



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, you send us out into the world as your disciples. Allow the church to be a healing presence, a place and a people that live out the essence of your kingdom, here and now; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever. Amen.

PRELUDE

Variations on "America"
Sally Harmon, organist

arr. Lovelace

WELCOME & CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

The Rev. Mary Jo E. Holtey

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Call upon the Lord! I asked for help and I was healed!

We asked for freedom, and we were given liberty beyond measure! Praise God!

Sing to the Lord, all you faithful; give thanks to God's holy name.

God turned our mourning into dancing!

The Great Tailor took away the sackcloth and dressed us up in celebration!

Our hearts sing without ceasing! O Lord our God, we will always give you thanks!

HYMN 338 *O Beautiful for Spacious Skies

O beautiful for spacious skies, for amber waves of grain,

for purple mountain majesties above the fruited plain!

America! America! God shed his grace on thee,

and crown thy good with servanthood from sea to shining sea!

O beautiful for heroes proved in liberating strife,

who more than self their country loved, and mercy more than life!

America! America! God mend thine every flaw;

confirm thy soul in self-control, thy liberty in law!

O beautiful for patriot dream that sees beyond the years

thine alabaster cities gleam, undimmed by human tears!

America! America! May God thy gold refine

till all success be nobleness and every gain divine!

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

When we walk from darkness into the light we can see ourselves as we really are. We see the spots of sin more clearly, and we realize that we need God's healing and redemption. Come and confess your sins to God and wade into the river of the Healer's mercy.

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

God, you have caught us in our sinful behavior. We come to you with the hope of your restoration. We walk with our heads held high, without noticing others and their burdens. We are even blinded to our own! We keep our mouths silenced when we are full of stories to share about the good things that you have done for us. We even keep our actions silenced as we become so overwhelmed with the needs of the world that we do nothing to overcome them. Fill us with your peace and with your mercy. Free us from the destruction of sin and restore us to a life lived in you. Amen.

***DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

Peace! Peace is what you receive from God when you know that your sins are forgiven. Peace is what you have when you know that the destruction of sin cannot harm you, because you are not alone in your journey of life. Therefore, peace, my friends! In Jesus we have received forgiveness, and we have been restored. **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

Mike Lochow, Reader

Your Word, O Lord, is our inspiration, our light, and our motion. Your Word, O Lord, is power, is wisdom, and is comfort. Guide us today as we listen to the Word read and proclaimed and fill us with understanding and with the desire to change. Speak Lord. Your people listen. Amen.

FIRST READING

Psalm 30

I will extol you, O Lord, for you have drawn me up, and did not let my foes rejoice over me.

O Lord my God, I cried to you for help, and you have healed me.

O Lord, you brought up my soul from Sheol, restored me to life from among those gone down to the Pit.

Sing praises to the Lord, O you his faithful ones, and give thanks to his holy name.

For his anger is but for a moment; his favor is for a lifetime.

Weeping may linger for the night, but joy comes with the morning.

As for me, I said in my prosperity, "I shall never be moved."

By your favor, O Lord, you had established me as a strong mountain;
you hid your face; I was dismayed.

To you, O Lord, I cried, and to the Lord I made supplication:
'What profit is there in my death, if I go down to the Pit?
Will the dust praise you? Will it tell of your faithfulness?
Hear, O Lord, and be gracious to me! O Lord, be my helper!'

You have turned my mourning into dancing; you have taken off my sackcloth
and clothed me with joy, so that my soul may praise you and not be silent.
O Lord my God, I will give thanks to you for ever.

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

SECOND READING

Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

After this the Lord appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. He said to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road. Whatever house you enter, first say, "Peace to this house!" And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you. Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the laborer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; cure the sick who are there, and say to them, "The kingdom of God has come near to you." But whenever you enter a town and they do not welcome you, go out into its streets and say, "Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet, we wipe off in protest against you. Yet know this: the kingdom of God has come near."

"Whoever listens to you listens to me, and whoever rejects you rejects me, and whoever rejects me rejects the one who sent me."

The seventy returned with joy, saying, "Lord, in your name even the demons submit to us!" He said to them, "I watched Satan fall from heaven like a flash of lightning. See, I have given you authority to tread on snakes and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy; and nothing will hurt you. Nevertheless, do not rejoice at this, that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven."

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

SERMON

*HYMN 340

This is My Song

This is my song, O God of all the nations, a song of peace for lands afar and mine.

This is my home, the country where my heart is;

here are my hopes, my dreams, my holy shrine;

but other hearts in other lands are beating with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.

My country's skies are bluer than the ocean, and sunlight beams on cloverleaf and pine.

But other lands have sunlight too, and clover, and skies are everywhere as blue as mine.

So hear my song, O God of all the nations, a song of peace for their land and for mine.

This is my prayer, O Lord of all earth's kingdoms:
thy kingdom come; on earth thy will be done.

Let Christ be lifted up till all shall serve him, and hearts united learn to live as one.

