



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

The Earle of Oxford's March
St. Andrew's Brass; Jill Post, director

Byrd/arr. Olyrood

WELCOME & CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

The Rev. Mary Jo E. Holtey

MOMENT OF SILENCE

Son of God, you walk on the waters of turmoil to meet us in the midst of your purposed journey for our lives. Help us to recognize your presence, remember your promise, rely on your power, and receive your peace through every storm. Amen.

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Through the compassion of Jesus Christ our Lord and the guidance of the Holy Spirit,
God lifts us from death to life. God preserves us for God's purposes.

With thanksgiving, praise the Lord!

Let us worship God.

***HYMN 15**

All Creatures of Our God and King (vs. 1-2, 4 & 6)

All creatures of our God and King,
lift up your voice and with us sing,
Alleluia! Alleluia!

O brother sun with golden beam,
O sister moon with silver gleam,
sing praises! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

O brother wind with clouds and rain,
you nurture gifts of fruit and grain.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

O sister water, flowing clear,
make music for your Lord to hear.
Sing praises! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

All who for love of God forgive,
 all who in pain or sorrow grieve,
 Alleluia! Alleluia!
 Christ bears your burdens and your fears;
 so, even in the midst of tears,
 sing praises! Alleluia!
 Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

O sisters, brothers, take your part,
 and worship God with humble heart.
 Alleluia! Alleluia!

All creatures, bless the Father, Son,
 and Holy Spirit, Three in One!
 Sing praises! Alleluia!
 Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

***CONFESSION AND DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

Lord Jesus, we call upon you. Save us! We are intimidated by our circumstances, distracted from your purposes, drowning in doubts and fears. We are presumptuous about your will, belittling others and magnifying ourselves. We envy the blessings of others, secretly despising their dreams. We have hardened our hearts to the suffering of our brothers and sisters, feeding ourselves in face of the injustice that holds them captive. Lord Jesus, who searches our hearts, lift us from sin and help us to walk with you in faith, humility, and brotherly-sisterly love. 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**

GIFT OF MUSIC

Holy, Holy, Holy

arr. Forrest

Combined Sanctuary & 7-12 Choirs and St. Andrew's Brass
 Jill Post, director

Please sing this final stanza when directed

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly!
 Lord God Al - mighty - y!

All Thy works shall praise Thy name in
earth and sky and sea;
Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly!
Mer - ci - ful and might - y!
God in three Per - sons,
bless - ed Tri - ni - ty!

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Penny Andrist

The Word

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 105:1-5, 43-45, pp. 544

Jean Pladson, reader

Matthew 14:22-33, pp. 892

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

SERMON

Fail Fast

The Rev. Sarah M. Bigwood

***HYMN 463**

How Firm a Foundation (vs. 1, 3-5)

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?

"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."

***PROFESSION OF FAITH** The Heidelberg Catechism (adapted from questions 27 & 28)
I believe in the providence of God which means, the almighty and ever present power of God by which God upholds heaven and earth and all creatures, and so rules them that leaf and blade, rain and drought, fruitful and lean years, food and drink, health and sickness, prosperity and poverty— all things, in fact, come to me not by chance but by his fatherly hand. My knowledge of God's creation and providence helps me, to be patient when things go against me, thankful when things go well, and for the future I can have good confidence in our faithful God and Father that nothing in creation will separate me from his love. For all creatures are so completely in God's hand that without his will they can neither move nor be moved.

Background: Soon after Luther posted his ninety-five theses, Lutherans and Reformed Christians established The Heidelberg Catechism to help settle their divisions. Their work was completed in 1562. Each question of the catechism is personal, addressed to "you." Its theology is both catholic, universal in appeal, and evangelical, setting forth the gospel of Jesus Christ. Providing a basis for peaceful coexistence between Lutheran and Reformed Christians. The influence of the Heidelberg Catechism in the church's preaching and teaching continues to be felt in Germany, Austria, Holland, Hungary, parts of Eastern Europe, Scotland, Canada, and the United States.

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 Firm a Foundation* arr. Hopson
Westminster Singers; Jill Post, 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**

Bearing the Word into the World

***HYMN 263** *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!*

All hail the power of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall;
bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all!
Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all!

Ye chosen seed of Israel's race, ye ransomed from the fall,
hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all!
Hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all!

Let every kindred, every tribe on this terrestrial ball
to him all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all!
To him all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all!

O that with yonder sacred throng we at his feet may fall!
We'll join the everlasting song, and crown him Lord of all!
We'll join the everlasting song, and crown him Lord of all!

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!
Sally Harmon, organist

arr. Hopson



Heart n' Soul — Good News! Heart n' Soul Community Café food truck was pleased to hold their first event of the season at First Presbyterian Church last week!! It was wonderful to see familiar faces and welcome many new guests from the downtown area! Thank you for helping us build a sense of community! Their next event at FPC will be June 14th; young and old, rain or shine, come and be a part of the fun!

STELLAR VBS: If you took a space shape and volunteered to donate items for the upcoming Vacation Bible School, please return your tag and items to the church as soon as possible. Mark your calendar, VBS starts up June 5 and runs through June 8, 5:30-8:00pm.

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, you can bring clean jam or small sauce jars, etc., with labels removed, 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!*

Covenant Of Prayer: Karen Rivers upon the death of her brother, Larry Rieke, on May 14; Karen Brehmer; Beatrice Janaka and family; Louis Moniz; Michael Robidoux; foster families; Don Brummond; Jennifer; and the people of Ukraine, Syria, and Turkey.

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.

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 to 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.

Pentecost Color: People and Plants in the colors of flames! Sunday, May 28, is Pentecost Sunday, when we celebrate the birthday of the church. Flames and the color of flame are the most common images associated with this day in the church year. We would like to “light up” our worship space with people wearing bright colors. In addition, can you help us enhance our worship space by bringing potted or cut flowers that have red, yellow, orange or white blooms? Please bring them by 10:15 am, as worship begins at 10:30 am, and pick them up to take them home following worship.

Summer Giving: After a long winter, cool spring and flooding, we are all ready to experience the blessings of summer! While you are enjoying the many activities summer brings, please remember that your church needs your financial support all year long. Here are a couple of options to make giving easy: Give online through our website - you can make either a one-time payment or set up a recurring donation; or automatic monthly withdrawals from your checking or savings account (just a simple form to complete to get this started). Contact Jan Lundgren in the church office if you have 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 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*
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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 21

11:30 Fellowship

Monday, May 22

5:00 Stewardship Committee Meeting

Tuesday, May 23

10:30 Staff Meeting

12:00 Messenger Article Deadline

Wednesday, May 24

No Church Events

Thursday, May 25

No Church Events

Friday, May 26

No Church Events

Saturday, May 27

No Church Events

Sunday, May 28

10:30 Worship Service (L)

11:30 Fellowship

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For Your Information

May 14 Attendance: 198

177 in person

21 households livestreamed

Contributions received: \$7,782.00



Church Information

Office Hours:

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

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