



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.

Please join us outside for fellowship 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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Gracious Lord, our labors are in vain unless you labor with us, O God. Continue to bless the work of our hands, that we might labor for the glory of your name alone, through your son Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

PRELUDE

Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy
(see text at hymn 415)
Sally Harmon, organist

arr. Martin

WELCOME & CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Praise the Lord! The Lord will never leave us alone.
Let the name of the Lord be renowned throughout the earth,
now and forever.

Let us worship God!

HYMN 515: *I Come with Joy

**I come with joy, a child of God,
forgiven, loved, and free,
the life of Jesus to recall,
in love laid down for me,
in love laid down for me.**

**I come with Christians far and near
to find, as all are fed,
the new community of love
in Christ's communion bread,
in Christ's communion bread.**

**As Christ breaks bread and bids us share,
each proud division ends.
The love that made us, makes us one,
and strangers now are friends,
and strangers now are friends.**

**The Spirit of the risen Christ,
unseen, but ever near,
is in such friendship better known,
alive among us here,
alive among us here.**

**Together met, together bound
by all that God has done,
we'll go with joy, to give the world
the love that makes us one,
the love that makes us one.**

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

Let us confess our sins
to the one who sacrificed for us
and waits in mercy to forgive.

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Dear God, you gave us your only son, yet we fail to give you our best. You answer our prayers, even though we pray with a haughty spirit. You continue to bless us, even as we ignore those in need. Forgive us, we pray, and turn us toward you, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

***DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

Christ, who is our high priest,
made himself a sacrifice once and for all for the forgiveness of sins.
Therefore, be reconciled to God, sin no more,
and do all things for the glory of God.

RESPONSE: *God Welcomes All

God wel - comes all, strang - ers and friends;
God's love is strong and it nev - er ends.

The image shows 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 the response, and the second staff contains the melody for the second line. The lyrics are written below the notes.

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

The Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION: reader, Brian McClure

O God,
wash and anoint us with your word of truth.
In the name of Jesus, we pray. **Amen.**

FIRST READING: Hebrews 9:24-28

For Christ did not enter a sanctuary made by human hands, a mere copy of the true one, but he entered into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf. Nor was it to offer

himself again and again, as the high priest enters the Holy Place year after year with blood that is not his own; for then he would have had to suffer again and again since the foundation of the world. But as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the age to remove sin by the sacrifice of himself. And just as it is appointed for mortals to die once, and after that the judgement, so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin, but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.

May God bless the reading and hearing of this portion of the holy Word.

SECOND READING: Mark 12:38-44

As he taught, he said, 'Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes, and to be greeted with respect in the market-places, and to have the best seats in the synagogues and places of honor at banquets! They devour widows' houses and for the sake of appearance say long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation.'

He sat down opposite the treasury and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. Then he called his disciples and said to them, 'Truly I tell you; this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on.'

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

SERMON: The Rev. Mary Jo E. Holtey

***HYMN 516:** *For the Bread Which You Have Broken*

**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.**

**With the saints who now adore you
seated at the heavenly board,
may the church still waiting for you
keep love's tie unbroken, Lord.**

**In your service, Lord, defend us;
in our hearts keep watch and ward;
in the world to which you send us
let your kingdom come, O Lord.**

***PROFESSION OF FAITH:** *Nicene Creed*

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin

Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Responding to the Word

OFFERING



OFFERTORY

You Are the Bread

Schram

Sanctuary Choir; Bryan Poyzer, director
Sally Harmon, piano; Kathleen Thomas, violin

We come to Your table to take of the bread and the wine. We come to Your table to know You, to share the divine. To hear once again of Your grace, of the Passover Lamb, sacrifice and redemption, your merciful plan from before time began, from before time began. You are the bread; *Blessed art Thou, O Lord our God, King of the universe, Who bringest forth bread from the earth.* You are the Bread of Life; take and eat, never hunger again, never hunger again. You are the wine; *Blessed art Thou, O Lord our God, King of the universe, Creator of the fruit of the vine.* You are the wine, the blood that is shed; You are the bread.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is truly right and our greatest joy...

