



**November 13, 2022**  
**Twenty-Third Sunday After Pentecost**  
**MSUM Music Sunday**

*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**

God, who labored creation into being, we give thanks for this day and the privilege to work in your world. We pray this day for those whom this Lord's Day is not a day of rest but of toil. We pray this day for those who cannot afford to take Sabbath and for those who believe they cannot afford to take Sabbath. Grant us the strength to labor for what is right, just, and fair. Grant us the wisdom to speak out for those who are enslaved, oppressed, and exploited. Grant us the ability to break the chains of injustice and hear the voices of people long silenced. We pray this day for the privilege to work in your world; may we make it better. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

### **PRELUDE**

*Daniel, Daniel, Servant of the Lord* Undieme Smith-Moore  
MSUM Concert Choir; Dr. Michael J. Johnson, director

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

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

Sing praises to the Lord, for God has done gloriously;

**let us sing God's praises throughout all the earth.**

Shout aloud and sing for joy,

**from the highest peaks, to the deepest caverns.**

Shout aloud and sing for joy, from the tiniest creatures, to the greatest herds.

**Shout aloud and sing for joy,**

in the midst of our joys and our sorrows.

**Shout aloud and sing for joy, as we come to worship the God of all creation!**

**Let us worship God!**

**\*HYMN 353**

*My Hope is Built*

My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness;  
I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

Refrain:

On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand;  
all other ground is sinking sand.

When darkness seems to hide his face, I rest on his unchanging grace;  
in every high and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the veil. [Refrain]

His oath, his covenant, his blood support me in the whelming flood;  
when all around my soul gives way, he then is all my hope and stay. [Refrain]

When he shall come with trumpet sound, O may I then in him be found,  
dressed in his righteousness alone, faultless to stand before the throne. [Refrain]

**\*CALL TO CONFESSION**

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**God of peace, we confess we are a people of fear. We have let anxiety rule our days and worry our nights. We have been distracted by nerves and focused on tension. We confess we have ignored your command to not be afraid. Forgive us, O God. Calm our hearts, settle our stomachs, and renew in us the ability to find our comfort in you. Amen.**

**\*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

**\*RESPONSE 155**

*Raise a Song of Gladness*

Raise a song of glad-ness, peo-ples of the earth. Christ has come,  
bring-ing peace, joy to ev-ery heart. Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia,  
joy to ev-ery heart! Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, joy to ev-ery heart!

**\*PASSING OF THE PEACE**

**GIFT OF MUSIC**

*Lass Dich Nur Nichts Nicht Dauren* Op 30.

Johannes Brahms

MSUM Concert Choir; Dr. Michael J. Johnson, director

 **German text**

Laß dich nur nichts nicht dauren mit Trauren,  
sei stille, wie Gott es fügt,  
so sei vergnügt mein Wille!

Was willst du heute sorgen auf morgen?

 **English translation**

Do not be sorrowful or regretful;  
Be calm, as God has ordained,  
and thus my will shall be content.

What do you want to worry about from day to day?

Der Eine steht allem für,  
der gibt auch dir das Deine.

Sei nur in allem Handel ohn Wandel,  
steh feste, was Gott beschleußt,  
das ist und heißt das Beste.  
Amen.

There is One who stands above all  
who gives you, too, what is yours.

Only be steadfast in all you do,  
stand firm; what God has decided,  
that is and must be the best.  
Amen.

## The Word

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Lisa McEvers, Reader

God of the earthquake and the silence, quiet in us any voice but your own, that by the power of the Holy Spirit we might hear, and in hearing we might believe, and in believing we might act, making way for your new creation. Amen.

### FIRST READING

Isaiah 65:17-25

For I am about to create new heavens  
and a new earth;  
the former things shall not be remembered  
or come to mind.  
But be glad and rejoice for ever  
in what I am creating;  
for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy,  
and its people as a delight.  
I will rejoice in Jerusalem,  
and delight in my people;  
no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it,  
or the cry of distress.  
No more shall there be in it  
an infant that lives but a few days,  
or an old person who does not live out a lifetime;  
for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth,  
and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered accursed.  
They shall build houses and inhabit them;  
they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit.  
They shall not build and another inhabit;  
they shall not plant and another eat;  
for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be,  
and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands.  
They shall not labor in vain,  
or bear children for calamity;  
for they shall be offspring blessed by the Lord—  
and their descendants as well.  
Before they call I will answer,  
while they are yet speaking I will hear.  
The wolf and the lamb shall feed together,  
the lion shall eat straw like the ox;

but the serpent—its food shall be dust!  
They shall not hurt or destroy  
on all my holy mountain,  
says the Lord.

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

## SECOND READING

Luke 21:5-19

When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, he said, ‘As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down.’

They asked him, ‘Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?’ And he said, ‘Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, “I am he!” and, “The time is near!” Do not go after them.

‘When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately.’ Then he said to them, ‘Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven.

