



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.

June 21, 2026

We Gather in Christ

PRELUDE

Matthew Pechtl, organ

WELCOME

Elder Rusty Bender

MOMENT OF SILENCE

God of signs and wonders, you have revealed to us that Jesus Christ is your son and our Savior. Strengthen our faith, that we may have life in Christ's name. Amen.

✠ CALL TO WORSHIP

Blessed be the God of our Savior, Jesus Christ!

God has given us a new birth in the living hope of the resurrection.

God has given us an inheritance that is imperishable and unfading.

In this we rejoice, even when we suffer trials.

For although we have not seen Jesus, we love him;

and although we have not seen him, we believe in him.

For the outcome of our faith is the salvation of our souls.

✠ HYMN 238

Thine Is the Glory

✠ CONFESSION AND DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

God, you have made known to us the ways of life. Yet, too often, we put other things above you and turn away from the ways of life and toward the ways of death. Forgive us and guide us back into your presence, that we may know the fullness of joy. Amen.

...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**

GIFT OF MUSIC

O How He Loves You and Me
Joni Lordeman, piano

Kurt Kaiser

The Word

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 16, pp. 485
John 20:19-31, pp.989
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

What Can We Believe?

Elder Bruce Maylath

✦ **HYMN 629**

Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee

✦ **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 – Downtown Egnagement Center

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

OFFERTORY

What a Friend We Have in Jesus
Joni Lordeman, piano

arr. Victor Labenske

✦ **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 307**

God of Grace and God of Glory

✦ **BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Matthew Pechtl, organ

Thank you to the Tom Bigwood and Josh Trumbo on livestream and soundboard, Elder Bruce Maylath for sharing the Good News, and our Welcome Team: Jeana Scheffler, Gayla McGoldrick, Gracia Fulwiler, and Becky Trumbo for taking such good care of us this morning. A special thank you to our musicians: Matthew Pechtl, and Joni Lordeman.

First Presbyterian Church

Fargo, ND

Sunday, June 21, 2026

VBS Special Thank You!

Thank you leaders, shepherds and parents for all the work and dedication you put into this year's Rainforest Falls VBS adventure! I am grateful to each and every one of you. The kids had a fun week!

Children's ministry programs cannot happen without support from folks like you. Thank you! huge thank you to all the volunteers, donors, decorators, shoppers, and meal preparers.

~ Carrie Lawrence ~

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 year end. Contact Jan or Val in the office with any questions.

Adult VBS

Adult VBS is back! By popular demand, Adult Vacation Bible School returns to 1st Presbyterian this summer, Monday–Thursday, June 22-25, 7:00–8:00 p.m., in the Jennie Roberts Room.

Monday and Tuesday evenings will feature presentations by Bruce Maylath, starting with the sequel to last year's presentation, "Translating the Bible," followed by "What Happened to Jesus at Easter?" drawn from historian Paul L. Maier's book First Easter.

On Wednesday, Kurt Kooyer will present "Medieval Corruption: Catalyst for the Reformation." The series will wrap up on Thursday with Scott Holdman and Fred Hudson presenting "Foundations for Presbyterianism: Room for Doubt and Space to Believe." Please join us for hymns, scripture, discussion, and insights.



Micah's Mission Signup

Micah's Mission VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Every second Thursday, we prepare a hot meal at Micah's Mission. We'd love your help and your company. 2 hour shifts available.

preparers 3-5pm
servers 5-7pm

Please sign up on the volunteer board at church near the coat room or on-line here: <https://www.firstpresfargo.org/micah>

Thank you in advance for your willingness to serve the hungry in our communities.



Second Tuesday of
each Month
Meal Prep: 3-5pm

First Presbyterian Church of Fargo

GUEST PREACHERS

BRUCE MAYLATH
JUNE 21

BRIAN MCCLURE
JUNE 28

RUSTY BENDER
JULY 5

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.

Church Information

Upcoming Events

Sun, Jun 21

10:30 AM Worship Service - Fargo Site (L)
11:30 AM H&S Food Truck
11:30 AM Fellowship (Fargo)
11:30 AM 150th Task Force

Mon, Jun 22

8:30 AM Sollera Counseling
8:30 AM Sollera Counseling
8:30 AM Sollera Counseling
8:30 AM Sollera Counseling
12:30 PM Nancy & Virginia Piano Practice
7:00 PM VBS ADULTS

Tue, Jun 23

8:30 AM Sollera Counseling
8:30 AM Sollera Counseling
8:30 AM Sollera Counseling
8:30 AM Sollera Counseling
7:00 PM VBS ADULTS

Wed, Jun 24

8:30 AM Sollera Counseling
8:30 AM Sollera Counseling
8:30 AM Sollera Counseling
8:30 AM Sollera Counseling
9:00 AM Organ Rehearsal (Susan Clambey)
7:00 PM VBS ADULTS

Thu, Jun 25

8:30 AM Sollera Counseling
8:30 AM Sollera Counseling
8:30 AM Sollera Counseling
8:30 AM Sollera Counseling
1:00 PM Cleaning in the Sanctuary
7:00 PM VBS ADULTS

Fri, Jun 26

8:30 AM Sollera Counseling
8:30 AM Sollera Counseling
8:30 AM Sollera Counseling
8:30 AM Sollera Counseling

Sat, Jun 27

11:00 AM Chapter Y-PEO (Monthly Meeting)

Sun, Jun 28

10:30 AM Worship Service - Fargo Site (L)
11:30 AM Fellowship (Fargo)

Ongoing Prayers

Concerns: 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
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Staff emails are: first initial + last name @ firstpresfargo.org.

Church Information

Office Hours:
M-TH, 9:00am - 3:00pm
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For Your Information

Sunday, June 14, 2026
Attendance: 160
Contributions: \$6,020