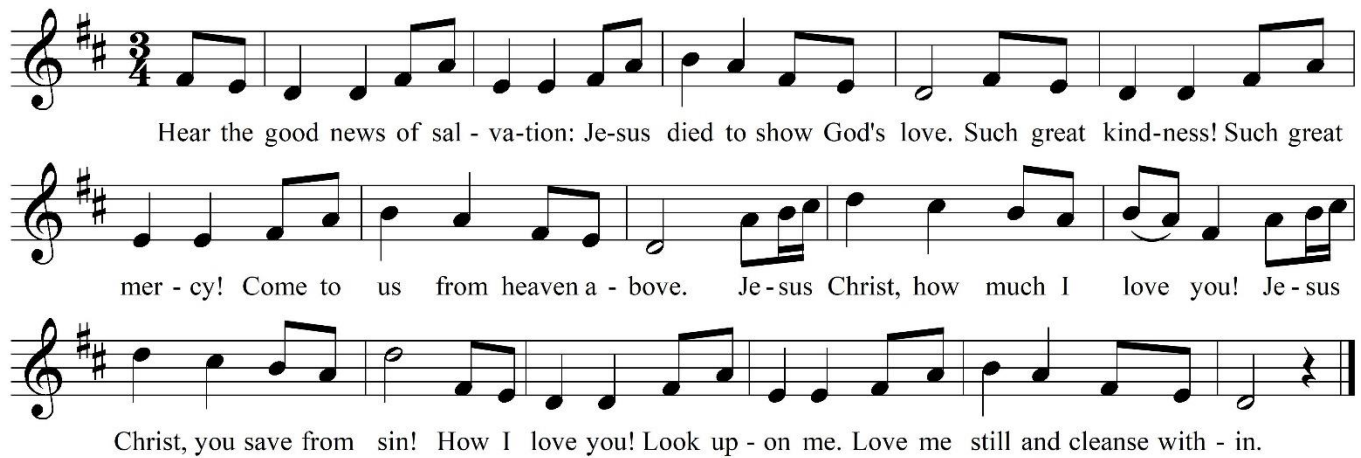
***CONFESSION AND DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

Faithful One, despite our best efforts, we have not lived up to what we can do or who we can be. Even when our intentions are good, our actions cause harm. Even when we want

to follow you more closely, we end up turning away. We are at war with ourselves, and only you can bring peace. Still our souls, order our steps, guide our feet back to your way.

***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

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

arr. Leatherman

Jeff Olson, soloist; Sally Harmon, piano

The Word

SCRIPTURE

Song of Solomon 2:8-13, pp. 612

Bruce Maylath, Reader

Genesis 24:45-49, 58-67, pp. 20

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

SERMON

A Marriage

The Rev. Sarah M. Bigwood

***HYMN 432**

How Clear is Our Vocation, Lord (vs. 1, 3-4)

How clear is our vocation, Lord, when once we heed your call
to live according to your word and daily learn, refreshed, restored,
that you are Lord of all and will not let us fall.

We marvel how your saints became in hindrances more sure:
whose joyful virtues put to shame the casual way we wear your name,
and by our faults obscure your power to cleanse and cure.

In what you give us, Lord, to do, together or alone,
in old routines or ventures new, may we not cease to look to you:
the cross you hung upon, all you endeavored, done.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

PRESENTATION OF THE CHILD

Everly Noelle Ginunas, child of Christina and Kevin Ginunas

Grandchild of Anne and Bill Kuzas and Ginny and Vern Ginunas

Bruce Maylath, 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.

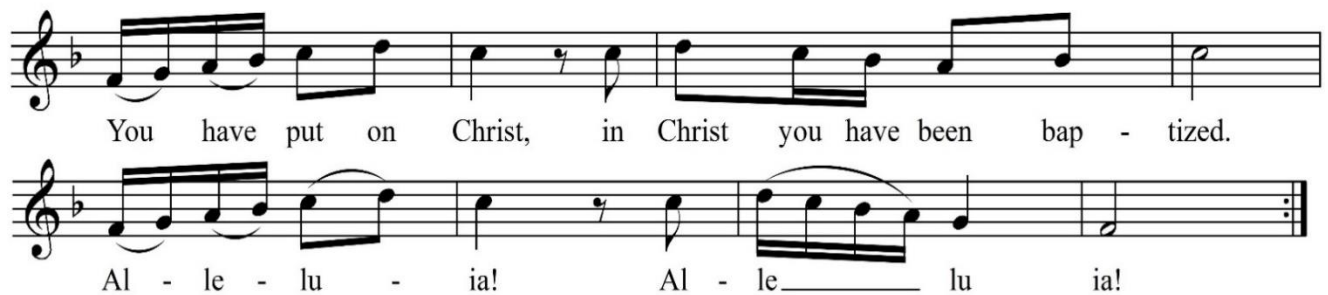
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

WELCOME

Everly Noelle Ginunas 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



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.

