



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

Grant us this day, O God, not to be overtaken by anxious thoughts that can make us feel that you are far off. Give us the chance to sit at your feet, to enjoy every word and every musical note. Through worship may we feel your real presence and live out that presence within our families, our communities, our jobs and our schools. Prepare us as we journey as your people to worship and to obey. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, the image of the invisible God, and the firstborn over all creation. Amen.

PRELUDE

The Church's One Foundation

arrs. Hustad/

The National Spiritual Anthem of Ukraine

Callahan

(Please remain seated and prayerfully reflect on this anthem's text, printed on the back page.)

Sally Harmon, organist

WELCOME & CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

The Rev. Mary Jo E. Holtey

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

God is good and loving to the faithful.

Give thanks and praise for all that God has done for us.

God is good! Praise the Lord!

***HYMN 321**

The Church's One Foundation

The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord.

She is his new creation by water and the word.

From heaven he came and sought her to be his holy bride.

With his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.

Elect from every nation, yet one o'er all the earth,
her charter of salvation: one Lord, one faith, one birth.
One holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food,
and to one hope she presses, with every grace endued.

Though with a scornful wonder this world sees her oppressed,
by schisms rent asunder, by heresies distressed,
yet saints their watch are keeping; their cry goes up: "How long?"
And soon the night of weeping shall be the morn of song.

Mid toil and tribulation, and tumult of her war,
she waits the consummation of peace forevermore:
till with the vision glorious her longing eyes are blest,
and the great church victorious shall be the church at rest.

Yet she on earth has union with God, the Three in One,
and mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won:
O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we,
like them, the meek and lowly, may live eternally.

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

We live with this reality: God never forgets what we have done, but in mercy forgives those whose hearts are full of repentance. Let us confess those things that break our relationships with God, assured that God will never break relationship with us.

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Pastor Mary: Sometimes, O God, we behave like Martha. We get distracted in our routines, so busy with our daily chores that we forget to take the time to stop and breathe, to look up and to notice the creation you have given and the way it speaks about your love and passion for your people. We do not take time to listen for your words, while reading the Bible, while listening to music, while talking to friends, and we become worried and upset about many things.

Pastor Sarah: Sometimes, O God, we behave like Mary. We devote our time to looking up, thinking that everything we are commanded to do is to love God, failing to get our hands dirty and forgetting to serve our neighbor and to commit our time to the concrete work of the church.

God of balance, help us: forgive us when we do not know when to be workers and when to be hearers. In your mercy, heal our worries and our judgments, so that we can, indeed, keep the best part. In the name of our loving Master. Amen.

***DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

Because of our evil thoughts and actions, you were strangers and enemies of God, but you have been reconciled to God by the death and resurrection of Christ. Now, you can live in peace, restored by the blood shed on the cross. Live thankfully! In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! **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.**

BLESSING OF THE GRADUATES

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

GIFT OF MUSIC

Can't Carry These Burdens Alone
Penny Andrist, Pam Burns, Kellie Pifer
Bryan Poyzer, saxophone; Madison Nelson-
Gira, drums; Sally Harmon, piano

Barrett

The Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Sue VanOsdel, Reader

O God, as the Scriptures are read and the gospel proclaimed, open our ears to hear your Word, open our eyes to see your truth, and open our hearts to receive your grace. Amen.

FIRST READING

Colossians 1:15-28

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

And you who were once estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, he has now reconciled in his fleshly body through death, so as to present you holy and blameless and irreproachable before him—provided that you continue securely established and steadfast in the faith, without shifting from the hope promised by the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven. I, Paul, became a servant of this gospel.

I am now rejoicing in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am completing what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church. I became its servant according to God's commission that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, the mystery that has been hidden throughout the ages and generations but has now been revealed to his saints. To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. It is he whom we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone in all wisdom, so that we may present everyone mature in Christ.

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

SECOND READING

Luke 10:38-42

Now as they went on their way, he entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, 'Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me.' But the Lord answered her, 'Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her.'

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

SERMON

All Things

The Rev. Sarah M. Bigwood

*HYMN 444

Forgive our Sins as We Forgive

"Forgive our sins as we forgive," you taught us, Lord, to pray,
but you alone can grant us grace to live the words we say.

How can your pardon reach and bless the unforgiving heart
that broods on wrongs and will not let old bitterness depart?

In blazing light your cross reveals the truth we dimly knew:
what trivial debts are owed to us, how great our debt to you!

Lord, cleanse the depths within our souls and bid resentment cease.
Then, by your mercy reconciled, our lives will spread your peace.

*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.

Responding to the Word

OFFERING



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OFFERTORY

This Little Light of Mine

arr. Hayes

Penny Andrist, Pam Burns, Kellie Pifer
Bryan Poyzer, bass; Madison Nelson-Gira,
drums; Sally Harmon, piano

***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 394**

Christ is Made the Sure Foundation

Christ is made the sure foundation, Christ the head and cornerstone,
chosen of the Lord and precious, binding all the church in one;
holy Zion's help forever, and our confidence alone.

To this temple, where we call you, come, O Lord of hosts, and stay;
come, with all your loving-kindness; hear your people as we pray,
and your fullest benediction shed within these walls today.

