



**April 09, 2023 | 9AM and 11AM  
Easter 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**

### **PRELUDES**

*Voluntary on "Hymn to Joy!"*  
Sally Harmon, organ

arr. Burkhardt

*An Easter Fanfare*  
St. Andrew's Trumpet Trio & Organ  
Jill Post, director

arr. Giomo

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

### **MOMENT OF SILENCE**

*Almighty God, by the resurrection of Jesus Christ you broke the power of death and opened the way to eternal life. As the empty tomb stands witness to his triumph over death, make your church to be a bold testimony to his enduring victory in life, that all we do may proclaim to the world, "He is risen, indeed!" Through Christ, who lives with you and the Holy Spirit now and forever. Amen.*

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

Beloved church, behold the victory of our God: Jesus, our Lord, has conquered the grave.

**Christ is risen! Alleluia!**

Sin and death shall reign no more.

**Christ is risen! Alleluia!**

Let this place resound with joy.

**Christ is risen! Alleluia!**

Let us worship God.

### **HYMN 246**

*Christ is Alive!*

Christ is alive! Let Christians sing. The cross stands empty to the sky.

Let streets and homes with praises ring. Love, drowned in death, shall never die.

Christ is alive! No longer bound to distant years in Palestine,  
but saving, healing, here and now, and touching every place and time.

In every insult, rift, and war where color, scorn, or wealth divide,  
Christ suffers still, yet loves the more, and lives, where even hope has died.

Women and men in age and youth, can feel the Spirit, hear the call,  
and find the way, the life, the truth, revealed in Jesus, freed for all.

Christ is alive, and comes to bring good news to this and every age,  
till earth and sky and ocean ring with joy, with justice, love, and praise.

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

**Risen Lord, like the women who came to your tomb as the first day of the week was dawning and found it empty, we have such good news to tell. But we have heard this news before. How often have we returned to daily routines as if Easter changes nothing? Forgive our half-hearted witness. Free us from the bindings of fear or death. Fill us with the light of resurrection and send us into the world to proclaim in word and deed that we have seen You, our Lord!**

Friends, believe in the Good News of the Gospel.

**In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Amen.**

Christ is Risen!

**He is Risen Indeed!**

### **\*RESPONSE 240**

*Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks*



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Give thanks to the ris - en Lord. Al - le -  
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Give praise to His \_\_\_ Name.

### **\*PASSING OF THE PEACE**

#### **ANTHEM**

*Love So Amazing*

arr. Smith

Sanctuary Choir, St. Andrew's Brass, and Westminster Ringers

Ryan Smit, director

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

Penny Andrist

### **The Word**

#### **SCRIPTURE**

*Acts 10:34-43, pp. 1002*

Claudia Hansen, reader (9am)

Eve Niyomuchamanza, reader (11am)

*Matthew 28:1-10, pp. 909*

*Whirl Story Bible pg. 410*

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

#### **SERMON**

*Earthquakes, Lightning and Snow* The Rev. Sarah M. Bigwood

**\*HYMN 248**

*Christ Is Risen! Shout, Hosanna!*

Christ is risen! Shout Hosanna! Celebrate this day of days!  
Christ is risen! Hush in wonder: all creation is amazed.  
In the desert all-surrounding, see, a spreading tree has grown.  
Healing leaves of grace abounding bring a taste of love unknown.  
Christ is risen! Raise your spirits from the caverns of despair.  
Walk with gladness in the morning. See what love can do and dare.  
Drink the wine of resurrection, not a servant, but a friend.  
Jesus is our strong companion. Joy and peace shall never end.

*(Interlude between verses)*

Christ is risen! Earth and heaven never-more shall be the same.  
Break the bread of new creation where the world is still in pain.  
Tell its grim, demonic chorus: "Christ is risen! Get you gone!"  
God the First and Last is with us. Sing Hosanna everyone!