Responding to the Word



OFFERING

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

OFFERTORY

How Beautiful

Paris

Jeff Olson, soloist; Sally Harmon, piano

***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 67**

My Song Forever Shall Record

My song forever shall record
the tender mercies of the Lord;
your faithful love will I proclaim,
and every age shall know your name.

I sing of mercies that endure,
forever firm, forever sure,
a strong support that never dies,
established changeless in the skies.

Almighty God, your lofty throne
has justice for its cornerstone,
and shining bright before your face
are truth and love and boundless grace.

With blessing is the nation crowned
whose people know the joyful sound;
they in the light, O Lord, shall live,
the light your face and favor give.

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

How Clear is Our Vocation, Lord

arr. Sedio

*Any children who are interested are welcome
to come up to the organ to watch Sally play the postlude.*



Summer Sermon Series: Our summer sermon series will be on the Book of Genesis which the Adult Education class has been studying all spring. Both the spring lectures and the summer sermons will be available on the FPC App which is available from the App store. Search First Presbyterian Fargo and select the app option with the PCUSA logo.



FAREWELL TO FARGO RECITAL

Sunday, July 9th | 7:00pm
First Presbyterian Church | Fargo, ND

Social Reception to follow

This collaborative recital includes a little of everything with musicians friends for one last performance together.
Program to include works by J. S. Bach, Herbert Howells, Felix Mendelssohn, and more!

PRESENTED BY DILLON J. SWANSON

Feeling Chilly? The sanctuary is kept at 72 degrees year-round. For a person wearing a sports coat or suit jacket that is comfortable, but those wearing sleeveless dresses might get cold. Remember to dress for the air conditioning when you come to church.

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.

Nametag Blitz: Do you have a church nametag? If you have never had one, you may receive one free. If you need to replace a lost nametag, we ask for a donation of \$10 to cover the cost. The standard nametag will have a magnetic back. If for any reason you would like a nametag with a pin back, please indicate that after your name. Students in 5th grade and above are welcome to order a nametag.

Covenant Of Prayer: Beatrice Janaka and family; Don Brummond; Jennifer; and the people of Ukraine, Syria, and Turkey.

Craft Kits in the Library! Hey parents! Looking for something fun to do with your kids this summer? Our craft kits in the library have all the tools, supplies, and instructions on a fun new craft for you and your family to try! Thanks to the EduCon and Library Committees we have created a Wool Felting kit and two Paper Quilling kits that are available to check out. Simply pick a kit, fill out the check out card and leave it in the tray on the library desk. Please return the kits back to the library after you have finished with it. They are located just above the children's section near the rocking chairs! Young or old, beginner or expert, come *check out* a craft kit and see what you can create!

Per Capita: If you have not yet paid Per Capita for 2023, it's not too late! We will be accepting payments through the end of the year. Your contribution will be reflected on your giving record and will be greatly appreciated to help offset the Per Capita Apportionment payment sent to the Presbytery. The rate for 2023 is \$50.00 per confirmed member.

DOWNTOWN Collaboration

AN EVENING OF FOOD, FELLOWSHIP, AND FUN!

- Heart n' Soul**
You can't beat the tasty food of the HnS Food Truck! Pay as you are able, open 4:30-6:00pm.
- Plains Art Museum**
Interactive art activity for young and old; no talent required 😊
- First Presbyterian Church**
All are welcome in this place. Tables will be set up indoors and outside, with background music and nice people everywhere.

EVERY 2ND WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH THIS SUMMER

COME JOIN US!

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.

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*
Shawn Neisen-*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

The Pilgrimage Program invites you to access your creativity through contemplative photography, specifically photographing images showing how we “*preach, teach, heal, and serve.*” Participants will join together to walk downtown and/or inside the church taking pictures, which then will be arranged in a slideshow. Photographers will have the opportunity to share thoughts about their images with one another. Kayla Bones and Mary Holtey will instruct and facilitate the class, which will be held **Thursday, July 20, 6-8 P.M.**, beginning in the Jennie Roberts room. For more information contact Mike Wavra or Kit O'Neill.

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

Sunday, July 9

11:30 Fellowship

7:00 'Farewell to Fargo' Organ Recital

Monday, July 10

5:30 EduCon Meeting

Tuesday, July 11

10:30 Staff Meeting

Wednesday, July 12

4:30 Heart n' Soul Food Truck

5:30 Kenya Trip Education

6:00 Health Fair Committee Meeting

Thursday, July 13

3:00 Prep and Serve at Micah's Mission

Friday, July 14

9:30 Jack Evert Memorial Service

Saturday, July 15

No Church Events

Sunday, July 16

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

July 2 Attendance: ??

73 in person

? households livestreamed

Contributions received: \$??



Church Information

Summer Office Hours:
M-TH, 9:00 am-3:00 pm
Phone: 701-293-6311
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