



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.

April 05, 2026

We Gather in Christ

PRELUDE

Christ Arose
Matthew Pechtl, organ

arr. Pechtl

WELCOME

Rev. Sarah M. Bigwood

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.

OPENING WORDS

Early in the Morning
Thom M. Shuman

✧ HYMN 233

The Day of Resurrection!

✧ CONFESSION & ASSURANCE

Rev. Nancy Emerson

Lord Jesus, through the power of the Holy Spirit we have been raised from the waters of baptism to share in your glorious resurrection. Yet we have not lived as Easter people. Like Mary, we weep at the tomb because we do not recognize your presence. Call us by name, risen Lord, that we may know you with confidence. Whenever we are tempted to fear death, give us courage to confess your Easter victory. Whenever we are distracted by petty conflicts, keep our minds on your reconciling love. Whenever we are overwhelmed by the power of evil, reveal again to us your triumph over the destructive powers of oppression. Forgive us our sin and let our lives be a testimony to your salvation through the love of God and by the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Listen, church: God who raised Jesus from the dead has not given us over to death.

Christ is Risen!

He is Risen Indeed!

Friends, believe in the Good News of the Gospel.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Amen.

❖ **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

Canticle for Easter

arr. David Williams

Sanctuary & Proclamation Choirs;

St. Andrew's Brass; Bryan Poyzer, directing

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

The Word

SCRIPTURE

Acts 10:34-43, pg. 1002

John 20:1-18, pg. 988

Whirl Story Bible pg. 410

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

SERMON

Called by Name

❖ **HYMN 246**

Christ is Alive!

arr. John Ferguson

❖ **PROFESSION OF FAITH**

Confession of 1967

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

God of Resurrection, **hear our 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



ONLINE GIVING

MINUTE FOR MISSION – *One Great Hour of Sharing*

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

OFFERTORY

The Strife is O'er

arr. Arnold 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

✦ **CLOSING HYMN**

Christ the Lord is Risen Today!

arr. Biery

Congregation with St. Andrew's Brass

"Christ the Lord is risen today!" Alleluia! Earth and heav'n in chorus 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!

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**

POSTLUDE

Lift High the Cross

arr. Pechtl

Matthew Pechtl, organ

Thank you to the Bigwood Family on livestream and soundboard, the Rev. Nancy Emerson for leading us in worship, and our Welcome Team: Colleen Ford-Dunker, Jeff Wilkens, Candy Shultz, Toby Christensen and family for taking such good care of us this morning.

A special thank you to our musicians: Matthew Pechtl, the St. Andrew's Brass directed by Jill Post; the Proclamation Choir directed by Rusty Bender; the Sanctuary Choir directed by Bryan Poyzer; and the Westminster Ringers directed by Jill Post.

The flowers that adorn the Sanctuary this morning are given...

In loving memory of

Don & Muriel Larson and Mel & Roger
Butenhoff by Al & Laura Johnson
Lori Billings by Becky Billings and Joel
Hagen

Jane Mathew, Sandi Mathew, & our
parents by Bruce & Lorraine Furness

Our Parents-Harvey & Ila Coon and
Gerry & Jean Shultz by Candy &
David Shultz

The Hansen & Vosper Families by
Claudia Hansen

Joyce & Don Ford and Dotty & Maury
Dunker by Colleen & Russell Ford-
Dunker

Ryan & Michael Weed by Connie &
Mark Weed

Wayne & Bonnie Tucker, Freemont &
Phillip Pender by Darrin Ashley;
Wyatt & Ella Tucker

A.J. & Mildred Larew by Don Larew
Loved ones by Frank & Judy Thompson

Phil Martin by Gwen Martin

Loved ones by Jackie Gilbertson &
Eleanor Deeton

Fraser Harrison by Jan Harrison

Ben Bartle & Grandpa Wally by Jeana
Scheffler

LeRoy Olauson and Donna Hagel by
Jim, Amy, Mary & Margaret Martens

Loved ones by Joe & Kathy Scheffler

Robert E. & Ruth F. Kippen; Emil & Mary
Wagenman by Ken & Marla
Wagenman

Margaret Campbell by Larry Campbell

Ed Anderson by Marion Anderson

Nane Mathew and Vicki Laraway by
Mary & Gus Staahl

Lauren & Della Peterson, Margaret
Johnson, Muriel Larson by Mary
Peterson

Jim & Mary Marsden and Phil Martens
by Maryjane, Jim, Amy, Mary &
Margaret Martens

