



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

Holy God, you alone are worthy of honor and praise. Open our eyes to see the world as you see it. Give us the wisdom to witness your presence in all people. Transform us in love, grow us in our faith, call us to love with a full heart and to share your promises with all people. Amen.

PRELUDE

Will You Let Me Be Your Servant arrs. Maxwell/Honoré

The National Spiritual Anthem of Ukraine

(Please remain seated and reflect upon the words, printed on the back page)

Sally Harmon, organist

WELCOME & CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

The Rev. Mary Jo E. Holtey

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Sing aloud to God our strength.

Shout for joy to the God of Jacob

God would feed us with the finest wheat,

and satisfy us with honey from the rock. Let us worship God!

***HYMN 667**

When Morning Gilds the Skies

When morning gilds the skies, my heart awaking cries:

May Jesus Christ be praised! Alike at work and prayer

To Jesus I repair: May Jesus Christ be praised!

Does sadness fill my mind? A solace here I find:

May Jesus Christ be praised! Or fades my earthly bliss?

My comfort still is this: May Jesus Christ be praised!

Let earth's wide circle round in joyful notes resound:

May Jesus Christ be praised! Let air and sea and sky

from depth to height reply: May Jesus Christ be praised!

Be this, while life is mine, My canticle divine:
May Jesus Christ be praised! Be this the eternal song
Through all the ages long: May Jesus Christ be praised!

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

God invites us to mutual love. But to find that mutuality, we must release our need for honor, our desire for privilege. In humility let us seek forgiveness, trusting in the promises of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Merciful God, forgive us when we exalt ourselves and mock the humble. We choose to believe we are self-sufficient rather than trust in your strength. Open us to your spirit, that we might serve all people without regard to the outcome, devoting ourselves to your honor alone. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

***DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

God rejoices when we repent and return, offering us finest wheat and honey from the rock to sustain us in new life. Rejoice! For you have been reconciled to God and to one another. With joy, seek the honor of God's service.

***RESPONSE**

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

Finlandia

Sibelius

Curt Brickman & Becky Dura, Highland Pipes

The Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Bruce Maylath, Reader

God of Wisdom, open us to the work of your Spirit, that we may hear and faithfully respond to your holy Word. Amen.

FIRST READING

Psalm 81:1, 10-16

Sing aloud to God our strength;
shout for joy to the God of Jacob.
I am the Lord your God,
who brought you up out of the land of Egypt.
Open your mouth wide and I will fill it.

‘But my people did not listen to my voice;
Israel would not submit to me.
So I gave them over to their stubborn hearts,
to follow their own counsels.
O that my people would listen to me,
that Israel would walk in my ways!
Then I would quickly subdue their enemies,

and turn my hand against their foes.
Those who hate the Lord would cringe before him,
and their doom would last forever.
I would feed you with the finest of the wheat,
and with honey from the rock I would satisfy you.'

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

SECOND READING

Luke 14:1, 7-14

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely.

When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. 'When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, "Give this person your place", and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, "Friend, move up higher"; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.'

He said also to the one who had invited him, 'When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.'

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

SERMON

The Rev. Sarah M. Bigwood

*HYMN 727

Will You Let Me Be Your Servant

Will you let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you?

Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant too.

We are pilgrims on a journey; we're together on the road.

We are here to help each other walk the mile and bear the load.

I will hold the Christ-light for you in the night-time of your fear.

I will hold my hand out to you, speak the peace you long to hear.

I will weep when you are weeping; when you laugh I'll laugh with you.

I will share your joy and sorrow till we've seen this journey through.

When we sing to God in heaven, we shall find such harmony,
born of all we've known together of Christ's love and agony.

Will you let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you?

Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant too.

***PROFESSION OF FAITH**

The Scots Confession: CHAPTER VI The Incarnation of Christ Jesus (excerpts)

When the fullness of time came God sent his Son, his eternal wisdom, the substance of his own glory, into this world, who took the nature of humanity from the substance of a woman, a virgin, by means of the Holy Ghost. And so was born the “just seed of David,” the “Angel of the great counsel of God,” the very Messiah promised, whom we confess and acknowledge to be Emmanuel, true God and true man, two perfect natures united and joined in one person.

