



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.

**May 24, 2026
Pentecost Sunday**

We Gather in Christ

PRELUDE

Matthew Pechtl, organ

WELCOME

Rev. Sarah M. Bigwood

MOMENT OF SILENCE

Holy Spirit, fall afresh on me today. Open my heart to receive what has been handed down in faith, and give me courage to carry it forward with humility and joy. Remind me that your power is not trapped in one person, one place, or one generation, but keeps moving wherever you call your people to serve and love. Amen.

OPENING WORDS

Elder Wayne Sander

✧ HYMN 289

On Pentecost They Gathered

✧ CONFESSION AND DECLARATION OF FORGIVENES

Holy Spirit, we confess that we try to hold your power still. We want faith to stay familiar. We want your gifts to come through people we already trust. We want the future to look like the past we understand. Forgive us for trusting our grief more than we trust in the future you are placing before us. Forgive us for forgetting that your Spirit moves through young and old, through dreamers and prophets, through people we might have overlooked. Fall afresh on us. Give us courage to receive the mantle of faith, and humility to pass it on.

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

❖ **RESPONSE 284**

Holy Spirit, Come to Us
Holy Spirit, come to us;
kindle in us the fire of your love.
Holy Spirit, come to us.
Holy Spirit, come to us.

❖ **PASSING OF THE PEACE**

GIFT OF MUSIC

Come Down, O Love Divine
Matthew Pechtl, violin; Rusty Bender, piano

arr. Bender/Pechtl

The Word

SCRIPTURE

Acts 2:1-4, pp. 992
2 Kings 2:1-15, pp. 328
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Whirl Story Bible, pg. 110

SERMON

Afresh

❖ **HYMN 280**

Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us

❖ **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



MINUTE FOR MISSION

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

OFFERTORY

In the Midst of New Dimensions
Rusty Bender, piano; Matthew Pechtl, organ

arr. Bender/Pechtl

✦ **RESPONSE 288**

Spirit of the Living God

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Melt me; mold me; fill me; use me.

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

✦ **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Bearing the Word into the World

✦ **HYMN 287**

Gracious Spirit, Heed Our Pleading

✦ **BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Matthew Pechtl, organ

Thank you to Tom Bigwood and Nick Winistorfer on livestream and soundboard, Wayne Sander for assisting in worship, and our Welcome Team: Dick Laraway, Gracia Fulwiler, Debbie Tight, and Troy Schmidt and family, for taking such good care of us this morning. A special thank you to our musicians: Matthew Pechtl and Rusty Bender.



First Presbyterian Church of Fargo
Upcoming Events

May 24, 2026

ONGOING PRAYERS

Concerns: Cuyler Colwell died on May 10, private funeral held (Ruth C); Connor Felchle, deployed to Iran (Kim W.); The Family of Marlene Schmidt who died on May 16; Tim Maesse, leg surgery (Val A); Dick Crockett died on May 9, 2026 (Susan Crockett); Berta Mohagen, hand surgery; Erin Torpey, knee; Richard Schenk, infection; Rick Greener, recovering; Delbert Bossingham, lung cancer; Bonnie, cancer (Judy T.); Mark Cox (Sandy Y).

Joys: Congratulations to our High School Graduates: Jaden Argall, Mari Follingstad, Gavin Marsden, Peter Sambo, and Jonah Torpey.



Help Us Celebrate 150 Years

In 2027, First Presbyterian Church will celebrate 150 years since our charter. One of our newest members, Jeana Scheffler, has enthusiastically agreed to chair the 150th Anniversary Task Force. Jeana came to us through the Baker Downer location, lives and works in the area, and serves on Ses-

sion as a representative of the Fargo location.

We are looking for people who would love to help create a fantastic year of events, activities, storytelling, and evangelism as we celebrate this milestone. The task force will meet initially on Sundays after worship for 45 minutes. Dates will be determined by participants.

Please contact Jeana at anniversary@firstpresfargo.org if you would like to be part of the planning.



Midwest KidFest

We are once again joining with other Presbyterian Churches in the area to host a booth at the 2026 Midwest Kid Fest. You can help teach children how to fold origami bowls and then fill them with the caramel apples as a sweet but nutritious treat. Sign up for a two hour shift by using the QR code or



At VBS kids explore the nature of God through songs, Bible stories, hands-on science, outdoor games and more!

- ◆ **5:30pm** A meal for the whole family!
- ◆ **6:00pm** Kids ages 4 up to the 4th grade, move with their group through four exciting Stations!
- ◆ **8:00pm** Wrap up/Clean up!

Register today to be a part of the fun! Already graduated 4th grade? No worries, sign up to volunteer and Carrie will find your perfect place!

Meal volunteers: Easy and successful meal ideas; taco in a bag, sloppy joes, etc. OR provide a side dish; salad, fruit, chips, veggies, etc. OR bring a dessert.

Activity assistants: VBS kids travel through four stations each evening, so whether you've a love of science, storytelling, outdoor games or faith and scripture. We have a place for you; no experience required.

Be a shepherd! Lead groups of children through the four stations. We'll work with your volunteer schedule. Even if you don't have kids in the program, we still want your talents to enrich the experience for all! We will work with your schedule!

Sign ups are located in the gathering space. (JRR)

Contact Carrie Lawrence:

clawrence@firstpresfargo.org 701-361-6162

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*

admin.assistant@firstpresfargo.org

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

For Your Information

May 17, 2026

Attendance: 215

Contributions received: \$2692.25

Upcoming Events:

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

Sun, May 24

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

11:30 AM Fellowship (Fargo)

Mon, May 25

Office Closed

11:00 AM PEO Chapter Y (Shelley Zietz)

12:30 PM Nancy & Virginia Piano Practice

Wed, May 27

9:00 AM Organ Rehearsal (Susan Clambey)

Thu, May 28

12:15 PM Centering Prayer

1:00 PM Cleaning in the Sanctuary

Sun, May 31

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

11:30 AM Fellowship (Fargo)

11:30 AM 150th Task Force



Church Information

Office Hours:

M-TH, 9:00 am-4:00 pm

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