



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.

October 11, 2026

We Gather in Christ

PRELUDE

Just a Closer Walk with Thee
Second Avenue Band

WELCOME

Rev. Sarah M. Bigwood

MOMENT OF SILENCE

Gracious God, quiet the need within me to defend myself, prove myself, or have the last word. Help me listen with humility and see myself and others through the eyes of your grace. Give me courage to loosen my grip and make room for something new. Amen.

✠CALL TO WORSHIP

Bruce Maylath

Come, not because we have everything figured out,
but because God meets us with mercy.
Come, not because we have earned our place,
but because grace has made room for us.
Come with hearts ready to learn and to be changed.
Let us worship the God who makes all things new.

✠HYMN 301

All Are Welcome (vs. 1,2,4,5)

✠CONFESSION AND DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Merciful God, we confess how tightly we hold to our own way. We defend when we could listen, cling to old hurts when we could seek healing, and allow pride to keep us from words that might mend what is broken. Forgive us when being right becomes more important than being loving. Give us the humility to admit when we are wrong, the courage to make amends, and the grace to leave room for others to do the same. In the silence, we confess the ways our pride is getting in the way of our relationships.

a moment of silence for personal confession

Search us, O God, and know our hearts.

Lead us in the way everlasting.

...Friends, believe in the good news of the gospel,
in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Amen.

✧ **RESPONSE**

God's Goodness Is Eternal



✧ **PASSING OF THE PEACE**

The Word

SCRIPTURE

Titus 3:3-7, pp. 1087

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

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

GIFT OF MUSIC

Why Me, Lord

Kristofferson

Men's Quartet; Jessica Poyzer, piano

SERMON

Pride

✧ **HYMN 300**

We Are One in the Spirit

✧ **PROFESSION OF FAITH**

Confession of 1967, 9.21-9.22

The reconciling work of Jesus was the supreme crisis in the life of humankind. His cross and resurrection become personal crisis and present hope for men and women when the gospel is proclaimed and believed. In this experience, the Spirit brings God's forgiveness to all, moves people to respond in faith, repentance, and obedience, and initiates the new life in Christ. The new life takes shape in a community in which people know that God loves and accepts them in spite of what they are. They therefore accept themselves and love others, knowing that no one has any ground on which to stand, except God's grace.

Background: The Confession of 1967 was the first new confession of faith to be added to the body of creeds we profess as Presbyterians in over three centuries. It was developed around a single passage of Scripture from Second Corinthians: "In Christ God was reconciling the world to himself..." (5:19, NRSV). The confession addresses the church's role in the modern world, how the church ought to approach scripture, social problems, discrimination, nationalism, and class conflict. It calls upon Christians to be reconciled to God and to one another.

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



MINUTE FOR STEWARDSHIP

Mark Danielson

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OFFERTORY

What a Wonderful World

Second Avenue Band

✧ RESPONSE

O God Beyond All Praising



✧ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Bearing the Word into the World

✧ HYMN 35

Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

✧ BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

Second Avenue Band

Thank you to Thomas & Fred Hudson on livestream and soundboard, Bruce Maylath for assisting in worship, and our Welcome Team: Tom Dawson, David Hoffman, Tom Bigwood, Mark Danielson, and Marcia Foss & friends for taking such good care of us this morning. A special thank you to our musicians: the Men's Quartet and the Second Avenue Band.

Men's Quartet: Mike Wavra, Jack Lawrence, Sam Johnson, Bryan Poyzer.

2nd Ave. Band: Penny Andrist, ukelele; Josh Argall, saxophone; Jack Lawrence, percussion; Brian Peterson, guitar; Jessica Poyzer, piano; Bryan Poyzer, bass; Mike Wavra, trumpet; Pam Andrist-Burns, coordinator.