Background: The Scots Confession was written at a turning point in the history of the Scottish nation. The Protestant nobility of Scotland was able to secure English recognition of Scottish sovereignty in the Treaty of Edinburgh after the Queen Regent Mary of Guise died in her sleep in 1560. To the Scots, this favorable conclusion to the civil war with Mary’s French-supported forces represented a providential deliverance.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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



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OFFERTORY

High Road to Garloch & Green Hills
Curt Brickman & Becky Dura, Highland Pipes

Traditional
Scottish

***RESPONSE 717**

For the Life that You Have Given

**For the life that you have given, for the love in Christ made known,
with these fruits of time and labor, with these gifts that are your own:
here we offer, Lord, our praises; heart and mind and strength we bring;
give us grace to love and serve you, living what we pray and sing.**

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Bearing the Word into the World

***HYMN 767**

Together We Serve

Together we serve, united by love,
inviting God's world to the glorious feast.
We work and we pray through sorrow and joy,
extending God's love to the last and the least.

We seek to become a beacon of hope,
a lamp for the heart and a light for the feet.
We learn, year by year, to let love shine through
until we see Christ in each person we meet.

We welcome the scarred, the wealthy, the poor,
the busy, the lonely, and all who need care.
We offer a home to those who will come,
our hands quick to help, our hearts ready to dare.

Together, by grace, we witness and work,
remembering Jesus, in whom we grow strong.
Together we serve in Spirit and truth,
remembering love is the strength of our song.

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Let Us All with Gladsome Voice

arr. Willan

The National Spiritual Anthem of Ukraine

Lord, oh the Great and Almighty,
Protect our beloved Ukraine,
Bless her with freedom and light
Of your holy rays.

With learning and knowledge enlighten
Us, your children small,
In love pure and everlasting
Let us, oh Lord, grow.

We pray, oh Lord Almighty,
Protect our beloved Ukraine,
Grant our people and country
All your kindness and grace.

Bless us with freedom, bless us with wisdom,
Guide into kind world,
Bless us, oh Lord, with good fortune
Forever and evermore.



August 28, 2022

Covenant Of Prayer: Jennifer; Hannah; The families of Doug Froelich and Mary Bohnenblust; 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 has been deployed 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.

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance July Flooding: Across our nation this summer, there have been numerous instances of destructive flooding. PDA is working in Missouri, Virginia, and Kentucky to offer resources, process grants, and deploy National Response Team. If you would like to help with this recovery effort, you can give by cash, check, through our website, or PDA's website. Please make sure to note PDA July Flooding.

Nametag Blitz: Do you have a church nametag? If you have never had one, you may receive one free. If you need to replace a lost nametag, we ask for a donation of \$10 to cover the cost. The standard nametag will have a magnetic back. If for any reason you would like a nametag with a pin back, please indicate that after your name. Students in 5th grade and above are welcome to order a nametag.

Pillows! Pillows! We continue to shower the YWCA shelter with new pillows that each person staying at the shelter gets to keep when they leave. May these women and children always have a safe and soft place to lay their heads at night. You may bring new pillows to the West Coat Room.

visit firstpresfargo.org for more info.

music ensembles begin

Wednesday, September 7
children's and youth choirs
Adult choir, handbells, brass

**THE PILGRIMAGE:
ALTERNATIVE ORTHODOXY**

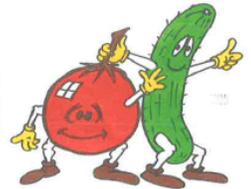
TUESDAYS 6:30-8:00PM
SEPTEMBER 13-OCTOBER 11
CONTACT MIKE WAVRA

The Banner for Ordinary Time includes symbols from our Lord's parable of the sower demonstrating the theme of Christian growth. A withered bush testifies to the seed which fell on thorny soil and did not grow. The seed which fell on good soil matured and produced fruit as seen in the mature wheat at the bottom of the banner. The banner is crafted in shades of green to symbolize the growth of Christians as they walked their road of discipleship, faces pointed always toward the triumph of the cross.

Town Hall: A new season for Fargo Town Hall is starting on September 20. This new season includes a new day, Tuesdays at 10:30 am, and a new location at Prairie Heights Church, 319 32nd Ave. West Fargo. Please visit the website fargotownhall.org for more information.

Garden Overflowing??

Can't Eat Another Tomato or Zucchini?
Donate Your Excess Fruit and Vegetables To...



You drop it here,
We donate it there.

