



April 23, 2023
Third Sunday Easter
Confirmation 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

PRELUDE

Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty
 Sally Harmon, organist

arr. Behnke

WELCOME & CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

The Rev. Mary Jo E. Holtey
 & The Rev. Sarah M. Bigwood

MOMENT OF SILENCE

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Gavin Marsden

Based on Psalm 113

Who is like the Lord our God, who is seated on high?

The Lord is high above all nations, and his glory above the heavens.

Praise the Lord! Praise the name of the Lord.

Who looks far down on the heavens and the earth?

Blessed be the name of the Lord from this time on and forevermore.

Praise the Lord!

***HYMN 35**

Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

Praise ye the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!

O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation!

All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near; join me in glad adoration!

Praise ye the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,
 shelters thee under his wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!

Hast thou not seen how thy desires e'er have been granted in what he ordaineth?

Praise ye the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!

All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him!

Let the amen sound from his people again; gladly for aye we adore him.

***CONFESSION AND DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

Mari Follingstad

We are sorry, O God, it is not easy to forgive the transgressions of others, yet it is easy to hold onto fear and hate. We don't find it simple to be mindful of others in our community, but we

dwelt all day long on ourselves. Forgive us, because instead of remembering how much you love us and love the world, we've been distracted by the negative messages of this world. Open our eyes that we may see the truth. Open our ears that we may hear your wisdom and guidance in our lives. Open our hearts so we know we are loved and can show love to others. By your crucifixion and resurrection we find new life and forgiven spirits. Amen

***RESPONSE 581**

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

I Will Be a Child of Peace

Hagenberg

Combined Sanctuary and 7-12 Choirs; Ryan Smit, director

The Word

CONFIRMATION MESSAGE

Student – Mentor

Jaden Argall – Jeff Olson

Mari Follingstad – Claudia Hansen

Gavin Marsden - Troy Schmidt

Peter Sambo - Becky Trumbo

Jonah Torpey - Ryan Johnston

***HYMN 649**

Amazing Grace (verses 1, 3, 5)

Amazing grace— how sweet the sound—

that saved a wretch like me!

I once was lost but now am found,

was blind but now I see.

Through many dangers, toils, and snares

I have already come;

'tis grace has brought me safe thus far,

and grace will lead me home.

The Lord has promised good to me,

his Word my hope secures;

he will my shield and portion be

as long as life endures.

BAPTISM AND CONFIRMATION

***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.

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

Peter Sambo

OFFERTORY

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us
St. Andrew's Brass; Jill Post, director

arr. Pethel

***RESPONSE 606**

Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below;
praise God above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Jonah Torpey

Bearing the Word into the World

***HYMN 307**

God of Grace and God of Glory

God of grace and God of glory, on thy people pour thy power;
crown thine ancient church's story; bring its bud to glorious flower.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the facing of this hour,
for the facing of this hour.

Lo! the hosts of evil round us scorn thy Christ, assail his ways!
From the fears that long have bound us free our hearts to faith and praise.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the living of these days,
for the living of these days.

Cure thy children's warring madness; bend our pride to thy control;
shame our wanton, selfish gladness, rich in things and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, lest we miss thy kingdom's goal,
lest we miss thy kingdom's goal.

Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore.
Let the gift of thy salvation be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, serving thee whom we adore,
serving thee whom we adore.

***BENEDICTION**

Jaden Argall

POSTLUDE

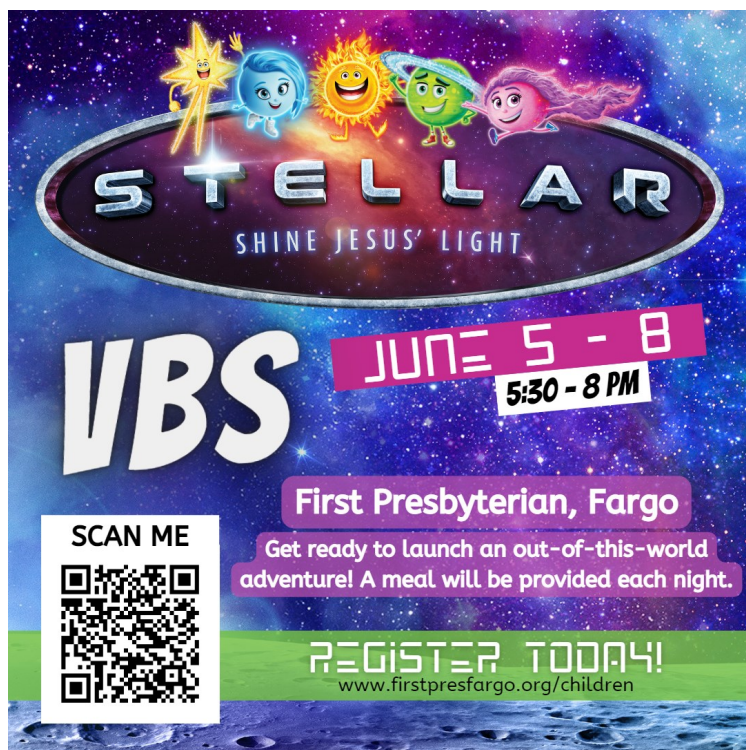
Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

arr. Young



A Note from Joyce Brummond: Our heartfelt thanks to the friends at Fargo Presbyterian Church for the prayers, thoughts and calls. Things are a little better – but Donald has a long serious time ahead of him and we would appreciate your continued prayers – and support. Thank you, Joyce & Donald Brummond.

