

Welcome to First Presbyterian Church

April 17, 2022 9:00/11:00 am



We are grateful for your presence with us! 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.

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

Alleluia! We praise you, O God, for the power of your saving love revealed in the resurrection of our Lord. As you have raised Jesus from the dead give to us the gift of everlasting life, that we may worship you forever; through Christ, our risen Savior. **Amen.**

PRELUDE

Jesus Christ is Risen Today!

arrs. Manz/Willan

Sally Harmon, organist

Festa!

Westminster Ringers & St. Andrew's Brass;

Sherman

Jill Post, director

WELCOME

The Rev. Mary Jo E. Holtey

*CALL TO WORSHIP AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

Rejoice and be glad:

This is the day that the Lord has made!

Rejoice and be glad:

Heaven and earth will never be the same!

Rejoice and be glad:

Christ is risen! Alleluia!

We know that God shows no partiality but welcomes and forgives all those who repent and believe. **Let us worship God!**

***HYMN 248:** *Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosannah!*

Christ is risen! Shout Hosanna! Celebrate this day of days!

Christ is risen! Hush in wonder: all creation is amazed.

In the desert all-surrounding, see, a spreading tree has grown.

Healing leaves of grace abounding bring a taste of love unknown.

Christ is risen! Raise your spirits from the caverns of despair.

Walk with gladness in the morning. See what love can do and dare.

Drink the wine of resurrection, not a servant, but a friend.

Jesus is our strong companion. Joy and peace shall never end.

Christ is risen! Earth and heaven nevermore shall be the same.

Break the bread of new creation where the world is still in pain.

Tell its grim, demonic chorus: "Christ is risen! Get you gone!"

God the First and Last is with us. Sing Hosanna everyone!

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

Since sin and death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being. For as all die in Adam, all will be made alive in Christ. Trusting in that promise of God, let us confess our sin.

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Gracious God, we have heard the good news: how on the third day, Christ rose again.

Still we look for the living among the dead.

You rolled away the stone from the tomb.

Still we look for the living among the dead.

You sent messengers to proclaim the gospel.

Still we look for the living among the dead.

You were faithful to your promise; you have done wonderful things!

Still we look for the living among the dead.

(silent confession)

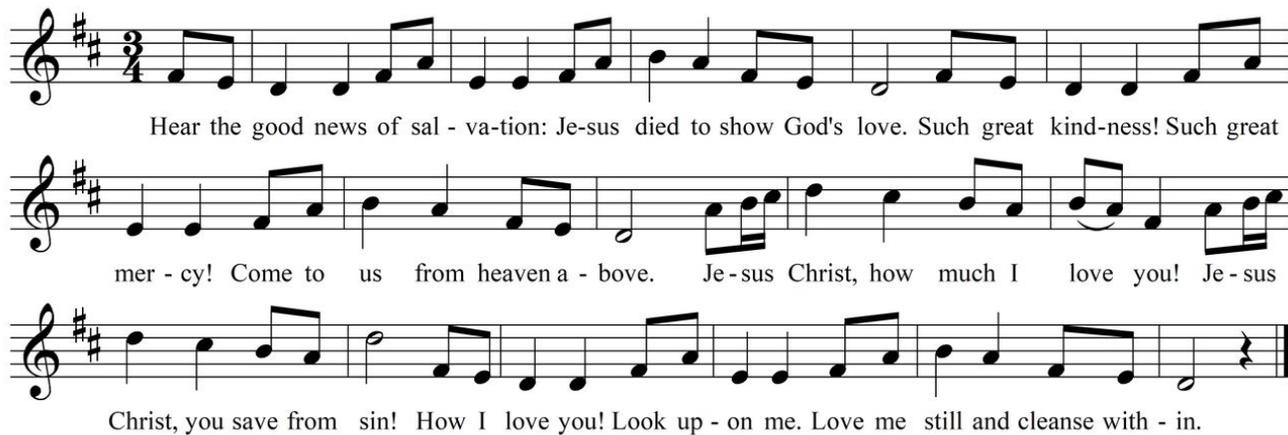
Forgive us, Lord, we pray. Teach us to trust your promise and to believe the good news of salvation:

Christ is alive; Jesus is risen from the dead. Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS**

***RESPONSE**

Hear the Good News of Salvation



Hear the good news of sal - va-tion: Je-sus died to show God's love. Such great kind-ness! Such great
mer - cy! Come to us from heaven a - bove. Je - sus Christ, how much I love you! Je - sus
Christ, you save from sin! How I love you! Look up - on me. Love me still and cleanse with - in.