Son, Tim, and Jane Mathew by Nancy
Johnson

Lucas & Ashley Anderson by Nikki &
Jon Anderson

Thomas Drayton by Polly Drayton

Jane Mathew and Sandy Mathew and
Ross & Peg Robson by Prakash
Mathew

Tom Tight and Marjorie & Fred Tight
and Abbie & Bob Peterson by Robert
& Deborah Tight

Amy, John & Roger Johnson, Luis &
Willy Ystenes by Sandy & Terry
Ystenes

Thomas Van Osdel by The Van Osdel
Family

L.J. & Virginia Boekelheide, Chester &
Myrna Ahlin by Thomas & Jane Ahlin

Stephen & Monna Rae Morse and Elmer
& Phyllis Haak by Tim & Linda and
Taaren Haak and Andrew & Leah
Haak Beck

Robert E. Norman by Tom & Sarah
Bigwood

In Honor Of

Our children, grandchildren, & Mary
Holtey by Bruce & Lorraine Furness
Lori Pender by Darrin Ashley; Wyatt &
Ella Tucker

All Our Family by Nicole, Jason,
Nathan, and Cullen Bolluyt

To the glory of God

Frank & Carolyn Peloubet

Gary & Sharon Secor Family

Jeff & Amy Wilkens

Steve & Terri Follingstad





First Presbyterian Church of Fargo

Upcoming Events

April 5, 2026

Craft supply swap

Sunday, April 26th

in the JRR after church until 12:30pm



*Drop off your craft supplies to the collection totes in the Foyer beginning April 12th.

Bring your unused craft supplies to share and swap on Sunday, April 26th!

Sunday, April 26th in the JRR after church until 12:30pm

Examples of crafts to bring: yarn, fabric, stamps, paints/coloring supplies, etc.

Drop items off in the box in the lobby (starting April 12th) OR prior to church on the 26th. Any leftover items will be donated.

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

Around the world, many people still lack reliable food, clean water, sanitation, education, and basic opportunity. Natural disasters and long-standing poverty continue to disrupt lives and communities. Each Eastertide, First Presbyterian Church joins congregations across the country in supporting this offering.

Through OGHS, the Presbyterian Church (USA) supports three connected ministries. Presbyterian Disaster Assistance responds to crises and helps communities rebuild. The Presbyterian Hunger Program addresses the root causes of hunger and works for sustainable solutions. Self Development of People partners with communities to create long-term change. Together, these ministries provide relief, stability, and hope.

Please consider a gift in addition to your regular pledge. Indicate One Great Hour in the memo line or on your offering envelope.

Covenant of Prayer: Concerns: Pam Andrist-Burns, blood clots; Laura Sundberg, heart; Rick Greener, pneumonia; Tim Maesse, cancer (Val A); Berta Mohagen, fall; Ralph Jones, health issues; Chuck Munro, shoulder surgery; Della Peterson, severe health issues (Judy T); Lavonne, cancer (Judy T); Richard Schenk, hip/heart; Lori Love, torn retina (Jan H). Joys: On Monday, March 9th, Session voted to welcome into membership 8 new confirmands. Nathan Lee Bolluyt, Brielle Frances Dahl, Leah Nicole Erpelding, Brynne Elise Gadberry, Asher Alan William Lunde, William Alan Peterson, Ryan Rodney Schmidt, Eleanor Ruth Torpey. Confirmation Sunday is on April 12th.

CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

April 12, 2026

Men's Bible Study - April 14th

The men's Bible study continues its exploration of the Book of Ecclesiastes with Lesson 6 on April 14th at 6:45 a.m. The group meets on the second Tuesday of each month, October through May, typically in the Jennie Roberts Room. Pastries and coffee will be served. Intended to help men understand what the Bible says in relation to what is expected of a Christian man, the study guide for Ecclesiastes can be obtained at pcusa.org/sites/default/files/087011.pdf, or you can request a copy from Bruce Maylath at ring4linguist@yahoo.com. Participants may join at any time. No advance preparation is required for each month's study.

Emergency Food Pantry



OUR WEEK TO SERVE IS APRIL 20-24
PLEASE CONTACT NANCY LIUM AT
FOODPANTRY@FIRSTPRESFARGO.ORG TO HELP



Hearing devices 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.