Bryan Poyzer Resignation: Sadly, we have received the news that Bryan Poyzer is resigning from his position at First Presbyterian Church of Fargo effective immediately because of health issues. Ryan Smit will be conducting the Adult choir through mid-May and Josh Argall will be directing the 7-12 Choir through the end of the school year. Our music coordinator, Sally Harmon, is working with the Personnel Committee to find a replacement.



Hope Blooms: Collecting all glass jars! Hope Bloom repurposes flowers to make new arrangements for community members in need – all with the message *You matter!* Throughout the year, bring your jam or small sauce jars, etc. to the church and place them in the green buckets in the foyer. The Mission Committee will bring to Hope Blooms. *Inspiring hope, happiness and emotional healing through repurposed flowers!*

Covenant Of Prayer: Our confirmands: Jaden Argall, Mari Follingstad, Gavin Marsden, and Jonah Torpey; Children in abusive situations; the victims and families of the shootings in Nashville and Louisville; those affected by natural disasters in our country; Bryan Poyzer; the Bdecan Presbyterian Church in Tokio, ND; Don Brummond; Jennifer; and the people of Ukraine, Syria, and Turkey.

Sunday Morning Bible Study: Sunday morning Adult Bible Study is reading through Genesis. All levels of background are welcome. Each class is designed to be complete on its own, so please feel free to come when you are available. The last study for this season is April 30th. **May 7th's study has been canceled.**

Town Hall Lecture Series: The Town Hall Lecture Series continues its season on Tuesday, April 25, with pianist and lecturer Orin Grossman. Lectures begin at 10:30am at Prairie Heights Community Church in West Fargo. A Q & A session will follow at 11:30am. Doors open for seating at 10:00am. Individual tickets may be purchased at the door for \$30. All are welcome to attend. Visit fargotownhall.org for more info.

PW: Better Together, Tied Together With Love: The Presbyterian Women of the Northern Plains Presbytery are having their 2023 Spring Gathering on Saturday, April 29th at Mendenhall Presbyterian Church in East Grand Forks, Minnesota. Marsha Odom, Crookston PW & Blessed Tomorrow Climate Ambassador will talk about why climate issues matter to her as a Christian and share research-based information about climate concerns. Registration is \$15 from 9:45am to 10:15am. If you would like to attend, contact Nancy Lium at (701) 235-0228.

Emergency Food Pantry: FPC is once again going to commit to serving the Pantry through our volunteering mission. We need volunteers for the week of Monday April 24th through Friday April 28th. We have mornings on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 9:30 to 12:00 and afternoons on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 1:00 to 4:00. There are many different jobs to do. Contact Marcia Foss at (701) 840-1986 to sign up or for more information.

EFP Birthday Bags: Holy Buckets has a new Emergency Food Pantry Birthday Bags Project. A favorite celebration loved by children are their birthdays, as this special day is all about them! Through April and May we will be collecting cake mixes. The Food Pantry would only like white, yellow, chocolate or confetti cake mixes. We are also asking for frosting and birthday cards to be provided. The Mission Committee is requesting card games and birthday hats to bring joy to two different age groups, 1 to 8 and 9 to 17 year olds, that families will receive when they pick up their food supplies.

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, Deb Dawson, Tom Dawson, Tetteh Dottey, Colleen Ford-Dunker, Jody Hudson, Kurt Kooyer, Dick Laraway, Carrie Lawrence, Bruce Maylath, Brian McClure, Elaine Rudd (clerk), Becky Trumbo, and Jeff Wilkens. **Deacons:** Paula Christensen, Toby Christensen, Steve Dawson, Brenda Deckard, Ed Deckard (treasurer), Gracia Fulwiler, Beatrice Janaka, Jane Mathew (moderator), Karen Rivers, Donna Rummens, 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*
Sally Harmon-*Music Coordinator & Organist*
Ryan Smit-*Interim 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



**CHILDREN
YOUTH**
Worship Service
May 7 at 10:30
A day celebrating the growth
of our youngest members!

Hooray Buffet!
Join us in the Social Hall for a meal
of pulled pork and all the sides!
Sponsored by EduCon

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

Sunday, April 23

11:30 Fellowship

12:00 Messenger Deadline

Mondy, April 24

5:00 Stewardship Committee Meeting

Tuesday, April 25

10:30 Staff Meeting

10:30 Town Hall Lecture Series @ Prairie Heights

Wednesday, April 26

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, April 27

5:30 Nurturing Parenting Classes

Friday, April 28

7:30 ND FoMC Piano Duo Concert

Saturday, April 29

No Church Events

Sunday, April 30

9:15 Sunday Morning Bible Study

9:15 Sunday School

10:30 Worship Service (L)

11:30 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

April 16 Attendance: 174
136 in person
38 households livestreamed
Contributions received: \$5,827.00



Church Information

Office Hours:
M-TH, 9:00 am-4:00 pm
Phone: 701-293-6311
www.firstpresfargo.org

Per Capita: If you have not yet paid Per Capita for 2023, it's not too late! We will be accepting payments through the end of the year. Your contribution will be reflected on your giving record and will be greatly appreciated to help offset the Per Capita Apportionment payment sent to the Presbytery. The rate for 2023 is \$50.00 per confirmed member.