



*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.*

**March 24, 2024**  
**Palm Sunday**

## **We Gather in Christ**

### **WELCOME TO WORSHIP**

*Parents and children are welcome to gather before worship with our pastors in the Narthex (back of church) for the Palm parade.*

### **PRELUDE**

*Crown Imperial*  
Susan Clambey, guest organist

William Walton

### **CALL TO WORSHIP**

Look! Your king is coming—humble and riding on a donkey.

**Hosanna to the Son of David!**

Lay your cloaks before him; spread palms to honor him.

**Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord!**

Raise your voices. Lift your hearts. Rejoice—our Savior comes!

**Hosanna in the highest heaven!**



## **PALM PARADE**

*Lift your heads and join in loud Hosannas.*

*Wave your palms as the children pass.*

### **PARADE**

*Liberty Bell March*

Sousa/Curd

Mike Wavra, trumpet; Wanda Wavra, piano; Jack Lawrence and Kevin Thomas, drums

### **HYMN 197**

*Hosanna, Loud Hosanna (vs. 1-2)*

Hosanna, loud hosanna, the little children sang;  
through pillared court and temple the joyful anthem rang.  
To Jesus, who had blessed them, close folded to his breast,  
the children sang their praises, the simplest and the best.

From Olivet they followed 'mid an exultant crowd,  
the victor palm branch waving, and chanting clear and loud;  
the Lord of earth and heaven rode on in lowly state,  
nor scorned that little children should on his bidding wait.

### **CONFESSION AND DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

**Holy God, we want to run into the streets and sing your praise! We want to be bold and unashamed of this good-news Gospel. However, too often we find ourselves standing against the wall. Too often we stay quiet. Too often we let others carry the song. Forgive us for the moments when we could lead the parade but instead find ourselves standing on the sidelines. Show us which songs are ours to sing. Show us which parades are ours to lead, and then give us the courage and conviction to do both. With hope and honesty we pray, Amen.**

### **HYMN 197**

*Hosanna, Loud Hosanna (vs. 3)*

"Hosanna in the highest!" That ancient song we sing,  
for Christ is our Redeemer; the Lord of heaven, our King.  
O may we ever praise him with heart and life and voice,  
and in his blissful presence eternally rejoice.

### **PASSING OF THE PEACE**

#### **GIFT OF MUSIC**

*Welcoming the King*

Ruth Elaine Schram

K-2 Choir; 3-6 Choir; and 7-12 Choir;  
Pam Burns, directing; Virginia Stern, pianist

#### **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

Penny Andrist

## **The Word**

#### **SCRIPTURE**

*John 12:12-16, pp. 980*

Claudia Hansen, reader

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

**OA** HYMN 196

*All Glory, Laud and Honor*

All glory, laud, and honor to thee, Redeemer, King,  
to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring!

Thou art the King of Israel, though David's royal Son,  
who in the Lord's name comest, the King and blessed  
One.

All glory, laud, and honor to thee, Redeemer, King,  
to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring!

The people of the Hebrews with palms before thee went;  
our praise and prayers and anthems before thee we  
present.

All glory, laud, and honor to thee, Redeemer, King,  
to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring!

To thee, before thy passion, they sang their hymns of  
praise;

to thee, now high exalted, our melody we raise.

All glory, laud, and honor to thee, Redeemer, King,  
to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring!

Thou didst accept their praises; accept the prayers we bring,  
who in all good delightest, thou good and gracious King!

All glory, laud, and honor to thee, Redeemer, King,  
to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring!

**OA** AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**We believe in Jesus of Nazareth,  
who rode through the streets of Jerusalem on a donkey.**

**We believe in Jesus of Nazareth,  
who challenged Rome's oppressive power with peaceful protest.**

**We believe in Jesus of Nazareth,  
who was surrounded by crowds of dreamers and believers.**

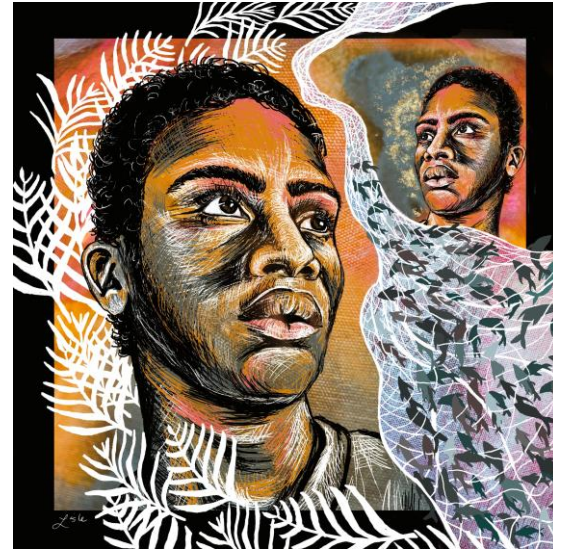
**We believe in Jesus of Nazareth,  
so even today, we will sing songs of loudest praise.**

**Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!**

**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.**



**Then They Remembered** | Rev. Lisle Gwynn Garrity

*Acrylic painting on canvas with digital drawing*

## Responding to the Word



**MOMENT FOR MISSION – Self Development of People**

George O’Neill

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

*Did you know? There is a handicap accessible and family restroom on this floor. It is to the left and around the corner from the main restrooms in the Gathering Space.*

### OFFERTORY

*All Glory, Laud, and Honor*

arr. Barbara Kinyon

Genesis Ringers; Tammy Olson, director



### RESPONSE 655

*What Shall I Render to the Lord*

What shall I ren - der to the Lord; what shall my of - fering be, for  
all the gra - cious ben - e - fits God hath be - stowed on me?



### PRAYER OF DEDICATION

## Bearing the Word into the World

### WORDS TO WANDER BY

*Courage*

*Poem by Rev. Sarah A. Speed / A Sanctified Art LLC / sanctifiedart.org*

We summon every ounce of courage.

We give ourselves pep talks  
and we call our friends.

We dig deep within.

We practice the words out loud,  
rolling them around in our mouths,  
imagining the response.

We deal out every “what if” card our brain holds on to  
and spend absurd amounts of time  
imagining all the ways it could go wrong.

And then finally, blessedly, we say it:

I love you.

To speak the truth of your heart takes courage.

It always has.

But please,

summon your courage,  
join the parade,  
and speak with conviction.

For God has been saying to the world since day one:

I love you.  
What is your response?

## A CALL TO HOLY WEEK

*Maundy Thursday service 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 28, 2024*



### HYMN 209

*My Song is Love Unknown (vs. 1, 3, 4)*

My song is love unknown, my Savior's love to me,  
love to the loveless shown that they might lovely be.  
O who am I that for my sake  
my Lord should take frail flesh, and die?

Sometimes we strew his way, and his sweet praises sing,  
resounding all the day hosannas to our King.  
Then "Crucify!" is all our breath,  
and for his death we thirst and cry.

Unheeding, we will have our dear Lord made away,  
a murderer to save, the prince of life to slay.  
Yet steadfast he to suffering goes,  
that he his foes from thence might free.



### BENEDICTION

#### POSTLUDE

*Ride on in Majesty*  
Susan Clambey, organist

arr. Edward Broughton

*Thank you to Josh Trumbo, Tom Bigwood, and Claudia Hansen for assisting us in worship this morning, and to our Welcome Team: Deb Dawson, Debbie Tight, Gracia Fulwiler, and Toby and Paula Christensen for taking such good care of us this morning.*

*A special thank you to our musicians: Susan Clambey, Mike and Wanda Wavra, Jack Lawrence, Kevin Thomas, the Children & Youth Choirs and their directors – Erin Torpey, Pam Burns, and Shawn Neisen; Virginia Stern, and Genesis Ringers led by Tammy Olson.*

**If you ordered flowers for Easter Sunday, please review the information below. If any corrections need to be made, please contact Casey in the office at [clemier@firstpresfargo.org](mailto:clemier@firstpresfargo.org).**

In Loving Memory of...	By...
Clyde & Carroll Maylath, Frank & Jane Turk	Bruce & AnneMarie Maylath
Christopher E. Deckard	Ed & Brenda Deckard
Ross & Peg Robson, Sandy Mathew, Rev. William Yeager, Loran Guenther, Edith Dawson, and our parents	Bruce & Lorraine Furness

Doug & Evelyn Hoffman and Guy Sander	David Hoffman
Phil Martin	Gwen Martin
Stephen I Morse and Elmer & Phyllis Haak	Tim, Linda, and Taaren Haak, and Leah & Andrew Beck
Our parents	Jan & Fraser Harrison
Gordon, Helen, Raven, and Brian Hansen	Claudia, Roger, and Cindy Hansen
Reba & Wilson Laird and Lue & Neal McClure	Brian & Dorothy McClure
Our parents	Sue & Tom Van Osdel
Peggy Gaynor and A.J. & Mildred Parsons Larew	Don Larew
Glenn Filipi	Patricia Filipi
Paul Gulbrandson and Do & Tod Gunkelman	Sally Harmon
John & Jennifer Resell	Georgia Resell & Family
Arlo & Eleanor Lindsay	Ann Lindsay Howard
Ed Anderson	Marion Anderson
Mark Holman, Kathryn & Jim Rosendahl, Bob Aspelund, Oliver & Inez Holman	Bobbie Holman
Alan Kenien	Janet Kenien & Family
Ashley and Lucas Anderson	Jon & Nikki and Michael & Sarah Anderson