So hear my prayer, O God of all the nations: myself I give thee; let thy will be done.

***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



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

OFFERTORY

You'll Never Walk Alone

John Tesch, trombone

***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**

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*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are fully of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

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*

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

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

PRAYER

Bearing the Word into the World

***HYMN 331** *God of the Ages*

God of the ages, whose almighty hand leads forth in beauty all the starry band
of shining worlds in splendor through the skies, our grateful songs before thy throne arise.

Thy love divine hath led us in the past. In this free land by thee our lot is cast.
Be thou our ruler, guardian, guide, and stay: thy word our law, thy paths our chosen way.

From war's alarms, from deadly pestilence, be thy strong arm our ever sure defense.
Thy true religion in our hearts increase. Thy bounteous goodness nourish us in peace.

Refresh thy people on their toilsome way. Lead us from night to never-ending day.
Fill all our lives with love and grace divine, and glory, laud, and praise be ever thine.

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Fanfare on "God of the Ages"

arr. Schack



July 3, 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.

Office Closed Monday, July 4: The office will be closed on Monday, July 4. Our normal office hours will resume on Tuesday, July 5. 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.

An opportunity to consider: Do you have a background in finance or accounting? Are you looking for a way to get involved and meet new people? As things return to "normal", the Support & Endowment Board is looking for a few new members. The Support & Endowment (S & E) Board administers the endowment plan to best serve the activities, programs, and missions of First Presbyterian Church. The Board meets 6 times per year (Zoom option available), and members are elected for 3-year terms. If you are interested, please contact Pastor Mary at mholtey@firstpresfargo.org.

Redhawks Game: On Sunday, July 17, EduCon is hosting a day full of baseball fun. We will enjoy a baseball themed meal after worship. Then head to a FM Redhawks Game at 1 pm. If you missed out on group tickets, you can purchase tickets at the stadium on July 17.

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. Due to supply chain issues, nametags will be delivered to the church on Tuesday, July 5. You can pick them up from the church starting Wednesday, July 6.

Serving at Micah's Mission (Churches United): We are a charter member of Churches United for the Homeless. We continue to serve a meal at the shelter the second Thursday of every month. A sign-up sheet has been placed at the Volunteer Opportunities Board in the foyer. There are places to sign up to prepare the meal (3-5pm), and to serve the meal (5-7pm) for **July 14th** and **August 11th**. Help us continue our longstanding partnership with Churches United!

Summer Giving Slump: With so many congregants "at the lake" this summer, we historically see donations decrease during the summer months. Help us to avoid a shortfall in offerings this summer! Here are a couple of options: Make your contributions easy with automatic monthly withdrawals from your checking (or savings) account. Just a simple form to complete to get this started! Or, consider giving online through our website - you can make either a one-time payment or set up a recurring donation (use your credit card and accumulate points!). Contact Jan Lundgren in the church office if you have any questions.

Town Hall: A new season for Fargo Town Hall is starting on September 20. This new season includes a new day, Tuesdays at 10:30 am, and a new location at Prairie Heights Church, 319 32nd Ave, West Fargo. There is plenty of comfortable seating, parking, and excellent audio and visual capabilities. Brochures will be sent out in early July. Please visit the website fargotownhall.org for more information.

Update Your Information: As we are getting ready for Pastor Sarah to arrive, we want to make sure everyone's information and communication preferences are up to date. If you have moved or have a new email address, please let the office know or use this form: <http://www.firstpresfargo.org/infoupdate>

We are also working on switching to a new email system. We will now be using MailChimp. If you receive the Messenger via email, you are on that list. However, if you have not been receiving the Messenger via email, you are not. If you would like to receive eblasts from the church with information about upcoming events, the Messenger, and In Remembrances, please use the information update form or let the office know.

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) Ukraine: Help our Ukrainian brothers and sisters in Christ by giving to the Presbyterian Church (USA) Disaster Response in Ukraine. Your gifts will create a significant impact by securing emergency humanitarian aid such as food items, shelter, medicines, diapers, hygiene items, etc. You can give by cash, check or through our website, make sure to note "Ukraine".

Ice Cream Sundaes on July 10: In honor of Pastor Sarah's first Sunday, the deacons are hosting ice cream sundaes during fellowship after worship! Come and join us! Wear your nametags!

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, July 3

11:30 Fellowship

Monday, July 4

Office Closed

Tuesday, July 5

9:00 Bulletin Insert Articles Due

1:00 Staff Meeting

7:00 Mission Committee Meeting

Wednesday, July 6

6:30 Pilgrimage Guides Meeting

Thursday, July 7

No Church Events

Friday, July 8

No Church Events

Saturday, July 9

No Church Events

Sunday, July 10

10:30 Worship (L)

11:30 Fellowship with Ice Cream Social

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For Your Information

June 26 Attendance:

73 in person;

21 households livestreamed

Contributions received: \$6,470.00



Church Information

Summer Office Hours:

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

Phone: 701-293-6311

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