



**FIRST
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH**

preach, teach, heal, & serve

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.

July 05, 2026

We Gather in Christ

PRELUDE

Matthew Pechtl, organ

WELCOME

Elder Rusty Bender

MOMENT OF SILENCE

Author of life, you cast your glory all around us and meet us in every moment of our days. By the power of your Spirit, draw near to us now and in the week ahead, that we may learn to rest in your presence and walk in your light. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, our hope and our rest. Amen.

OPENING WORDS

Come Unto Me
by Debbie Harris

✦ **HYMN 331**

God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand

✦ **CONFESSION AND DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

Elder Wayne Sander

Merciful God, in your gracious presence we confess our sin and the sin of this world. We are a people divided against ourselves as we cling to the values of a broken world. The profit and pleasures we pursue lay waste the land and pollute the seas. The fears and jealousies we harbor set neighbor against neighbor and nation against nation. We abuse your good gifts of imagination and freedom, of intellect and reason, and have turned them into bonds of oppression. Lord, have mercy upon us; heal and forgive us. Set us free to serve you in the world as agents of your reconciling love in Jesus Christ.

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

✦ **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.

✦ **PASSING OF THE PEACE**

The Word

SCRIPTURE

Romans 7:15-25a, pp. 1029
Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30, pp. 887
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Carried

✦ **HYMN 340**

This Is My Song

The Sacrament of Communion

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

Rev. Sarah M. Bigwood

PASTORAL PRAYER

Lord, in your mercy,
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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

HYMN OF APPROACH 182

*I Heard the Voice of
Jesus Say (vs. 1-2)*

COMMUNION MUSIC

Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us
Nancy Norris and Virginia Stern, piano duo

arr. Joel Raney

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Responding to the Word



MINUTE FOR MISSION

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

OFFERTORY

God of Our Fathers
Nancy Norris and Virginia Stern, piano duo

arr. Carl Seal

✦ **RESPONSE 612**

We Praise You, O God (vs.1)

We praise you, O God, our Redeemer, Creator;
in grateful devotion our tribute we bring.
We lay it before you; we kneel and adore you;
we bless your holy name; glad praises we sing.

✦ **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Bearing the Word into the World

✦ **HYMN 341**

O God, Show Mercy to Us

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Matthew Pechtl, organ

Thank you to Nick Winistorfer and Tetteh Dottey on livestream and soundboard, Elders Rusty Bender and Wayne Sander for leading in worship, and our Welcome Team: Gracia Fulwiler, Marcia Foss and friends, Jeana Scheffler, Kurt Kooyer, Dick Laraway, and Murray Moen for taking such good care of us this morning. A special thank you to our musicians: Matthew Pechtl, Nancy Norris and Virginia Stern.

First Presbyterian Church

Fargo, ND

Sunday, July 5, 2026

Contribution Statements:

Contribution statements through May 31st have been emailed. Please look them over carefully. It is much easier (and less stressful) to make any corrections to your offerings now rather than at the year end. Contact Jan or Val in the office with any questions. Thank you.

~Baker Downer~

- **July 1st through July 29th** – Field Days at the Baker Baseball Diamond will continue every Wednesday. Clean-up, repairs, and painting are right on schedule and looking awesome! Please join us in fellowship from 5:30pm to 6:30pm for hotdogs, chips, and drinks!
- **July 8th** – Come have some fun in the sun as we celebrate summer with our Annual Ice Cream Social at the games!



We're in your neighborhood!

heartnsoulcafe.com

Heart-n-Soul Community Café serves supper from its food trailer in the First Presbyterian's west parking lot on the first Wednesday of every month through October, 4:30-6:30 p.m. Remaining dates in 2026 are:



July 1st
August 5th
September 2nd
October 7th



Everyone's invited. Come for the tasty food and stay to meet your neighbors! There's no cost, but free will donations are encouraged.

YUM!
All Church Ice Cream Social
15 July - 6:30 to 8 p.m.
Trollwood Park Main Shelter
3664 Elm Street North Fargo

- live music
- time to chat
- playground for kiddos

Brought to you by the Faith Formation & Fellowship committee

First Presbyterian Church of Fargo

GUEST PREACHERS

WORSHIP
10:30 A.M.

Our extremely talented lay preachers take over for a few weeks this summer. Come hear the good news of the gospel through their fresh perspectives and deep love for God's people.

- BRUCE MAYLATH**
JUNE 21
- BRIAN MCCLURE**
JUNE 28
- RUSTY BENDER**
JULY 5

Church Information

Upcoming Events

Sun, Jul 5

All Day Communion

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

11:30 AM Fellowship (Fargo)

Mon, Jul 6

All Day Office Closed

12:30 PM Nancy & Virginia Piano Practice

Tue, Jul 7

5:30 PM Faith Formation & Fellowship Cmt. Meeting

5:30 PM Personnel Meeting

5:30 PM Mission Cmt. Meeting

Wed, Jul 8

6:00 PM Baker Ball Park Ice Cream Social

Thu, Jul 9

1:00 PM Cleaning in the Sanctuary

3:00 PM Preparing at Micah's Mission

5:00 PM Serving at Micah's Mission

Sun, Jul 12

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

11:30 AM Fellowship (Fargo) - Brown Baptism

Church Information

Office Hours:

M-TH, 9:00am - 3:00pm

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Church Officers

Session: 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.

For Your Information

Sunday, June 28, 2026

Attendance: 89

Online Worship: 27

Ongoing Prayers

Jan Harrison recovering from a fall, Miles Middleton was killed, along with seven others in the B52 plane crash last week in California. Please hold their friends and family in your loving embrace as they face this tragedy. Berta Mohagen, rehabilitation and recovery; Richard Schenck, leg; Jan Harrison, back; Connor Felchle, deployed to Iran (Kim W.)

Worship Notes

Hearing devices are available. Please ask an usher for assistance.

Nursery staff will be present beginning at 9:15 for infants through 3 years old in the nursery complex on the 1st floor.

Activity Bags for children are fun-filled tote bags located at both doors.

Restrooms are located in the Gathering Space and on the lower level.

Prayer Request 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 are available at the Welcome Center near the west doors. The candle burning on the chancel symbolizes peace, and we ask guests to take a candle back to your church as a gift from us.

Wi-Fi is available throughout the church. Password: community650

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

Matthew Pecht!: Organist

Carrie Lawrence: Sunday School Coordinator

Jan Lundgren: Business Manager

Rick Fiebiger: Facilities Manager

Drew Brovold: Custodian

Val Anderson: Admin & Communications,

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