‘But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. This will give you an opportunity to testify. So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance; for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. You will be hated by all because of my name. But not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your souls.

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

## SERMON

Kayla Bones, Youth Director

### \*HYMN 738

*O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee*

O Master, let me walk with thee in lowly paths of service free;  
tell me thy secret; help me bear the strain of toil, the fret of care.

Help me the slow of heart to move by some clear, winning word of love;  
teach me the wayward feet to stay, and guide them in the homeward way.

Teach me thy patience, still with thee in closer, dearer company,  
in work that keeps faith sweet and strong, in trust that triumphs over wrong.

In hope that sends a shining ray far down the future's broadening way;  
in peace that only thou canst give, with thee, O Master, let me live.

### \*PROFESSION OF FAITH

Adapted from the Confession of 1967

**The life, death, resurrection, and promised coming of Jesus Christ has set the pattern for the church's mission. His human life involves the church in the common life of all people. His service to men and women commits the church to work for every form of human well-being. His suffering makes the church sensitive to all human suffering so that it sees the face of Christ in the faces of persons in every kind of need. His crucifixion discloses to the**

church God's judgment on the inhumanity that marks human relations, and the awful consequences of the church's own complicity in injustice. In the power of the risen Christ and the hope of his coming, the church sees the promise of God's renewal of human life in society and of God's victory over all wrong. The church follows this pattern in the form of its life and in the method of its action. So to live and serve is to confess Christ as Lord.

## Responding to the Word



GIVE

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

*DID YOU KNOW? If you are 72 or over you generally must withdraw an amount from your retirement accounts every year (the required minimum distribution). This amount can be paid directly to a charity (like the church). Amounts distributed this way count towards the minimum distribution and are excluded from your taxable income. Contact the church for more details.*

**OFFERTORY** *The Last Words of David* Randall Thompson  
MSUM Concert Choir; Dr. Michael J. Johnson, director; Sally Harmon, organ

**\*RESPONSE 611** *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

**Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love!  
Hearts unfold like flowers before thee, opening to the sun above.  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away.  
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.**

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

## Sealing of the Word

**SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION**

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

**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.**

**INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE**

**HYMN OF APPROACH 500** *Be Known to Us in Breaking Bread*

*(sung in canon. High voices begin, Low voices start one measure later.)*

Be known to us in breaking bread, but do not then depart;  
Savior, abide with us, and spread your table in our heart.

Here share with us, in love divine, your body and your blood,  
that living bread, that heavenly wine be our immortal food.

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

**COMMUNION MUSIC**

*O Lux Beatissima*

Howard Helvey

MSUM Concert Choir; Dr. Michael J. Johnson, director

**COMMUNION PRAYER**

**Bearing the Word into the World**

**\*HYMN 384**

*Soon and Very Soon*

Soon and very soon we are going to see the King. (x3)

Hallelujah, hallelujah, we're going to see the King!

No more crying there: we are going to see the King. (x3).

Hallelujah, hallelujah, we're going to see the King!

No more dying there: we are going to see the King. (x3)

Hallelujah, hallelujah, we're going to see the King!

Soon and very soon we are going to see the King. (x3)

Hallelujah, hallelujah, we're going to see the King!

**\*BENEDICTION**

**CHIMES**

**POSTLUDE**

*Prelude and Fugue in C Major*

J.S. Bach

Sally Harmon, organist



**Make Stewardship Easy!** You can set up the amount you've pledged as a recurring gift to the church. It couldn't be any easier! We offer both an ACH withdrawal from your bank account (no fees!) or Online Giving through our website. Recurring gifts are like the Crock Pot of church giving - "fix it and forget it". Easy for you and it helps the church to see a steady stream of income through the year. Give it a try! There's an ACH Authorization form on our website under "Forms". Questions? Please contact Jan Lundgren, [jlundgren@firstpresfargo.org](mailto:jlundgren@firstpresfargo.org).

**PW Circles:** Circles will meet Nov. 15 in the Jennie Roberts Room; Naomi/Ruth Circles will meet at 9:30am and the Rachel Circle will meet at 1pm. The Leah Circle will meet Nov. 19 at 10am in the office conference room.

**Red Kettle Campaign – Bell Ringing:** Signup sheets to ring the bell for the Salvation Army's feeding programs will be in the foyer after worship today. All locations are indoors, starting the week of Thanksgiving and through the holiday season. Contact Ginger Deitz with questions, [deitzv@gmail.com](mailto:deitzv@gmail.com).



Saturday, December 10- make the dough  
 Sunday, December 11- bake and taste

LEFSE LESSONS



Sign up on the Volunteer Opportunities board

**Covenant Of Prayer:** Jennifer; Hannah; David; 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 will return from Iraq in December. If you have a loved one in the military, please let Pastor Mary know and we'll include his/her name.

