



April 30, 2023
Fourth Sunday Easter
Baptism

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

Variations on *Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us*
Sally Harmon, organist

arr. Wood

WELCOME & CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

The Rev. Mary Jo E. Holtey

MOMENT OF SILENCE

Good Shepherd, you call us by name, and we know your voice. Open the gate for us, that we may come and go freely, have life, and have it abundantly. Amen.

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Followers of Jesus, by his cross we are redeemed from the futility of sin.

Alleluia!

By his rising we are free from the fear of death.

Alleluia!

By his love we are made new in the living and enduring Word of God.

Alleluia! Let us worship God!

HYMN 187

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us (vs 1 & 4)

Savior, like a shepherd lead us;

Much we need your tender care.

In your pleasant pastures feed us;

For our use your fold prepare.

Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
you have bought us: we are yours.

Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,

you have bought us: we are yours.

Early let us seek your favor;

Early let us do your will.

Blessed Lord and only Savior,

With your love our spirits fill.

Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,

you have loved us; love us still.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
you have loved us; love us still.

***CONFESSION AND DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

Gentle Shepherd, You guide us in right paths, You lead us in the ways of righteousness, but we have allowed our anger, our rage, our greed, and at times even hate, to direct us. We have overreacted, we have taken more than our share, we have despised others that seem to have it all. Forgive us, God, for not following your ways. Forgive us for not remembering that we are your sheep. Forgive us when we have not listened for your voice. Call us back to you. Guide us in loving our neighbors. Help us to unclench our fists and use our hands for hope and healing, forgiveness and love. In the name of Christ our Shepherd we pray. Amen.

Friends, believe in the Good News of the Gospel.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. 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.

GIFT OF MUSIC

Hallelujah

Cohen/arr. Clancy

Ransom Notes Quartet from Great Plains Harmony
Ryan Brehmer, Jeff Olson, Paul Sandbek, Ken Frank

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Penny Andrist

The Word

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 23, pp. 491

Russel Ford-Dunker, reader

John 10:1-10, pp. 977

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

SERMON

Abundant Life

The Rev. Sarah M. Bigwood

***HYMN 803**

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need (vs. 1 & 3)

My shepherd will supply my need; Jehovah is his name.
in pastures fresh he makes me feed, beside the living stream.
He brings my wandering spirit back when I forsake his ways,
and leads me, for his mercy's sake, in paths of truth and grace.

The sure provisions of my God attend me all my days;
O may your house be my abode, and all my work be praise.
There would I find a settled rest, while others go and come;
no more a stranger, or a guest, but like a child at home.

BAPTISM AND RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

*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.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

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



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

OFFERTORY

Spiritual Medley

arr. Waesche

Ransom Notes Quartet

*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 540

Farewell, Good Friends!

(soloist, once | congregation, twice)

Farewell, good friends! Farewell, good friends! Shalom, shalom!

Till we meet again, till we meet again, shalom, shalom.

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

arr. Pethel



A Note from Joyce Brummond: Our heartfelt thanks to the friends at Fargo Presbyterian Church for the prayers, thoughts and calls. Things are a little better – but Donald has a long serious time ahead of him and we would appreciate your continued prayers – and support.

— Thank you, Joyce & Donald Brummond.

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!

MISSION COMMITTEE & THE EMERGENCY FOOD PANTRY
BIRTHDAY BAGS PROJECT

EFP is looking for donations of:

- Cake Mix (white, yellow, chocolate, or confetti)
- Frosting
- Birthday Cards

Mission is looking for donations of:

- Card Games
- Birthday Hats

Please drop donations off in the Holy Buckets Through April & May

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. Intended to help men understand what the Bible says in relation to what is expected of a Christian man, the May 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: Jennifer McKinnon, upon the death of her father, Paul McKinnon, on April 18; Children in abusive situations; the victims and families of the shootings in Nashville and Louisville; those affected by natural disasters in our country; Bryan Poyzer; the Bdecan Presbyterian Church in Tokio, ND; Don Brummond; Jennifer; and the people of Ukraine, Syria, and Turkey.

CHILDREN YOUTH
Worship Service
May 7 at 10:30
 A day celebrating the growth of our youngest members!

Hooray Buffet!
 Join us in the Social Hall for a meal of pulled pork and all the sides!
 Sponsored by EduCon

PW: Better Together, Tied Together With Love: The Presbyterian Women of the Northern Plains Presbytery are having their 2023 Spring Gathering on Saturday, April 29th at Mendenhall Presbyterian Church in East Grand Forks, Minnesota. Marsha Odom, Crookston PW & *Blessed Tomorrow Climate Ambassador* will talk about why climate issues matter to her as a Christian and share research-based information about climate concerns. Registration is \$15 from 9:45am to 10:15am. If you would like to attend, contact Nancy Lium at (701) 235-0228.

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.

Pentecost Offering: The Pentecost Offering is one of our denomination’s four annual offerings. It 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% support 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.

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*
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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, April 30

11:30 Fellowship

12:00 Messenger Deadline

Monday, May 1

5:30 Personnel Committee Meeting

5:30 Building & Grounds Committee Meeting

Tuesday, May 2

10:00 PW Board Meeting

10:30 Staff Meeting

5:30 Mission Committee Meeting

5:30 Worship Committee Meeting (H)

Wednesday, May 3

5:30 Genesis Ringers

5:30 St. Andrews Brass

6:00 Rehearsal for Children & Youth Sunday

6:30 Westminster Ringers

7:00 Youth Group

7:30 Sanctuary Choir

Thursday, May 4

9:30 Town Hall Board Meeting

5:30 Nurturing Parenting Classes

Friday, May 5

No Church Events

Saturday, May 6

No Church Events

Sunday, May 7

9:15 Sunday School

10:30 Children & Youth 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

April 23 Attendance: 241

192 in person

49 households livestreamed

Contributions received: \$12,188.00



Church Information

Office Hours:

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

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