***PASSING THE PEACE**

GIFT OF MUSIC

Canticle for Easter

arr. Williams

Combined Choirs & St. Andrew's Brass;
Bryan Poyzer, director

CHILDREN'S TIME

Penny Andrist

The Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Russell Ford-Dunker (9:00) Brian McClure (11:00)

Living God, by your Holy Spirit, open our eyes to see the new light of this day; open our lips to tell of the empty tomb; open our hearts to believe the good news; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

LESSON: John 20:1-18

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.' Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went towards the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes.

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping?' She said to them, 'They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.' When she had said this, she turned round and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping? For whom are you looking?' Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, 'Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him,

and I will take him away.’ Jesus said to her, ‘Mary!’ She turned and said to him in Hebrew, ‘Rabbouni!’ (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, ‘Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, “I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.” ’ Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, ‘I have seen the Lord’; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

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

SERMON

Responding to the Word

***HYMN 238:** *Thine is the Glory*

Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son;
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.
Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,
kept the folded grave-clothes where thy body lay.

Refrain:

Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son; endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.

Lo! Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;
lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom.
Let the church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,
for the Lord now liveth; death hath lost its sting. (Refrain)

No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of life!
Life is naught without thee; aid us in our strife.
Make us more than conquerors through thy deathless love;
bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above. (Refrain)

***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.

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.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Hymn to Joy
Westminster Ringers & St. Andrew's Brass;
Jill Post, director

Beethoven/arr. Keller

*RESPONSE 609

Doxology

**Praise God, from whom all blessings 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

If you would like to sing the "Hallelujah Chorus" with the choir, please move to the choir loft during this hymn. Copies of the chorus will be ready for you in the loft.

*HYMN 245: *Christ the Lord is Risen Today!*

**"Christ the Lord is risen today!" Alleluia!
Earth and heaven in chorus say, Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!
Sing, O heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!**

**Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia!
Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!
Death in vain forbids him rise, Alleluia!
Christ has opened paradise. Alleluia!**

**Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia!
Where, O death, is now your sting? Alleluia!
Jesus died, our souls to save, Alleluia!
Where's your victory, boasting grave?
Alleluia!**

**Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia!
Following our exalted Head, Alleluia!
Made like him, like him we rise, Alleluia!
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies. Alleluia!**

*BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

"Hallelujah!" from Messiah

G.F. Handel

POSTLUDE

Thine Is the Glory

arr. Young



April 17, 2022

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

Remembering Our Soldiers In Prayer: If you have a loved one in the military, please let Pastor Mary know and we'll include his/her name.

Sing Hallelujah! with the choir: At the conclusion of the Easter services, the Sanctuary choir will be singing *Hallelujah!* from the "Messiah" by G. F. Handel. ANYONE who has sung this in the past who would like to join the choir in singing this is welcome to come up during the final hymn and take their place in the choir. Extra copies of the music will be available for use.

Hunter Scholarship Fund: Church members Bill and Carolyn Hunter have donated a generous amount of money to be used as scholarships for students leaving Mpangua Primary School. This money will support four student scholarships per year for secondary school and development projects at Mpangua School through our Chogoria Partnership. The Chogoria Partnership Ministry Team is so grateful to the Hunters for their generous donation! Thank you!