**\*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.**

**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.**

**Responding to the Word**



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

**OFFERTORY**

*Canticle*

Sherman

Westminster Ringers; Jill Post, director

**\*RESPONSE 609**

*Doxology*

Praise God, from whom all blessing flow. Praise God, all creatures high and low.  
Alleluia, alleluia! Praise God, in Jesus fully known: Creator, Word, and Spirit one.  
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

## Bearing the Word into the World

*If you would like to sing Hallelujah! with the choir, please move to the choir loft during this hymn using the steps on the pulpit side. Copies of the chorus will be ready for you in the loft.*

**\*HYMN 245:** *Christ the Lord is Risen Today!*

"Christ the Lord is risen today!" Alleluia! All creation join to say, Alleluia!  
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia! Sing, Ye heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!  
Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia! Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!  
Death in vain forbids him rise, Alleluia! Christ has opened paradise. Alleluia!  
Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia! Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!  
Once he died, our souls to save, Alleluia! Where's thy victory, boasting grave? Alleluia!

*(Short interlude)*

Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia! Following our exalted Head, Alleluia!  
Made like him, like him we rise, Alleluia! Ours the cross, the grave, the skies. Alleluia!

**\*BENEDICTION**

**BENEDICTION RESPONSE** *"Hallelujah!" from Messiah*

G.F. Handel

**POSTLUDE**

*Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds*

arr. Hobby



*Art Exhibit*

---

**Holy Week**

Allow the artistic work of our youth to expand your experience of Christ's journey to the cross.

**Gathering Space**

## The Flowers adorning our Sanctuary this Easter Sunday have been given...

In Loving Memory of...	By...
Chester & Myrna Ahlin; L.J. & Virginia Boekelheide	Thomas & Jane Ahlin & Family
Ashley & Lucas Anderson	Nikki & Jon Anderson
My parents, Russel and Marjorie Borkhuis; my brother, Roger Borkhuis	Marlys Borkhuis
Elaine Andrist	Pam Burns
William Carter	Kim Carter
Doug Hamilton & my sister Patti Gordon	Debra Dawson
Jacob Dawson	Steve & Vicki Dawson Family
Thomas Drayton	Polly Drayton
Our parents, John & Elaine Andrist and David & Karen Edison	Lisa Edison-Smith
Glenn Filipi	Pat Filipi, David Filipi, Jane Filipi
Bob, Edith, and Chuck Dawson	Kathy Fox Family; Tom & Georgia Dawson Family; Steve & Vicki Dawson Family
Ross & Peg Robson; Sandy Mathew; Joel & Vivian Broberg; Edith Dawson; Loran Guenther; Our parents	Bruce & Lorraine Furness
The Hansen & Vosper family members that are no longer with us	Helen & Claudia Hansen
Paul Gulbrandson; Do & Tod Gunkelman	David & Sally Harmon
John Harnisch; John Charton; Peggy Gaynor; Margaret Meany; Maurice & Roberta Petitmaire; Robert & Wilhelmina Harnisch	Roberta & Douglas Harnisch
Our parents; our nephew Brian	Fraser & Jan Harrison
Mark Holman; Robert Aspelund; Oliver & Inez Holman; Jim Rosendahl	Bobbie Holman
Tim & Family Members	Nancy Johnson
Alan Kenien	Jan Kenien, Julie, Susan & families
Andrew J. & Mildred Parsons Larew	Donald E. Larew
Phil Martin	Gwen Martin
Clyde & Carroll Maylath; Frank & Jayne Turk	Bruce & Anne Marie Turk Maylath

Our parents, Wilson & Reba Laird and Neal & Luella McClure	Dorothy & Brian McClure
Jayne Blackwell Neary & her son James; Albert & Mildred Blackwell	Jay Neary
John & Jennifer Resell	Resell Family
Our Parents-Ila & Harvey Coon; Jean & Gerry Shultz	Candy & David Shultz
Tom Tight; Abbie & Bob Peterson; Marjorie & Fred Tight	Debbie & Bob Tight
Our Parents	Sue & Tom Van Osdel

In Honor of...	By...
Our grandchildren, Elizabeth & Erik Anderson	Ed & Marion Anderson
Our children & grandchildren	Bruce & Lorraine Furness
Children, grandchildren, & great-grandchildren	Fraser & Jan Harrison
Lori Billings & Marilyn Olson	Joel Hagen

To the Glory of God...	By...
	Debra Dawson
	Richard & Vicki Laraway
	Ron & Sue Miller
	Jeff & Amy Wilkens



