

# THE STORY OF THE PRODIGAL SON **COME HOME!**

*First Presbyterian Church is grateful for your presence with us! 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.*

*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.*

**Children & Youth  
Worship Service**

May 1, 2022

**We Gather in Christ**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Loving Father, let us celebrate you and your never-ending compassion. Thank you for always opening your arms and your heart when we lose our way. As we grow stronger in our faith, help us to live our lives with kindness and forgiveness. In your name we pray, Amen.

## **PRELUDE**

*It Is Well with My Soul*  
Eli Barrett-Learn, trumpet

Bliss

*Stages*

Forthun

Hayden Forthun, guitar

*The Journey*

Bober

Caleb Gadberry, piano

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

The Rev. Mary Jo E. Holtey

## **\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Jayci Lawrence

Celebrate

**The forgiving and reconciling love of God.**

Celebrate

**All of our blessings.**

Celebrate

**For what once was lost is now found.**

**Let us worship God!**

## **\*HYMN 399** *God Welcomes All*

God welcomes all, strangers and friends;

God's love is strong and it never ends.

## **\*CALL TO CONFESSION**

Eleanor Torpey

Come, let us reflect on what we have done. Like the prodigal son, let us go to our father and say, "I have sinned against you," knowing that we will be welcomed back with a celebration.

## \*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Dear God, we have lived lives plagued with jealousy and envy. We have squandered the gift of creation you have given us. We are greedy and do not love our neighbor. We take what you have given us for granted. Please forgive us and help us to embrace compassion and forgiveness in our own lives. Show us that what we have is enough. Amen.

## \*ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

Friends, we were lost and now we are found. We are forgiven by God, the father who welcomes us home and celebrates when we have been found. Amen.

## \*RESPONSE

*Change My Heart O God*

Change my heart, O God; \_\_\_\_\_ make it ev - er true. \_\_\_\_\_

Change my heart, O God; \_\_\_\_\_ may I be like you. \_\_\_\_\_

## \*PASSING OF THE PEACE

## CHILDREN'S TIME

Penny Andrist

## The Word

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Carter Argall

## SCRIPTURE based on Luke 15:11-32

*Lead Me Back*

Choplin

Proclamation Choir, Bryan Poyzer, director; please sing when directed:  
Jack Lawrence, reader

Lead me back to my home, I have wan - dered far a -

way. I've been gone for far too long. Will You wel - come me to - day?

## SERMON

Youth

## GIFT OF MUSIC

*Come Home*

Andrist

Kids of the Kingdom Choir and Worship Band  
Pam Burns, director; Nathan Bolluyt & Eleanor Torpey, soloists/rappers

## BAPTISM

Zoe Joan Booth

### RENUNCIATIONS

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.**

### PROFESSION

*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.**

### THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

We give you thanks, Eternal God,...

### WELCOME

Zoe has been received into the one holy catholic and apostolic church through baptism. God has made her a member of the household of God, to share with us in the priesthood of Christ. Let us welcome the newly baptized.

**With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you into Christ's church to share with us in his ministry, for we are all one in Christ.**

### CONFIRMATION

Zoe Booth

Hayden Forthun

Eli Holman

Anna Kempel

Benji Trumbo

Kayla Bones, Pastor Robert Drake, and Becky Trumbo, teachers

### CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Today these youth have made a commitment to Christ and to the church. Now we as a congregation commit ourselves to you, just as we did at your baptism.

**We promise to love, encourage and support you, to share the Good News of the Gospel with you, and to help you know and follow Christ.**

Today the faith in which you were nurtured, you express as your own personal faith.

Today, we celebrate disciples of Jesus Christ, commissioned to follow him.

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and LORD'S PRAYER**

Benji Trumbo

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, they 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. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory forever. Amen.