...we sing to the glory of your name:

RESPONSE 559: *Holy, Holy, Holy*

You are holy, O God of majesty, and blessed is Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord...

...Great is the Mystery of Faith;

RESPONSE 560: *Christ Has Died; Christ Is Risen*

Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these your gifts of bread and wine...

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.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

COMMUNION MUSIC

Chatter with the Angels
Genesis Ringers
Sally Harmon, director

arr. Tucker

Chatter with the angels soon in the morning, chatter with the angels in that land!
Chatter with the angels soon in the morning, chatter with the angels, join that band!
I hope to join that band and chatter with the angels all day long!
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PRAYER

Bearing the Word into the World

HYMN 306: *Blest Be the Tie that Binds

**Blest be the tie that binds
our hearts in Christian love.
The fellowship of kindred minds
is like to that above.**

**Before our Father's throne
we pour our ardent prayers.
Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one,
our comforts and our cares.**

**We share our mutual woes;
our mutual burdens bear.
And often for each other flows
the sympathizing tear.**

**When we are called to part,
it gives us inward pain;
but we shall still be joined in heart,
and hope to meet again.**

**From sorrow, toil, and pain,
and sin we shall be free;
and perfect love and friendship reign
through all eternity.**

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy

arr. Young



November 7, 2021

Covenant Of Prayer: Bella Garcia; those who are experiencing homelessness in our community; and our sister congregation in Chogoria, Kenya.

Dates to Remember!

November 21: No Sunday School or Confirmation

November 24: No Wednesday night activities

November 25: Thanksgiving Day, Office Closed

November 28: No Confirmation

Attention Snow Birds: Please make sure you notify the office of your winter address **along with the start and end date** for using that address. We need all of that info to keep the system (and thus, the communication) in working order. Most items are mailed at special non-profit rates and those items are not forwarded even if you have a forward order at the post office. Your help keeps the lines of communication open and we thank you for helping us with this task.

FPC Website: Missed a weekend? Here are some of the things available on our church website:

- Past bulletins and worship services
- Forms that can be filled out online and emailed to the office (check requests, room requests, etc.)
- Online giving
- A pdf version of our church directory
- The Messenger & Church Calendar

Check Your Spam Folder: It has come to the office's attention that bulk emails such as Messengers or Financial Statements are being filtered into peoples' spam folders. If you were wondering why you haven't received those items, check there!

Because You Gave...Thank You! Our sincerest thanks to all who have returned their estimate of giving cards for 2022! For those who have not, cards may be found in the pews, at the Front Desk Info Kiosk, the Narthex, and on our website, www.firstpresfargo.org. Please give it your prayerful consideration to make financial contributions to the church.

A Peek @ Next Week: We will enjoy music by the 2-6 Grade Choir and Westminster Ringers.

When Tears Sing: Lament as a Path to the Heart of God. This class meets **today at 2:00 pm** in the Social Hall. How well do we listen to the laments of others? Do we recognize our own anger, frustration, and complaints as the outpouring of a wounded heart? All adults are invited to explore these questions through reflection and conversation.

Adult Sunday School: Join local author, and fellow congregant, Prakash Mathew, as he continues a two part Sunday School series with *But That's the Way We've Always Done It*, **November 14, at 9:15 am, in the Social Hall.**

We are all creatures of habit, and change affects each of us differently. Some of us say that we embrace change, but that is usually when the change is not impacting us directly. Do you sit in the same pew every Sunday? What if someone sits in your pew? Are you ready to embrace new ideas and leadership when we call a new pastor to our church? Come and explore these questions and your own challenges dealing with the change process.

Hosted Concert: The Fargo Moorhead Area Music Club's November concert, *Parade of American Music Honoring Our Veterans*, is **FREE and open to the public on November 8, at 7:00 pm in our Sanctuary.**

PW News: PW will be collecting any sized **garbage bags for the month of November.** These items can be placed in the YWCA bin in the West Coat Room.

The **PW Board will meet via ZOOM on Tuesday, November 9, at 10:00 am.** There is no general meeting this month.

