



*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**

Jesus Christ, teach us to pray, and to trust the hospitality of God for our daily bread, as our ancestors who ate manna in the wilderness. Let us likewise be hospitable, and as God gives the gift of the Holy Spirit to us, let us give good gifts to those who are in need. Amen.

### **PRELUDE**

*Triptych on "How Firm a Foundation"*

arr. Haan

*The National Spiritual Anthem of Ukraine*

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

Sally Harmon, organ

### **WELCOME & CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH**

The Rev. Sarah M. Bigwood

### **\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Welcome to worship this day.

**We have come seeking peace and hope.**

This is the house of the Lord. In it you will find what you seek.

**Help us to open our hearts to God's words and will for us.**

Ask for God's help - it will be given to you.

**Praise be to God who loves and cares for us. Amen.**

### **\*HYMN 260**

*Alleluia! Sing to Jesus*

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus; his the scepter, his the throne;

Alleluia! his the triumph, his the victory alone!

Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion thunder like a mighty flood:

"Jesus out of every nation has redeemed us by his blood."

Alleluia! Not as orphans are we left in sorrow now;

Alleluia! he is near us; faith believes nor questions how.

Though the cloud from sight received him, when the forty days were o'er,  
shall our hearts forget his promise: "I am with you evermore"?

Alleluia! Bread of angels, here on earth our food, our stay;  
Alleluia! here the sinful flee to you from day to day.  
Intercessor, friend of sinners, earth's redeemer, hear our plea  
where the songs of all the sinless sweep across the crystal sea.

Alleluia! King eternal, Lord omnipotent we own;  
Alleluia! born of Mary, earth your footstool, heaven your throne.  
As within the veil you entered, robed in flesh, our great high priest;  
here on earth both priest and victim in the eucharistic feast.

**\*CALL TO CONFESSION**

Let us turn to the most Holy One and confess our sin, confident in God's faithful and steadfast love for us.

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Holy One, although we come to church on Sundays, we too often live the rest of the week as though you don't exist. We act as though we created ourselves with no connection to you, with no hope of transcendence. Open us to your constant presence, Holy One. Teach us to pray and restore our sight, that we may commune with you each day in the light of eternity. Amen.**

**\*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

Hear this from God's Word: neither death nor life, powers nor rulers, things present nor future, nor anything else in all creation can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus. Therefore, do not let anyone condemn you or disqualify you from the body, but hold fast to its head, who nourishes growth from God. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts. Friends, believe in the good news of the gospel. **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Amen.**

**\*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**

**GIFT OF MUSIC**

*The King of Love My Shepherd Is*  
Cynthia Baumgardner & Colleen Ford-Dunker  
Sally Harmon, organ

Shelley

# The Word

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Claudia Hansen, Reader

God of Love and Justice, we are grateful for inheriting the tradition of the Scriptures. By your Holy Spirit, speak to us through your Word, that we may know the love and grace of Jesus Christ, your living Word made flesh among us. Amen.

## FIRST READING

*Psalm 85*

Lord, you were favorable to your land;  
you restored the fortunes of Jacob.  
You forgave the iniquity of your people;  
you pardoned all their sin.  
You withdrew all your wrath;  
you turned from your hot anger.

Restore us again, O God of our salvation,  
and put away your indignation towards us.  
Will you be angry with us forever?  
Will you prolong your anger to all generations?  
Will you not revive us again,  
so that your people may rejoice in you?  
Show us your steadfast love, O Lord,  
and grant us your salvation.

Let me hear what God the Lord will speak,  
for he will speak peace to his people,  
to his faithful, to those who turn to him in their hearts.  
Surely his salvation is at hand for those who fear him,  
that his glory may dwell in our land.

Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet;  
righteousness and peace will kiss each other.  
Faithfulness will spring up from the ground,  
and righteousness will look down from the sky.  
The Lord will give what is good,  
and our land will yield its increase.  
Righteousness will go before him,  
and will make a path for his steps.

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

## SECOND READING

*Luke 11:1-13*

He was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, 'Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.' He said to them, 'When you pray, say: Father, hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come.  
Give us each day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our sins,  
for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us.  
And do not bring us to the time of trial.'

And he said to them, 'Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, "Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him." And he answers from within, "Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything." I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs.

'So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!'

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

## SERMON

### \*HYMN 175

### *Seek Ye First*

Seek ye first the kingdom of God and its righteousness,  
and all these things shall be added unto you. Allelu, alleluia!

Ask, and it shall be given unto you; seek, and you shall find;  
Knock, and the door shall be opened unto you. Allelu, alleluia!

You shall not live by bread alone, but by every word  
That proceeds from the mouth of God. Allelu, alleluia!