## **Responding to the Word**

*Children will be coming around to collect your change and bring it forward. The offering will be used to build a garden irrigation system at Mpangua Primary School in Kenya.*

### **OFFERING**



GIVE

Brooklyn Schumann

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

### **GIFT OF MUSIC**

*Kol Han'shamah (Psalm 150:6)*

Applebaum

Kids of the Kingdom & Proclamation Choirs  
Pam Burns, directing

*"Let every thing that hath breath praise the Lord. Praise ye the Lord."*

- Psalm 150:6

### **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Ally Trumbo

## **Bearing the Word into the World**

### **\*HYMN 770** *I'm Gonna Eat at the Welcome Table*

I'm gonna eat at the welcome table;  
I'm gonna eat at the welcome table, Alleluia.  
I'm gonna eat at the welcome table;  
I'm gonna eat at the welcome, Alleluia.

I'm gonna eat and drink with my Jesus;  
I'm gonna eat and drink with my Jesus, Alleluia.  
I'm gonna eat and drink with my Jesus;  
I'm gonna eat and drink with my Jesus, Alleluia.

I'm gonna join with sisters, brothers;  
I'm gonna join with sisters, brother, Alleluia.  
I'm gonna join with sisters, brothers;

I'm gonna join with sisters, brother, Alleluia.

Here all the world all will find a welcome;  
Here all the world will find a welcome, Alleluia.  
Here all the world all will find a welcome;  
Here all the world will find a welcome, Alleluia.

We're gonna feast on milk and honey;  
We're gonna feast on milk and honey, Alleluia.  
We're gonna feast on milk and honey;  
We're gonna feast on milk and honey, Alleluia.

## **\*BENEDICTION**

## **\*RESPONSE & POSTLUDE**

*Be Present at Our Table, Lord*  
Worship Band

**Be present at our table, Lord. Be here and everywhere adored.  
These mercies bless and grant that we may feast in fellowship with Thee.**

**Please join us for a "feast" in the Social Hall following Worship!**



### **Worship Band**

Sally Harmon, piano; Bryan Poyzer, bass; Lance Tessman, drums

**Sound** – Toby Christensen

**Camera** – Jane Mathew

### **Come Home**

Jesus told a parable – a story – a parable; a story of a father and two sons.  
One son was a prodigal – frivolous – a prodigal. The point here is that both boys lost their way.  
So, tell the story, we don't have all day!

Neither of the brothers was a little bit needy,  
But the younger son was foolish and a little bit greedy.  
He wasted money everywhere in places that were seedy  
And he wound up with the piggies on the ground.  
He knew the life he chose was really not a-winnin'  
And he was really sorry for the way he'd been a-sinnin'  
So, he hurried home to dad and brother for a new beginnin'  
And that is how the prodigal was found!

#### **CHORUS**

It's not too late to change your fate – come home, come home.  
You can put the brakes on your mistakes – come home, come home.

You can change the way that you are living,  
You broke his heart, but God is so forgiving,  
You can feel the grace in God's embrace – come home, come home.

Then there is the story of the older son  
Who was working on the farm, the way he'd always done,  
So, when his brother came back from having all his fun,  
He wasn't very happy he'd returned.  
The father, who was happy, said "Your bitterness is wrong,  
You have everything you need, and you've had it all along!  
My son is home (Woot! Woot!) Celebrate in song!"  
Remember the lessons we've learned.



May 1, 2022

**Covenant Of Prayer:** Jennifer; Hannah; 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 is being deployed in May 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.

**Serving dinner at Churches United resumes! Starting May 12,** we resume providing the evening meal every second Thursday of the month at Micah's Mission (the shelter for Churches United for the Homeless). Since COVID, they have tighter restrictions for the number of people in the kitchen. We need 4 food preparers (3:00-5:00) and 4 servers (5:00-7:00). You may do both, if you wish! A sign-up sheet is on the Volunteer Opportunities Board in the Foyer. Help us jump start this longstanding partnership with Churches United!

**Climb aboard for**

**ROCKY RAILWAY**

JESUS' POWER PULLS US THROUGH

**Vacation Bible School**  
May 31 - June 2, 2022

Surprising Adventures Creative Games Incredible Music  
Bible Stories Amazing Experiments Friends

Family Meal - 5:30-6:00 p.m.  
VBS - 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

**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 option available), and members are elected for 3-year terms. If you are interested, please contact Pastor Mary at [mholtey@firstpresfargo.org](mailto:mholtey@firstpresfargo.org).