Wi-Fi: Wi-Fi is available throughout the church. (password: community650)

FPC Officers

Session: Curt Brickman, Kathryn Byrd, Tom Dawson, Glen Deeton (BD), Colleen Ford-Dunker, Kurt Kooyer, Dick Laraway, Brian McClure, Jim McEvers, Carolyn Peloubet (BD), Wayne Sander, Jeana Scheffler, Kathy Scheffler (BD), Troy Schmidt, Sharon Secor, Paula Thomas (Clerk), Erin Torpey, Jeff Wilkens, Steve Wonderlich.

Deacons: Jan Carlsen, Toby Christensen, Dianne Connelly, Aubrey DeCoteau, Gracia Fulwiler, Sydney Goddard, Taaren Haak, David Hoffman, Gayla McGoldrick, Brian Peterson, Mary Peterson (BD), Candy Shultz, Virginia Stern, Kathleen Thomas, Kevin Thomas, Debbie Tight, Sandy Ystenes (BD).

Church Treasurer: Sherri Stern.

Church Staff

Rev. Sarah M. Bigwood: *Senior Pastor*

Rev. Daniel Billings: *Parish Associate*

Rev. Cathie Bishop: *Parish Associate*

Rev. Nancy Emerson: *Parish Associate*

Rev. Mary Jo E. Holtey: *Pastor Emeritus*

Rusty Bender: *Director of Church Life*

Bryan Poyzer: *Adult Choir Director*

Carrie Lawrence: *Sunday School Coordinator*

Jan Lundgren: *Business Manager*

Rick Fiebiger: *Facilities Manager*

Drew Brovold: *Custodian*

Val Anderson: *Admin & Communications*

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Staff emails are: (first initial and last name) person@firstpresfargo.org

For Your Information

March 29, 2026

Attendance: 224

Contributions received: \$11,274

L: Live Stream Option, H: Hybrid, Z: Zoom

Sun, Apr 5

Easter Sunday

9:15 AM Sunday School

10:30 AM Worship Service - Fargo Site (L)

11:30 AM Fellowship

Mon, Apr 6

Office Closed

12:30 PM Nancy & Virginia Piano Practice

1:00 PM FM Music Club Program

Tue, Apr 7

4:30 PM Heart-n-Soul Meal

5:30 PM Faith Formation & Fellowship Cmt. Meeting

5:30 PM Worship Cmt. (H)

5:30 PM Mission Cmt. Meeting

6:30 PM Stewardship Committee Meeting

Wed, Apr 8

9:00 AM Organ Rehearsal (Susan Clambey)

10:00 AM Noteables Rehearsal (Jill Post)

5:00 PM Wednesday Meals

5:30 PM St. Andrew's Brass

5:30 PM Genesis Ringers

6:15 PM Children's Choirs

6:15 PM Youth Choir

6:30 PM Westminster Bells

7:00 PM Youth Group

7:30 PM Sanctuary Choir

Thu, Apr 9

12:15 PM Centering Prayer

1:00 PM Cleaning in the Sanctuary

3:00 PM Preparing at Micah's Mission

5:00 PM Serving at Micah's Mission

5:30 PM APRTF

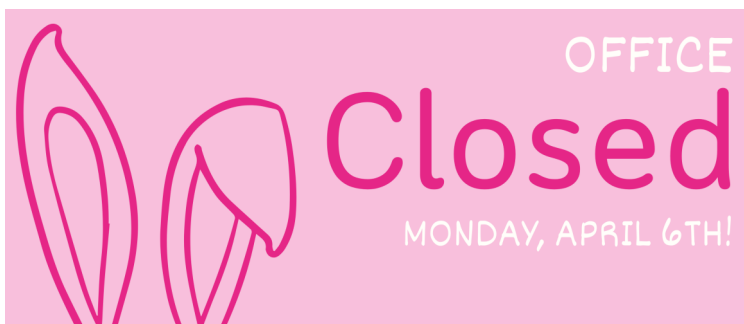
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	<h3><u>Church Information</u></h3> <p>Office Hours: M-TH, 9:00 am-4:00 pm Phone: 701-293-6311 www.firstpresfargo.org 650 2nd Ave. N. Fargo, ND 58102</p>
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