Circles will meet on Tuesday, November 16 at 2:00 pm, for lesson 3 of our Bible Study led by Pastor Mary. 21 people ZOOMed with us last lesson! **Esther Circle will meet at 9:30am the same day.**

PW Praises: Maxine Mattson was presented with an "Honorary Life Membership" pin on Sunday October 24, for her dedication to our church and PW by Pastor Holtey, from the PW.

ManUP: ManUP meets next on **November 9 at 6:45 am via ZOOM.** Intended to help men understand what the Bible says in relation to what is expected of a Christian man, the study this year examines the Epistle to the Hebrews. A copy of the study guide can be obtained at [Hebrews: An Open Door to God | Presbyterian Mission Agency](#) or you can request a copy and ask for a Zoom invitation from Bruce Maylath at ring4linguist@yahoo.com. No advance preparation is required for each month's study.

Kirkin' o' the Tartans: Join us for our annual Kirkin' o' the Tartans worship on **Sunday, November 21, 9:00 & 11:00 am** to celebrate the Scottish heritage of the Presbyterian church! Due to our need for social distancing, in-person seating is limited, and online registration through the website is required. 140 tickets are available for each service (participants in the service do not need tickets). If you don't have access to a computer or smart phone, a few paper tickets remain available through the church office. The service will also be livestreamed!

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 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)

Church Staff

Rev. Mary Jo E. Holtey-*Head of Staff, Associate Pastor*

Sally Harmon-*Music Coordinator & Organist*

Bryan Poyzer-*Adult Choir Director*

Jan Lundgren-*Business Manager*

Monica Gelinske-*Administrative Assistant*

Penny Andrist-*Children's Ministry Coordinator*

Kayla Bones-*Youth & Young Adult Ministry Coordinator*

Rick Fiebiger-*Facilities Manager*

Drew Brovold-*Custodian*

All staff emails are:

(first initial and last name of person)@firstpresfargo.org

FPC Officers

Session: Kim Carter, Tom Clusiau, Lisa Edison-Smith, Colleen Ford-Dunker, Bruce Furness, Dick Henderson, Ryan Johnston, Kurt Kooyer, Elaine Rudd (clerk), Scott Swanholm, Paula Thomas, and Kevin Tobosa, Becky Trumbo, and Jeff Wilkens.

Deacons: Brenda Deckard, Ed Deckard, Rick Herberg, Beatrice Janaka, Jane Mathew (moderator), Bob Morton, Karen Rivers, Andrea Smith, Kathleen Thomas, Debbie Tight, and Amy Wilkens.

Treasurer: Sherri Stern

L: Live Stream Option, H: Hybrid, Z: Zoom

Sunday, November 7

12:00 Confirmation

2:00 Pilgrimage: When Tears Sing

Monday, November 8

5:00 Stewardship Cmt.

5:30 B&G Cmt. / EduCon Cmt.

7:00 Music Club Program -FREE

Tuesday, November 9

6:45 ManUP (Z)

8:30 Bulletin Articles Due

10:00 PW Board (Z)

5:30 Board of Deacons

Wednesday, November 10

1:00 Library Cmt.

5:30 Genesis Ringers / St. Andrew's Brass

6:15 Youth Choirs

6:30 Westminster Ringers / Compass #4

7:00 Youth Group

7:30 Sanctuary Choir

Thursday, November 11 Veterans Day

6:00 Compass #5

Friday, November 12 No Church Events

Saturday, November 13 No Church Events

Sunday, November 14

9:15 Sunday School for ALL

10:30 Worship Service (L)

12:00 Confirmation

For Your Information

October 31 Worship Attendance:

150 in person, 37 Livestreamed

Contributions Received: \$41,434.80

FPC Financial Summary

September 2021 - General Fund Only

	<u>YTD Actual</u>	<u>YTD Budget</u>	<u>Increase/Decrease</u>	<u>Annual Budget</u>
Income	\$597,835	\$550,117	\$47,718	\$779,600
Expense	575,673	613,232	-\$37,558	798,774
Net/Shortfall	\$22,162	-\$63,115	\$10,159	-\$19,174



Church Information

Office Hours:

M-TH, 8:30am-4:00 pm

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