<b>In Honor of...</b>	<b>By...</b>
Pastor Mary and Pastor Sarah	<i>Anonymous</i>
Sue & Tom Van Osdel	<i>Anonymous</i>
Our parents	Ed & Brenda Deckard
Our children and grandchildren	Bruce & Lorraine Furness
Monna Rae Morse	Tim, Linda, and Taaren Haak, and Leah & Andrew Beck
Our family	Jan & Fraser Harrison
Adolph & Mae Blomquist, John & Elizabeth Resell	Georgia Resell & Family

<b>To the Glory of God...</b>	<b>By...</b>
	Mark & Ruth DeRuyter
	Steve & Terri Follingstad
	Dick & Vicki Laraway
	Judy Rippentrop



**Centering Prayer:** The Presentation Prayer Center, alongside our very own Pilgrimage group, is offering Centering Prayer. Centering Prayer is a form of silent prayer that quiets the mind and focuses attention on the presence and action of the Holy Spirit within. Find a moment of stillness in your day. Thursdays at 12:15pm in the Jennie Roberts Room, through Lent and continuing until May.



**Collecting donations for the Emergency Food Pantry:** Minnesota FoodShare is doing their annual campaign in March, where they match the collected nonperishable food items and financial support. You may bring items to the church through April 7<sup>th</sup> and place them in the green buckets in the foyer, or bring them directly to the Pantry by Tuesday, April 9<sup>th</sup>. If you wish to make a financial contribution, you may give your clearly marked check to the church or directly to the Pantry. Thank you for your generous participation!

**Update from Town Hall:** The speakers are selected for the 2024-2025 season and the brochure announcing them and their expected lecture dates have been mailed. For ease of our church members, we will sell season tickets before and after worship services today and on April 14th.

**Will you volunteer to help with funeral receptions?** Families have entrusted the church at their most difficult and vulnerable times. We want to respond with our love and support. Are you able to help, from time to time, with setting up, serving and cleaning up funeral receptions? Or, perhaps, you could bring a pan of bars. You, too, guys! Please sign up at the Volunteer Opportunities Board, or you may contact Nancy Lium directly at [liumn1949@gmail.com](mailto:liumn1949@gmail.com). It's a privilege to serve one another!



**Bingo Night!** EduCon is bringing back the popular Bingo Night! Join us on Friday, April 12 at 6 p.m. for pizza and several games of Bingo. And, yes, there WILL be prizes! Not to mention happy, relaxed people that you will want to hang out with just for the fun of it! Please register on the Volunteer Opportunities board so we know how much pizza to order.

Hearing devices, as well as large print copies of today's bulletins and 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.

**Wi-Fi:** Wi-Fi is available throughout the church. (password: community650)

### FPC Officers

**Session:** Mindy Argall, Abi Carlson, Deb Dawson, Tom Dawson, Tetteh Dottey, Colleen Ford-Dunker, Jody Hudson, Kurt Kooyer, Dick Laraway, Carrie Lawrence, Bruce Maylath, Brian McClure, Elaine Rudd (clerk), Jeff Wilkens, and Steve Wonderlich. **Deacons:** Paula Christensen, Toby Christensen, Steve Dawson, Brenda Deckard, Ed Deckard (treasurer), Gracia Fulwiler, David Hoffman, Jane Mathew (moderator), Donna Rummens, Wayne Sander, Candy Shultz, Virginia Stern, Kathleen Thomas, Debbie Tight, and Amy Wilkens. **Church Treasurer:** Sherri Stern.

### Church Staff

The Rev. Sarah M. Bigwood-*Head of Staff, Pastor*  
The Rev. Mary Jo E. Holtey-*Associate Pastor*  
The Rev. Daniel Billings-*Parish Associate*  
The Rev. Cathie Bishop-*Parish Associate*  
Sally Harmon-*Organist*  
Pam Burns-*Music Ministry Coordinator*  
Shawn Neisen-*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**

Join us for  
**Maundy Thursday**  
March 28 | 7:30pm  
**Wandering Heart**  
"Streams of mercy"

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

### **Sunday, March 24**

*11:30 Fellowship*

### **Monday, March 25**

5:00 Stewardship Committee Meeting

### **Tuesday, March 26**

No Church Events

### **Wednesday, March 27**

5:00 Wednesday Activities Dinner

5:30 St. Andrew's Brass Rehearsal

5:30 Genesis Ringers

6:15 Children & Youth Choirs

6:30 Westminster Ringers

7:00 Youth Group

7:30 Sanctuary Choir

### **Thursday, March 28**

12:15 Centering Prayer

5:30 Nurturing Families

7:30 Maundy Thursday Service (L)

### **Friday, March 29**

No Church Events

### **Saturday, March 30**

No Church Events

### **Sunday, March 31**

*9:00 Easter Sunday Worship Service (L)*

*10:00 Fellowship*

*11:00 Easter Sunday Worship Service*

*12:00 Fellowship*

**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

March 17 Attendance: 171  
127 in person  
44 households livestreamed  
Contributions received: \$4,274.39



### Church Information

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