Children and Youth Worship Service: Mark **May 1** on your calendar as a "don't miss" Sunday! The children and youth of First Presbyterian will plan and deliver a special service based on the Luke 15 story of the prodigal son. You can expect liturgy and sermon written by youth, music from all ages, bells, a special children's message, and noisy offering – ***save your change to make a change!*** This service also includes confirmation, a baptism and presentation of bibles to third graders. Do you see what we mean by "not missing it"? To top it all off (*we all know the end of the story is a feast upon the return of the lost son*), the service will be followed by a barbeque feast including confirmation cake! The EduCon committee is hosting this free meal for everyone. It will be a day of great celebration!

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, ask an usher to get a replacement.

Wednesday evenings at First Presbyterian are busy!

Children arriving for choirs sometimes need the doors opened for them, as not all members have key fobs for access. We are looking for a volunteer or two to hang out near the West entry on **Wednesdays from 5:15 to 7:15 pm** to help shepherd our young members in and out. It is important to keep children indoors until their parents or other adult arrives for them. It is an easy two hours to sit and visit with other church members, check your email on your phone, perhaps water the plants in the entry, etc. Can you help? Questions? Contact any staff member.

PW News: The PW is proud to announce we will be offering a University of Jamestown scholarship this May. If you are interested please contact Kayla Bones or Penny Andrist for the application.

The YWCA shelter is collecting new pillows. They are to be left in the coat room. This month the focus for the YWCA box in our coat room is allergy medication (Claritin or Benadryl). Check the chart on our board to see what has been contributed the past months.

Town Hall Is Back!! After two years, the Town Hall lectures from 2020 will be held this spring. Mark your calendars for the lecture held **May 2 at 10:30 am at the Holiday Inn**. If you had purchased season tickets for the 2020 season, you are good to go. If you don't know or would like to purchase tickets, please contact Marcia Foss: 701-840-1986 or ndmomfoss@gmail.com.

Monday, May 2 – Spencer Stone

For those who had purchased the luncheon tickets, a boxed lunch will be available for you to pick up and eat during the Q & A period or take home with you. With the pandemic, we are unable to have the sit down, served luncheon. Masks are required to attend the lecture. Think Spring and think Town Hall!

Synod School: By now, you may have heard that Tri-ennium has been canceled this summer. The Presbytery Youth Connection Team has decided to offer a similar, regional opportunity. Synod School is **July 24-29** at Buena Vista University in Storm Lake, Iowa. The cost for 6-8th graders is \$260, \$320 for 9-12th grade, and \$395 for adults. This is an event that is available to all ages, but has separate tracks for children, youth, and adults. You can find more information and online registration at <https://lakesandprairies.org/engaging-leaders/synod-school/>. When registering in the Put Me By box, please enter PNP youth. Once you have registered, please contact Kayla Bones (kbones@firstpresfargo.org).

Book Exchange: First Presbyterian will be hosting a book exchange on **May 22** to share books among our members, both children and adults. The goal is to get some "new" books to enjoy over the summer. Please bring books to share and place them in the Holy Buckets. Books will be set out on **Sunday, May 22** for all to take.

Pillows! Pillows! We continue to shower the YWCA shelter with new pillows that each person staying at the shelter gets to keep when they leave. May these women and children always have a safe and soft place to lay their heads at night. You may bring new pillows to the West Coat Room.

Pew Pride: Sometimes accidents happen! If a spill has occurred in your pew, and you are unable to clean it up without cleaning supplies, please alert an usher so that it can be promptly cleaned following worship. Our lovely new pew cushions will stay lovely much longer with everyone's help.

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.

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.