Here bestow on all your servants what they seek from you to gain;
what they gain from you, forever with the blessed to retain;
and hereafter in your glory evermore with you to reign.

Laud and honor to the Father, laud and honor to the Son,
laud and honor to the Spirit, ever three and ever one:
one in might and one in glory while unending ages run!

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Take Me out to the Ballgame!!
(Please feel free to sing along!)

Norworth &
VonTilzer, 1908

Take me out to the ball game. Take me out with the crowd.
Buy me some peanuts and Cracker Jack, I don't care if I never get back.
Let me root, root, root for the home team. If they don't win, it's a shame.
For it's one, two, three strikes, you're out! At the old ball game.

The National Spiritual Anthem of Ukraine

Lord, oh the Great and Almighty,
Protect our beloved Ukraine,
Bless her with freedom and light
Of your holy rays.

With learning and knowledge enlighten
Us, your children small,
In love pure and everlasting
Let us, oh Lord, grow.

We pray, oh Lord Almighty,
Protect our beloved Ukraine,
Grant our people and country
All your kindness and grace.

Bless us with freedom, bless us with wisdom,
Guide into kind world,
Bless us, oh Lord, with good fortune
Forever and evermore.



July 17, 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.

Redhawks Game Today! 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.

Update Your Information: To help Pastor Sarah get to know our members and friends, 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> 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.

Nametag Blitz: Do you have a church nametag? 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.

P.O. Box is closed: Please note that the P.O. Box #327 has been closed. When mailing your contributions or correspondence, please remember to use the church's physical address: 650 2nd Ave N, Fargo, ND 58102. New offering envelope packets have been ordered (for those who use them) with the updated mailing address.

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.

All Church picnic planned after worship August 7

The deacons'-sponsored church picnic is back after a two year hiatus! This year the meal will be provided by Heart n' Soul Community Café and paid for by the Board of Deacons. A free will offering will be accepted and given to Heart n' Soul for their feeding programs throughout the Fargo/Moorhead area. We'll be outside in the courtyard; or the Social Hall in case of rain. Join us for good food, fellowship, music and games!

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.

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 is available), and members are elected for 3-year terms. If you are interested, please contact Pastor Sarah at sbigwood@firstpresfargo.org.

The Emergency Food Pantry is in desperate need of volunteers for the summer and into the fall. Volunteers can pick the hours, days and times that work best for them. Several different tasks are available. Please contact the Pantry directly at 701-237-9337 or contact Jan Harrison at 701-371-1855 if you have questions. There will be a sign up sheet for a week we will be committing to late August or September, but in the meantime they need several volunteers for many slots.

New York Kammermusiker Concert August 8 The NYK Group will be giving a free concert in our sanctuary at 6:30pm on Monday, August 8. This group of world-class musicians has delighted their audiences with their double-reed instruments for years. A few of their members will participate in worship on Sunday, August 7 if you would like a sneak peak! A free-will offering will be collected. Please plan to attend.

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 Swanholtm, 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. Sarah M. Bigwood-*Head of Staff, Pastor*

Rev. Mary Jo E. Holtey-*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 17

11:30 Fellowship & lunch in Social Hall

1:00 Redhawks Game

Monday, July 18

6:30 Session (H)

Tuesday, July 19

9:00 Bulletin Insert Articles Due

1:00 Staff Meeting

2:00 PW Circles (Z)

Wednesday, July 20

No Church Events

Thursday, July 21

No Church Events

Friday, July 22

No Church Events

Saturday, July 23

Messenger Articles Deadline

Sunday, July 24

10:30 Worship (L)

11:30 Fellowship

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For Your Information

July 10 Attendance:

141 in person;

38 households livestreamed

Contributions received: \$8,651.00



Church Information

Summer Office Hours:

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

Phone: 701-293-6311

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2022 SENIORS

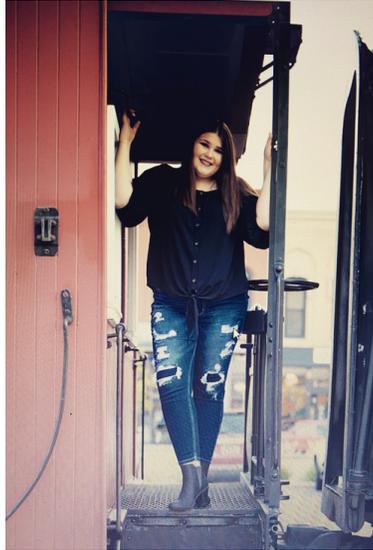
CONGRATULATIONS AND BEST WISHES TO ALL OUR GRADS!



JAMES SIMLE-ASKEW

I'm furthering my education this fall at the University of North Dakota. I am double majoring in Accounting and Finance.

Furthermore I will be joining club tennis and hope to become an amazing pianist although I've never touched a keyboard.



BRYNN JOHNSON

I will be attending Arizona state university in the fall with a major in psychology and a minor in music.



MCKENZIE ZUTHER

McKenzie will be attending North Dakota State University in the fall, majoring in Vet Tech.

OTHER GRADUATING SENIORS:

GRACE FORTHUN

OWEN MARSDEN

EVE NIYOMUCHAMANZA

CASSIDY O'DAY

ABBY PETERSON

REES TURNER

AHREN WAGNER