## INSTALLATION AND COMMISSIONING SERVICE

There are varieties of gifts, but it is the same Spirit who gives them.

**There are different ways of serving God, but it is the same Lord who is served.**

God works through each person in a unique way, but it is God's purpose that is accomplished.

**To each is given a gift of the Spirit, to use for the common good.**

Together we are the body of Christ, and individually members of it.

**Statement of Ordination & Installation (Minister)**

We are all called into the church of Jesus Christ by baptism... ordering the governance of the church, and for the preaching the word and celebration of the sacraments.

### **Presentation of the Candidates for Ordination & Installation** (Presiding Elder)

Representing the one holy catholic, and apostolic church, the session of First Presbyterian Church now ordains Gracia Fulwiler, Donna Rummens and Candy Shultz to ministry as deacons and ordains Carrie Lawrence and Brian McClure to ministry as ruling elders, and installs them to active service in this congregation. The session also installs to active service those who have been previously ordained: deacons Ed Deckard and Jane Mathew, and ruling elders Elaine Rudd, Abi Carlson and Dick Laraway.

### **Reaffirmation of the Baptismal Covenant & Renunciations** (Minister to the Candidates)

As God calls some to particular forms of ministry, God calls us all to bear gladly the yoke of Christ given in the covenant of Baptism.

Let us therefore reaffirm our baptismal vows, renouncing all that opposes God and God's rule and affirming the faith of the holy catholic church.

Trusting in the gracious mercy of God, do you turn from the ways of sin and renounce evil and its power in the world? **I do.**

Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Lord and Savior, trusting in his grace and love? **I do.**

Will you be Christ's faithful disciple, obeying his Word and showing his love? **I will, with God's help.**

Let us now stand together to confess our faith by the use of the 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**

*Polish Dance Op. 3, No. 1*  
Nancy Norris, piano

Scharwenka

**\*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 463**                                      *How Firm a Foundation*

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord, is laid for your faith in God's excellent Word!  
What more can be said than to you God hath said, to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

"Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed, for I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;  
I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,  
upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand."

"When through the deep waters I call thee to go, the rivers of sorrow shall not overflow;  
for I will be near thee, thy troubles to bless, and sanctify to thee thy deepest distress."

"When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie, my grace, all sufficient, shall be thy supply;  
the flame shall not hurt thee; I only design thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine."

"The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose, I will not, I will not desert to its foes;  
that soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake, I'll never, no, never, no, never forsake."

**\*BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

*Finale on "How Firm a Foundation"*

arr. Linker

### *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.	We pray, oh Lord Almighty, Protect our beloved Ukraine, Grant our people and country All your kindness and grace.
With learning and knowledge enlighten Us, your children small, In love pure and everlasting Let us, oh Lord, grow.	Bless us with freedom, bless us with wisdom, Guide into kind world, Bless us, oh Lord, with good fortune Forever and evermore.



July 24, 2022

**Covenant Of Prayer:** Jennifer; Hannah; Mary Bohnenblust; 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.

**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 5<sup>th</sup> grade and above are welcome to order a nametag.

**Chogoria Bike-a-thon:** This fall, our partners in Chogoria, Kenya are celebrating their Centennial. We have been partners with them for ¼ of those 100 years. As a part of their celebrations, they are hosting a 100 km bike-a-thon to raise money to restore the old Chogoria Church Building. The Chogoria Partnership Ministry Team has committed to sponsoring 5 teams. The suggested sponsor is \$1 per kilometer or \$100 per team but donations of any size are welcome! If you would like to contribute funds, you can write a check out to Presbytery of the Northern Plains, denoting bike-a-thon, and send it in. You can also donate online by going to [northernplainspresbytery.com](http://northernplainspresbytery.com). Under the mission tab, you can click on Chogoria Partnership. In the middle of the page, click the yellow donate button. Together, we can make a difference!

**All Church picnic 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!

**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. Please visit the website [fargotownhall.org](http://fargotownhall.org) for more information.

**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.

**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](mailto: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 6:30 pm 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 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. 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**

**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.

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

### **Sunday, July 24**

*11:30* Fellowship

### **Monday, July 25**

5:00 Stewardship Meeting

### **Tuesday, July 26**

*9:00* Bulletin Insert Articles Due

1:00 Staff Meeting

### **Wednesday, July 27**

1:00 Library Committee

### **Thursday, July 28**

No Church Events

### **Friday, July 29**

No Church Events

### **Saturday, July 30**

No Church Events

### **Sunday, July 31**

*10:30* Worship (L)

*11:30* Fellowship

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### For Your Information

July 17 Attendance:

TBA in person;

33 households livestreamed

Contributions received: TBA



### Church Information

Summer Office Hours:

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

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