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
- Ley Bouchard-Administrative Assistant
- Penny Andrisc-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

Sunday, April 17
12:00 Fellowship

Monday, April 18
Office Closed
5:30 Confirmation Dinner with Session

Tuesday, April 19
8:30 Bulletin Articles Due
10:30 Worship Planning Meeting
1:00 Staff Meeting

Wednesday, April 20
9:00 Men's Group
5:30 St Andrew's Brass / Genesis Ringers
6:15 2-6 Choir / 7-12 Choir
6:30 Westminster Ringers
Pilgrimage Guides
7:00 Youth Group
7:30 Sanctuary Choir

Thursday, April 21
No Church Events

Friday, April 22
No Church events

Saturday, April 23
No Church Events

Sunday, April 24
9:15 Sunday School for All
10:30 Worship Service (L)
11:30 Fellowship
12:00 Confirmation

For Your Information
April 10 Worship Attendance:
195 in person; 60 households livestreamed
Contributions received: \$10,647.75

	<p><u>Church Information</u> Office Hours: M-TH, 8:30 am-4:00 pm Phone: 701-293-6311 www.firstpresfargo.org</p>
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Easter Garden Honoring Our Beloveds

In loving memory of:

Jim & Kay Kempel

Ross & Peg Robson; Joel & Vivian Broberg; Oscar &

Jean Lindgren; Sandy Mathew; Edith Dawson; Loran Guenther;

Our parents: Bruce & Van Furness; Henry & Elizabeth Guenther

David L. Dvorak, Jeanette and Les Dorr

Harry and Jeane Mason and Harold Laraway

Sandy Mathew, Ross Robson, Peg Robson

Stephen Morse, Elmer & Phyllis Haak

Tom Tight, Marjorie & Fred Tight, Abbie & Bob Peterson

Walter, Leota & Warren Moller;

Gurney, Carol, Martha & David Drayton

My parents, Barb & Tim Dawson

Harold and Lucille Younggren

Our parents

Our parents

The Hansen & Vosper families

Paul Gulbrandson

Gordon Felchle

John Resell & Jennifer Resell

A.J. & Mildred Larew

Bob and Edith Dawson; Chuck Dawson; Gary Dawson

Cal & Jerry Foss; P.L. & Janie Foss

Alan Kenien

Glenn Filipi

Graham Jordan, Armand & Elaine Bauer, Judy Hartwick

Mark Holman, Oliver & Inez Holman,

Bob Aspelund, Jim Rosendahl, Terry Holman

Gladys & Art Forseth, Mavis & Tom Hall

Jacob Dawson

Clyde & Carroll Maylath, Frank & Jayne Turk

By

The Kempels

Bruce & Lorraine Furness

Sharon Dvorak

Richard and Vicki Laraway

Prakash and Jane Mathew

Tim, Linda & Taaren Haak, Leah & Andrew Beck

Debbie & Bob Tight

Polly Drayton

Deb Dawson

Holly & Ryan Younggren

Tom & Sue Van Osdel

Dick & Becky Henderson

Helen, Claudia & Roger Hansen family

Sally & David Harmon family

Kimberly, Dave, Annie, Nick Waale

Georgia Resell and family

Don Larew

Kathy Fox family, Tom & Georgia Dawson family,

Steve & Vicki Dawson family

Marcia Foss

Janet Kenien, Julie, Susan & families

Pat, David and Jane Filipi

John & Candice Cox

Bobbie Holman and family

Ley Bouchard

Steve and Vicki Dawson family

Bruce Maylath

Easter Garden Honoring Our Beloveds

Our parents: John & Elaine Andrist, David & Karen Edison
Burl A. Rummens
Floyd & Eva Martin; Marvin & Florence Kollman
Christopher Edward Deckard
Bud & Helen Brickman, Leah William,
Sister Sally and Sister Helen

In honor of:

Monna Rae Morse
Our children and grandchildren
Toby & Paula Christensen and Tyler, Abi & Tommy Carlson
Adolph & Mae Blomquist and John & Elizabeth Resell
Our grandchildren: Jack & Sophie Smith

To the Glory of God:

Penny Andrist & Lisa Edison-Smith
Donna Rummens & family
Phil and Gwen Martin
Ed & Brenda Deckard
Curt & Kelly Brickman

Tim, Linda & Taaren Haak, Leah & Andrew Beck
Bruce & Lorraine Furness
The Bolluyt Family
Georgia Resell and family
Penny Andrist & Lisa Edison-Smith

Toby & Paula Christensen
Jeff & Amy Wilkens