



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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, we honor this day the majesty and the mystery of your name. You are both infinite and intimate, known and unknowable, transcendent and transparent. In love, you have made us your own, and invite us to join in your divine dance. We will never rest until we rest in you, Blessed Trinity, one God forever and ever. Amen.

PRELUDE

Andante Tranquillo from Sonata III
Christian Stromley, Guest Organist

Mendelssohn

WELCOME & CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH The Rev. Mary Jo E. Holtey

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

In the beginning, when God drew a circle on the face of the deep,

Wisdom was there rejoicing, delighting in the human race.

In the beginning was the Word, with God, and the Word was God.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, full of grace and truth.

In every time and place, God's love is poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

Blessed are you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit!

***HYMN 1** *Holy, Holy, Holy*

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!

Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.

Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty! God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,

casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;

cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee, who wert and art and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,
though the eye of sinfulness thy glory may not see,
only thou art holy; there is none beside thee, perfect in pow'r, in love, and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth, and sky and sea.
Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty! God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

By faith in Jesus Christ, we are given access to the grace of God. Standing in that grace, we now confess our sins before God, seeking forgiveness and peace.

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Triune God, within your own life there is mutuality, equality, and unity in diversity. Though we are made in your image, we confess that we distort the triune life. Instead of seeking mutual welfare and the common good, we seek our own gain. Instead of living in equality, justice and respect, we construct systems that are unjust. We devise ways to elevate ourselves over others and disrespectful thoughts, words, and actions still surface in us. We allow differences to divide us and lead to brokenness. Holy God, forgive us. Restore in us, and in our life together, the divine image you intend. Make us tender in mutuality. Make us generous in equality. Make us grateful in diversity. We pray to be one with you and one another, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

***DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

Friends, we are still standing in the grace of Christ. Because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, we are set free to love God and neighbor, and to work for the reconciliation of the world. We have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.
Thanks be to God!

***RESPONSE**

Gloria Patri

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be.
World without end. Amen, Amen.**

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

The Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Scott Swanholm, Reader

Living Word, you still have many things to say to us. Speak, and we will try to bear them. By your Word, may the Spirit guide us into all truth that our lives may glorify you. Amen.

FIRST READING John 16:12-15

‘I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

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

SECOND READING Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31

Does not wisdom call,
and does not understanding raise her voice?
On the heights, beside the way,
at the crossroads she takes her stand;
beside the gates in front of the town,
at the entrance of the portals she cries out:
‘To you, O people, I call,
and my cry is to all that live.

The Lord created me at the beginning of his work,
the first of his acts of long ago.
Ages ago I was set up,
at the first, before the beginning of the earth.
When there were no depths I was brought forth,
when there were no springs abounding with water.
Before the mountains had been shaped,
before the hills, I was brought forth—
when he had not yet made earth and fields,
or the world’s first bits of soil.
When he established the heavens, I was there,
when he drew a circle on the face of the deep,
when he made firm the skies above,
when he established the fountains of the deep,
when he assigned to the sea its limit,
so that the waters might not transgress his command,
when he marked out the foundations of the earth,
then I was beside him, like a master worker;
and I was daily his delight,
rejoicing before him always,
rejoicing in his inhabited world
and delighting in the human race.

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

SERMON

***HYMN 279** *Come, Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove*

Come, Holy Spirit, heavenly Dove, with all thy quickening powers;
kindle a flame of sacred love in these cold hearts of ours.

In vain we tune our formal songs; in vain we strive to rise;
hosannas languish on our tongues, and our devotion dies.

Dear Lord, and shall we ever live at this poor dying rate?
Our love so faint, so cold to thee, and thine to us so great!

Come, Holy Spirit, heavenly Dove, with all thy quickening powers;
come, shed abroad a Savior's love, and that shall kindle ours.

***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 of 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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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



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OFFERTORY

Aria from Concerto Grosso No. 12
Christian Stromley, organ

Handel

***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 12** *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

Immortal, invisible, God only wise, in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light, nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might:
thy justice, like mountains high soaring above;
thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.

To all, life thou givest, to both great and small. In all life thou livest, the true life of all.
We blossom and flourish like leaves on the tree,
then wither and perish; but naught changeth thee.

Thou reignest in glory; thou dwellest in light. Thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight.
All praise we would render; O help us to see
'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee!

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Finale Jubilante

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June 12, 2022

Covenant Of Prayer: Jennifer; Hannah; Mary Bohnenblust; Fraser Harrison; those who are experiencing homelessness in our community; our sister congregation in Chogoria, Kenya; and the people of Ukraine.

