



**FIRST
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH**

preach, teach, heal, & serve

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.

January 21, 2024

We Gather in Christ

PRELUDE

12 Fantasias for Flute, exc. of no. 4 & 5 Georg Philipp Telemann
Russell Romine, flute
Notturmo Op. 54, No. 4 Edvard Greig
Russell Romine, piano

WELCOMEMOMENT OF SILENCE

The present form of this world is passing away. Therefore, help us to keep our focus on you, Lord, for true power and steadfast love belong to you. Amen.

✦ CALL TO WORSHIP

The Rev. Mary Jo E. Holtey

From God comes my salvation.

For God alone my soul waits in silence.

God alone is my rock and my salvation.

God is my fortress; I shall never be shaken.

Trust in him at all times, O people,

Let us worship God!

✦ HYMN 307

God of Grace and God of Glory

God of grace and God of glory, on thy people pour thy power;
crown thine ancient church's story; bring its bud to glorious flower.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the facing of this hour,
for the facing of this hour.

Lo! the hosts of evil round us scorn thy Christ, assail his ways!
From the fears that long have bound us free our hearts to faith and praise.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the living of these days,
for the living of these days.

Cure thy children's warring madness; bend our pride to thy control;
shame our wanton, selfish gladness, rich in things and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, lest we miss thy kingdom's goal,
lest we miss thy kingdom's goal.

Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore.
Let the gift of thy salvation be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, serving thee whom we adore,
serving thee whom we adore.

❖ **CONFESSION AND DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

Forgiving God, we repent of all the ways we turn from you. You call, but we do not listen; you show us your path, but we prefer our own way. Forgive us, heal us, and lead us back to you, that we might show mercy to others. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

❖ **RESPONSE** *He Came Down that We May Have Light*

He came down that we may have light; he came down that we may have light; he
came down that we may have light; hal-le - lu - jah for - ev - er - more.

GIFT OF MUSIC *Children of the Heavenly Father* arr. Dan Forrest
Sanctuary Choir; Shawn Neisen, director
Virginia Stern, flute; Jayci Lawrence, cello; Russell Romine, piano

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Confirmation Discipleship Group:
Ally Trumbo, Hazel Schmidt, Thomas Hudson,
Susan Peterson, and Tom Bigwood

The Word

SCRIPTURE *Psalm 62:5-12, pp. 515* Claudia Hansen, reader
Mark 1:14-20, pp. 910
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON *The God at the End of This Book* The Rev. Sarah M Bigwood

❖ **HYMN 726** *Will You Come and Follow Me*

“Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown; will you let my name be known;
will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?”

“Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?”

Will you risk the hostile stare should your life attract or scare?

Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?"

"Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name?

Will you set the prisoners free and never be the same?

Will you kiss the leper clean, and do such as this unseen,
and admit to what I mean in you and you in me?"

"Will you love the 'you' you hide if I but call your name?

Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?

Will you use the faith you've found to reshape the world around,
through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?"

"Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name.

Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.

In your company I'll go where your love and footsteps show.

Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me."

Responding to the Word

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF CHURCH OFFICERS

Mindy Argall, Colleen Ford-Dunker, David Hoffman, Kurt Kooyer, Wayne Sander, Kathleen Thomas, Deborah Tight, Amy Wilkens, Jeff Wilkens, Steve Wonderlich

✦ APOSTLE'S 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.

✦ SHARING OF CHRIST'S PEACE



MOMENT FOR MISSION – HEALTH FAIR

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

Maria Weller

OFFERTORY

Novelette in C

Francis Poulenc

Andrew Froelich, pianist

✦ RESPONSE 606

Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

praise Christ, all people here below;

praise Holy Spirit evermore;

praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

✦ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Bearing the Word into the World

✦HYMN 157

I Danced in the Morning

I danced in the morning when the world was begun,
and I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun,
and I came down from heaven and I danced on the earth.
At Bethlehem I had my birth.

Refrain: Dance, then, wherever you may be;
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he,
and I'll lead you all, wherever you may be,
and I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.

I danced for the scribe and the Pharisee,
but they would not dance and they would not follow me.
I danced for the fishermen, for James and John.
They came with me and the dance went on. [Refrain]

I danced on the Sabbath and I cured the lame.
The holy people said it was a shame.
They whipped and they stripped and they hung me high,
and left me there on a cross to die. [Refrain]

I danced on a Friday when the sky turned black.
It's hard to dance with the devil on your back.
They buried my body and they thought I'd gone,
but I am the dance and I still go on. [Refrain]

They cut me down and I leapt up high.
I am the life that will never, never die.
I'll live in you if you'll live in me,
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he. [Refrain]

✦BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Organ Prelude in F Major
Russell Romine, organ

J.S. Bach

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)

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*

The Rev. Cathie Bishop-*Parish Associate*

Sally Harmon-*Organist*

Pam Burns-*Music Ministry Coordinator*

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

Directory Updates: The office is hoping to put out a Hard Copy Directory in early 2024. We need your help to make sure everything is up-to-date! If you have any information that needs to be changed (address, phone number, email, etc.), please contact Casey in the office. You can also submit a new photo, either by email to clemier@firstpresfargo.org, or you can bring a physical picture in to the office. Thank you to those who have already submitted updates of information or new pictures, your punctuality is greatly appreciated!

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

Sunday, January 21

11:30 Fellowship & Chili Cook-Off!

Monday, January 22

5:00 Stewardship Committee Meeting

Tuesday, January 23

12:00 Messenger Article Deadline

Wednesday, January 24

5:00 Lay Preacher Seminar

5:00 Wednesday Activities Dinner

5:30 St. Andrew's Brass

5:30 Genesis Ringers

6:15 Children & Youth Choir Rehearsals

6:30 Westminster Ringers

7:00 Youth Group

7:30 Sanctuary Choir

Thursday, January 25

No Church Events

Friday, January 26

No Church Events

Saturday, January 27

No Church Events

Sunday, January 28

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

January 14 Attendance: 185

126 in person

59 households livestreamed

Contributions received: \$14,159.97



Church Information

Office Hours:

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

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