**PW News:** The PW is proud to announce we will be offering a University of Jamestown scholarship this May. If you are interested please contact Kayla Bones or Penny Andrist for the application. Deadline is today!

The YWCA shelter is collecting new pillows. They are to be left in the coat room. This month the focus for the YWCA box in our coat room is allergy medication (Claritin or Benadryl). Check the chart on our board to see what has been contributed the past months.

**Town Hall Is Back!!** After two years, the Town Hall lectures from 2020 will be held this spring. Mark your calendars for the lecture held **May 2 at 10:30 am at the Holiday Inn**. If you had purchased season tickets for the 2020 season, you are good to go. If you don't know or would like to purchase tickets, please contact Marcia Foss: 701-840-1986 or [ndmomfoss@gmail.com](mailto:ndmomfoss@gmail.com).

**Monday, May 2 – Spencer Stone**

For those who had purchased the luncheon tickets, a boxed lunch will be available for you to pick up and eat during the Q & A period or take home with you. With the pandemic, we are unable to have the sit down, served luncheon. Masks are required to attend the lecture. Think Spring and think Town Hall!

**Synod School:** By now, you may have heard that Triennium has been canceled this summer. The Presbytery Youth Connection Team has decided to offer a similar, regional opportunity. Synod School is **July 24-29** at Buena Vista University in Storm Lake, Iowa. The cost for 6-8<sup>th</sup> graders is \$260, \$320 for 9-12<sup>th</sup> grade, and \$395 for adults. This is an event that is available to all ages, but has separate tracks for children, youth, and adults. You can find more information and online registration at <https://lakesandprairies.org/engaging-leaders/synod-school/>. When registering in the Put Me By box, please enter PNP youth. Once you have registered, please contact Kayla Bones ([kbones@firstpresfargo.org](mailto:kbones@firstpresfargo.org)).

**Today's noisy offering** will be used to build a garden irrigation system for Mpungua Primary School in Kenya. If you wish to make a payment on your pledge, per capita, or for any other offering, please place them in the offering plates at the West and North doors of the sanctuary.

**Book Exchange:** First Presbyterian will be hosting a book exchange on **May 22** to share books among our members, both children and adults. The goal is to get some “new” books to enjoy over the summer. Please bring books to share and place them in the Holy Buckets. Books will be set out on **Sunday, May 22** for all to take.

**Pew Pride:** Sometimes accidents happen! If a spill has occurred in your pew, and you are unable to clean it up without cleaning supplies, please alert an usher so that it can be promptly cleaned following worship. Our lovely new pew cushions will stay lovely much longer with everyone’s help.

**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 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.

### 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.

### Church Staff

Rev. Mary Jo E. Holtey-*Head of Staff, 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**

**L: Live Stream Option, H: Hybrid, Z: Zoom**  
**Sunday, May 1**

11:30 BBQ Feast in the Social Hall

**Monday, May 2**

5:00 Personnel Committee

**Tuesday, May 3**

8:30 Bulletin Articles Due

1:00 Staff Meeting

5:30 Worship Committee

7:00 Mission Committee

**Wednesday, May 4**

9:00 Men’s Group

5:30 Genesis Ringers

6:15 2-6 Choir / 7-12 Choir

7:00 Westminster Ringers

7:00 Youth Group

7:30 Sanctuary Choir

**Thursday, May 5**

9:30 Town Hall Board Meeting

**Friday, May 6**

No Church events

**Saturday, May 7**

No Church Events

**Sunday, May 8**

9:15 Sunday School for All

10:30 Worship & Communion Service (L)

11:30 Fellowship

### For Your Information

April 24 Attendance:

114 in person;

47 households livestreamed

Contributions received: \$9,440.00

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### Church Information

Office Hours:

M-TH, 8:30 am-4:00 pm

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