Remembering Our Soldiers In Prayer: Lt. Col. Dan Sundberg has been deployed to Iraq for 9 months. If you have a loved one in the military, please let Pastor Mary know and we'll include his/her name.

Pentecost Offering: One of our denomination's four annual offerings is accepted throughout June. Your donations are used to nurture the faith of those who are the church to come – children, youth and young adults. Forty percent of the offering stays local. This year our portion will be given to the Legacy Children's Foundation, a wonderful local organization that works to help youth receive their high school diplomas. Pentecost Offering envelopes are in the pew racks, Narthex, and Info Kiosk. Thank you for your generosity!

No June Messenger: There will not be a Messenger published or emailed for the month of June. Watch for news in the insert each Sunday and for Messengers in July and August.

Nametag Blitz: Do you have a church nametag? We hope everyone will wear theirs when Pastor Sarah arrives in July. 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.

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 and ready for guests attending weddings here this summer!

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.

Magazine Collection: This summer, Kayla Bones will be teaching a collaging class at Synod School for the youth. She is in need of magazines and other craft supplies like washi tape, stickers, etc. If you have any of these things at home that you would like to pass along, please drop them off in the office.

Here We Are Downtown: The Pilgrimage invites Pilgrims and all interested to an event of contemplative photography on **Wednesday, June 15 from 6 to 8 pm. Rain or Shine!** We will meet at the church. With Kevin Tobosa leading the group, we will spread out to take photos, bring photos back to the church, and share our images and thoughts with one another over refreshments. Bring cell phones or cameras (no experience necessary and no signup required). Questions can be directed to Mike Wavra (wavramw@aol.com).

Summer Office Hours: From May 31 through Labor Day the church office hours are: Monday through Thursday from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. The office is closed on Fridays.

Trinity Banner: Alleluia! This banner celebrates Trinity. It is completely done in white and gold. The Alpha at the top and the Omega at the bottom symbolize the eternal reign of Jesus Christ. The star beneath the Alpha is a symbol of the Chi Rho, the first two letters of the Greek word Christos. The large X shaped cross in the center is the St. Andrew's cross. The shape stands for Christ's death, resurrection, life and ministry, and coming in glory. A butterfly is hidden in the cross and represents resurrection—final victory over death. Rays of light shine downward to us and symbolize Christ, the light of the world.

Closing the P.O. Box this summer: Please note that we will be closing our P.O. Box #327 effective June 30th. Due to rising costs and decreased levels of mail, the decision was made to close the P.O. Box and have all mail sent to the physical address. New offering envelope packets have been ordered (for those who use them) with the updated mailing address. When mailing your contributions or correspondence, please remember to use the church's physical address: 650 2nd Ave N, Fargo, ND 58102.

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, please ask an usher to get a replacement.

Summer Choir Sings June 19: All singers are welcome to join the choir for a day! The rehearsal will be in the choir room at 9:30 am, and the choir will sing at the 10:30 service. The music is available in advance outside the choir room doors.

Hearing devices and large print copies of today's hymns are available, please ask an usher for assistance.

The Nursery is not staffed during the summer months. Parents are welcome to use the nursery while supervising their young children. There's a TV monitor in the room so that you are able to watch the service.

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.

FPC Officers

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

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

Treasurer: Sherri Stern

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*

Penny Andrist-*Children's Ministry Coordinator*

Kayla Bones-*Youth & Young Adult Ministry Coordinator*

Rick Fiebiger-*Facilities Manager*

Drew Brovold-*Custodian*

Most 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, June 12

11:30 Fellowship

Monday, June 13

5:30 Edu-Con Meeting (H)

Tuesday, June 14

9:00 Bulletin Insert Articles Due

1:00 Staff Meeting

7:00 Board of Deacons Meeting

Wednesday, June 15

6:00 Pilgrimage/Contemplative Photography

Thursday, June 16

No Church Events

Friday, June 17

No Church Events

Saturday, June 18

No Church Events

Sunday, June 19

9:30 Summer Choir rehearsal –Choir room

10:30 Worship (L)

11:30 Fellowship

Reminder: Use the QR code found in the bulletin to access the secure giving portal on our website!

For Your Information

June 5 Attendance:

94 in person;

27 households livestreamed

Contributions received: \$10,387.00



Church Information

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M-TH, 9:00 am-3:00 pm

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