Each Monday, 6:30-7:30 p.m. Even Labor Day!	Donate in Fargo	Donate in West Fargo
	The Bowler 2630 University Dr. S.	Holy Cross Catholic Church 2711 7 th St. E.
July 25 until the Monday following the 1 st frost	Longfellow Recycle Parking Lot 2939 Elm St. N.	Community Presbyterian Church 702 Sheyenne St.
	Donate in Horace	
Sponsors:   	In front of the water tower on Main Street Fargo, WF, Horace donations go to Emergency Food Pantry	
	Donate in Moorhead	
Each Monday 9:00 a.m-6:00 p.m. (closed Labor Day)	Trinity Lutheran Church: Corner of 8 th St. and 3 rd Ave. Parking lot of "The Village": 815 37 th Ave. S. Moorhead donations go to Dorothy Day House	
	Donate in Harwood	
	Sheyenne Gardens Harwood donations go to Emergency Food Pantry	

Questions? Please contact NDSU Cass County Extension Service, 701-241-5700

The Emergency Food Pantry is in desperate need of volunteers for the summer and into the fall. Volunteers can pick the hours, days and times that work best for them. Several different tasks are available. Please contact the Pantry directly at 701-237-9337 or contact Jan Harrison at 701-371-1855 if you have questions.

Youth and Children's Choirs Meet 'n Treat: At 6:15pm on Wednesday, August 31 the directors of our young choirs will be out in the courtyard to share Dilly Bars from DQ with those interested in joining singing choirs or handbells this year! Ages from K to Grade 12 are invited! Come meet your directors!

Hearing devices and large print copies of today's hymns are available, please ask an usher for assistance.

The Nursery is not staffed during the summer months. Parents are welcome to use the nursery while supervising their young children. There's a TV monitor in the room so that you are able to watch the service.

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, Bruce Furness, Dick Henderson, Ryan Johnston, Kurt Kooyer, Dick Laraway, Carrie Lawrence, Brian McClure, Elaine Rudd (clerk), Scott Swanholm, Paula Thomas, Kevin Tobosa, Becky Trumbo, and Jeff Wilkens.

Deacons: Brenda Deckard, Ed Deckard, Gracia Fulwiler, Rick Herberg, Beatrice Janaka, Jane Mathew (moderator), Karen Rivers, Donna Rummons, Candy Shultz, Kathleen Thomas, Debbie Tight, and Amy Wilkens. **Treasurer:** Sherri Stern

Serving at Micah's Mission continues: Thank you to those who have been preparing and serving meals at Micah's Mission (part of Churches United for the Homeless). Our commitment continues every second Thursday of the month. A sign up sheet is at the Volunteer Opportunities Board if you're wishing to help on September 8 and/or October 13. We need 4 meal preparers from 3-5pm and 4 servers from 5-7pm. Come and be a part of this longstanding partnership.

Pilgrimage: Richard Rohr "Alternative Orthodoxy" class open to all: How do contemplation, mysticism, compassion, and justice inform Christianity? With Rohr's videos facilitated by spiritual director Maren Ortmeier, this 5-session course provides new insight into age-old theology.

When: Tuesdays, 6:30-8:00 P.M., September 13 through October 11

Where: Social Hall and Zoom.

Pre-registration by September 1 is appreciated; purchase of Rohr's book is highly recommended.

Contact: Mike Wavra, wavamw@aol.com or 701- 566-1483.

Rally Day Service 2022: Join us for Rally Day on September 11 at 10:30 am. We will worship on the lawn and then share a meal, play games, and listen to live jazz with the Max Johnk trio after worship. You are encouraged to bring lawn chairs, blankets and your backpacks, devices and diaper bags to be blessed during the service!

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

Sunday, August 28

11:30 Coffee & Fellowship

Monday, Aug. 29

No Church Events

Tuesday, Aug. 30

9:00 Bulletin Insert Articles Due

1:00 Staff Meeting

Wednesday, Aug. 31

6:15 Meet n' Treat for Young Choirs

Thursday, Sept. 1

4:00 Wedding Rehearsal

5:00 Nurturing Parenting Meal & Classes

Friday, Sept. 2

4:00 Wedding

Saturday, Sept. 3

No Church Events

Sunday, Sept. 4

10:30 Worship & Communion (L)

11:30 Fellowship

Reminder: Use the QR code found in the bulletin to access the secure giving portal on our website!

For Your Information

August 21 Attendance:

79 in person;

33 households livestreamed

Contributions received: \$7966.61



Church Information

Summer Office Hours:
M-TH, 9:00 am-3:00 pm
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Church Staff

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