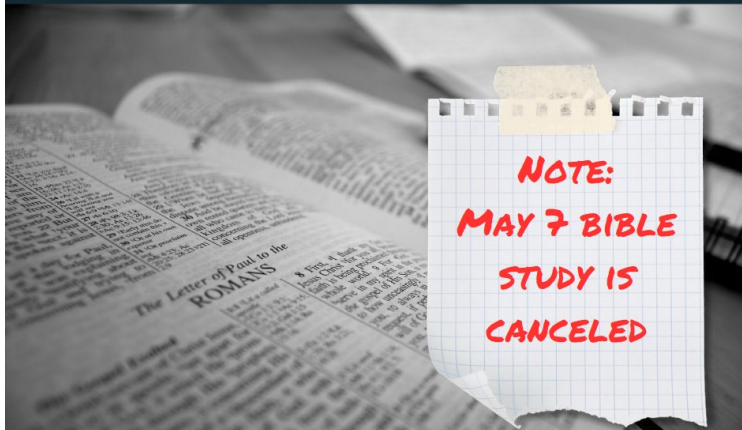
**PW Board Meeting:** On April 11 at 9:30am in the Jennie Roberts Room, Presbyterian Women will be having an Executive Board Meeting.

**PW Luncheon:** At 12:00pm on April 11 PW will have a program and lunch in the Social Hall. Kayla Bones will speak about the youth traveling to Kenya, and PW's involvement.

**PW Bible Study Leaders:** On Apr. 12 Pastor Mary Holtey will present the Bible Study on Lesson 8 in the Office Conference Room at 2:00pm.

**PW Circles:** Circles will meet Apr. 18 in the Jennie Roberts Room; Naomi/Ruth Circles will meet at 9:30am and the Rachel Circle will meet at 1:00pm. The Leah circle meets via Zoom on April 15 at 10:00am. All women of the church are invited to attend. If you are interested or have any questions, please call Jan Kenien at (701) 280-2391.

## *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 dates are April 16th & 30th. **May 7th's study has been canceled.**

**Men's Bible Study:** The Men's Bible study convenes on Tuesday, April 11th at 6:45 a.m. in the Jennie Roberts Room. Pastries and coffee will be served. This month takes up the 7th lesson in the study guide to the Book of Job. A copy of the study guide can be obtained from Bruce Maylath by e-mailing him at ring4linguist@yahoo.com.

**Covenant Of Prayer:** Children in abusive situations; the victims and families of the school shooting in Nashville; the people of Missouri and Mississippi; Bryan Poyzer; the Bdecan Presbyterian Church in Tokio, ND; Don Brummond; Jennifer; our sister congregation in Chogoria, Kenya; and the people of Ukraine, Syria, and Turkey.



**Town Hall Lecture Series:** The Town Hall Lecture Series continues its season on Tuesday, April 25, with pianist and lecturer Orin Grossman. Grossman has been delighting audiences the world over with his unique approach to performing and explaining great American and European music. Interpreting the music of George Gershwin, Orin plays songs and sings lyrics from the 1920's that remain part of our living heritage.

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](http://fargotownhall.org) for more info.

**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. There will be a signup sheet at church on Sundays in April, except Easter Sunday. Contact Jan Harrison at 701-371-1855 to sign up or for more information.



**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*  
Bryan Poyzer-*Adult Choir Director*  
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**

**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 2 Attendance: 271  
225 in person  
46 households livestreamed  
Contributions received: \$4,658.00



### Church Information

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

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

### **Sunday, April 9**

*10:00* Fellowship

*11:00* Easter Sunday Service

*12:00* Fellowship

### **Monday, April 10**

Office Closed

### **Tuesday, April 11**

*6:45* Men's Bible Study

*9:30* PW Board Meeting

*10:30* Staff Meeting

*12:00* PW Program

*5:30* Board of Deacons Meeting

### **Wednesday, April 12**

*12:00* M&F Committee Meeting (Z)

*2:00* PW Bible Study Leaders

*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 13**

*9:30* Town Hall Board Meeting

*3:00* Prepare Meal @ Micah's Mission

*5:00* Serve Meal @ Micah's Mission

*5:30* Nurturing Parenting Classes

*6:00* EduCon Committee Meeting

### **Friday, April 14**

No Church Events

### **Saturday, April 15**

*10:00* PW Circle (Z)

### **Sunday, April 16**

*9:15* Sunday Morning Bible Study

*9:15* Sunday School

*10:30* Worship Service (L)

*11:30* Fellowship

**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.