**Delivering Thanksgiving Meals / Hope Blooms:** Again this year, we are partnering with Heart n' Soul to deliver Thanksgiving meals. A signup for this year's Thanksgiving Dinner delivery is on the Volunteer Opportunity Board in the foyer. We'll need about 15-20 cars to deliver the 300 meals the day before Thanksgiving. We'll add more drivers if we need to. Signup as well, if you're able to give a couple hours assembling the meals for delivery.

**NEW THIS YEAR** – we will be assembling bouquets of flowers to deliver with the meals through Hope Blooms, a local non-profit that repurposes flowers into small bouquets to give to people in need; all with the message "You matter." IN THE MEANTIME, we are collecting glass jars for vases. Clean them out, please! (We can handle stubborn labels!) Meals and bouquets will be delivered on the Wednesday before Thanksgiving. You can sign up to help with making the bouquets [online](#).



**Christmas Poinsettias:** We encourage you to purchase poinsettias for the Christmas season! More information can be found on the order forms, which are available at the Welcome Desk, or by contacting Casey LeMier in the office. Orders and payment should be delivered to the office **no later than noon on November 28th**. Please write a separate check for your poinsettia; do not include in your offering. Thank you!

**Messenger & Weekly Updates:** Have you been getting our emails? If not, be sure to check your junk folder! If church emails are being marked as spam, be sure to flag them as 'Not Junk' and 'Always trust this sender'. If you would like to sign up for emails, check out our website!

**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 8:45** 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, Lisa Edison-Smith, Colleen Ford-Dunker, Dick Henderson, Ryan Johnston, Kurt Kooyer, Dick Laraway, Carrie Lawrence, Brian McClure, Elaine Rudd (clerk), Scott Swanholm, Becky Trumbo, and Jeff Wilkens. **Deacons:** Brenda Deckard, Ed Deckard (treasurer), Gracia Fulwiler, Rick Herberg, Beatrice Janaka, Jane Mathew (moderator), Karen Rivers, Donna Rummens, Candy Shultz, Kathleen Thomas, Debbie Tight, and Amy Wilkens.

**Church Treasurer:** Sherri Stern

### Church Staff

Rev. Sarah M. Bigwood-*Head of Staff, Pastor*  
Rev. Mary Jo E. Holtey-*Associate Pastor*  
Rev. Daniel Billings-*Parish Associate*  
Sally Harmon-*Music Coordinator & Organist*  
Bryan Poyzer-*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**

**Special Church Closings:** When severe weather, power failure or other circumstances require the church to close, the Pastor/Head of Staff will determine if in-person worship services and/or programs will be cancelled or if the church office will be closed. *In the event of a closure, worship will still be available online.* Notice of closure will be posted on our website and social media accounts.

If services/programs are cancelled, the following radio stations and TV stations will be notified:

- WDAY- (TV/radio/Inforum website)
- KVLV- TV
- KFGO- AM radio

If Fargo school activities are cancelled, church activities will automatically be cancelled.

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

### **Sunday, November 13**

*11:30* Fellowship

5:30 Confirmation

### **Monday, November 14**

6:00 EduCon Committee Meeting

### **Tuesday, November 15**

*9:30* PW Circles-Naomi & Ruth

1:00 PW Circles-Rachel

### **Wednesday, November 16**

*5:30* Genesis Ringers

5:30 St. Andrews Brass

6:15 Children / Youth Choirs

6:30 Westminster Ringers

7:00 Youth Group

7:30 Sanctuary Choir

### **Thursday, November 17**

5:00 Nurturing Parenting Meal & Classes

### **Friday, November 18**

4:30 Wedding Rehearsal

### **Saturday, November 19**

4:00 Wedding

### **Sunday, November 20**

*9:15* Sunday School

*10:30* Worship (L)

*11:30* Fellowship

5:30 Confirmation

**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**

November 6 Attendance: 753

706 in person;

47 households livestreamed

Contributions received: \$26,210.00



### **Church Information**

Office Hours:

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

Phone: 701-293-6311

[www.firstpresfargo.org](http://www.firstpresfargo.org)



# Christmas Poinsettia Order Form

We encourage you to purchase poinsettias for the Christmas season! A printed list of the names of the donors and the names of the persons being honored or remembered will be included in the Christmas Eve Bulletin.

Please **PRINT** your name; indicate how many poinsettias you would like, and if you would like to offer this flower in memory of, or in honor of someone special. Orders and payment should be delivered to the office **no later than noon on November 28**. *Please write a separate check for your poinsettia; do not include in your offering.* Thank you!

You can pick up your poinsettia at the church **after worship on Sunday, December 25**, or during office hours any day after that. Office hours are 9:00 am - 4:00 pm, M-TH.

Your Name (**PRINT**): \_\_\_\_\_

## Size Options

6" Poinsettia (\$14.00)

*Please PRINT. If more space is needed, please use back of order form.*

To the glory of God

In memory of \_\_\_\_\_

In honor of \_\_\_\_\_