

Welcome to First Presbyterian Church Fargo, North Dakota

2nd Sunday after Epiphany January 19, 2020 10:30 am



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.*

We Gather in Christ

Prelude

Herr Christ, der Einge Gottes-Sohn, BWV 601
Dillon Swanson, guest organist

J.S. Bach

Prayer of the Day

Holy God, you sent your son to be the light of the world, so that all may know the brightness of your love. Fill us with your grace this day that we too may bear witness to his light and serve your coming reign. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Welcome and Concerns of the Church

Kayla Bones

*Call to Worship

Sing a new song, a song of thanks and praise,
for God has done wondrous deeds,
and is great beyond compare!
Let us worship God!

*Hymn 269

Lead On, O King Eternal!

*Call to Confession

Let us confess our sins to God,
for the Holy One is steadfast in love
and always ready to forgive.

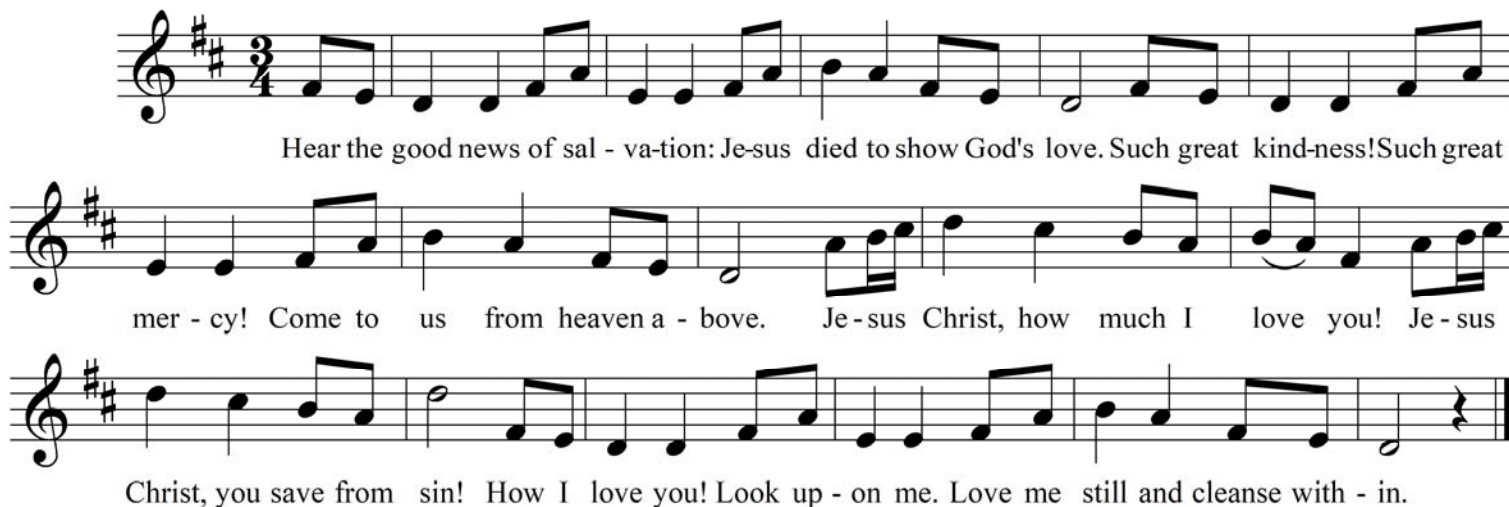
*Prayer of Confession

Mothering God, we have chased after foolish things, and spent our strength on vanity; our labor has been in vain. Deliver us from arrogance and forgive our self-concern, that we may find our reward with you, as servants of your dream. Through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

*Assurance of God's Forgiveness

*Response 441

Hear the Good News of Salvation



Hear the good news of sal - va-tion: Je-sus died to show God's love. Such great kind-ness! Such great mer - cy! Come to us from heaven a - bove. Je - sus Christ, how much I love you! Je - sus Christ, you save from sin! How I love you! Look up - on me. Love me still and cleanse with - in.

*Passing of the Peace (due to colds & flu, greet one another without obligation to shake hands)

Gift of Music

Agnus Dei
Sanctuary Choir; Dr. Erynn Millard, director

Gilpin

The Word

Prayer for Illumination

Brian McClure

First Lesson

1 Corinthians 1:1-9

Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes,
To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind— just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you— so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

May God bless the reading and hearing of this portion of the holy Word.

The next day he saw Jesus coming towards him and declared, ‘Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, “After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.” I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.’ And John testified, ‘I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, “He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.” And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God.’

The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, ‘Look, here is the Lamb of God!’ The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, ‘What are you looking for?’ They said to him, ‘Rabbi’ (which translated means Teacher), ‘where are you staying?’ He said to them, ‘Come and see.’ They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o’clock in the afternoon. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, ‘We have found the Messiah’ (which is translated Anointed). He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, ‘You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas’ (which is translated Peter).

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

Sermon

The Rev. Mary Jo E. Holtey

***Hymn 410**

God is Calling

Children’s Message

Penny Andrist

A Service of Baptism (please see insert)

Prayers of the People and 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

Offering

Offertory

Excerpt from “Chorale in A Minor

Franck

***Response**

Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessing flow;
Praise Christ, all people here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen

***Prayer of Dedication**

Bearing the Word into the World

***Hymn 749**

Come! Live in the Light!

***Benediction**

Postlude

Toccata on "Rise, Shine, You People"

Cherwin



Covenant Of Prayer: Mary Bohnenblust for valve replacement; Kellie Pifer's mother, Carolyn; Linda Warncke; all children in the foster care system and devoted professionals making difficult decisions about their placement; Sarah; those who are homeless in our community; and our sister congregation, Chogoria.

Remembering Our Soldiers In Prayer: Angelica Martin, KY; Daniel Martin, KS; Will Van Osdel, CA; Tom Drayton, LA; Stacey Lockwood, Middle East; Bryan Spear, in the states. If you have a loved one in the military, please let Pastor Mary know and we'll include his/her name.

Holy Buckets: During January we will continue to collect winter gear for children and youth on the Spirit Lake Reservation, particularly the community at Bdecan Presbyterian Church. In addition to the winter gear, we will also collect new and gently used linens – twin, full and queen sheet sets, as well as bath towel sets. Please place your donations in the green buckets under the Volunteer Opportunities Board. Thank you for your continued thoughtfulness and generosity.

A Request from B&G and Personnel: Please consider ***NOT*** bringing beverages and food into the Sanctuary—to respect this sacred space, protect our new pew cushions, and avoid spills and cleanup. Coffee and snacks are available in the Gathering Space after the service. This request does *not* apply to bottles and Cheerios for young children. There is no need to reprimand anyone who is not aware of this preference.

Pew Pride: You are reminded to make sure your hymnals/Bibles are facing outward, friendship pads are stationed near the center aisle, and the **“Welcome the Wiggle/ABC’s of Worship”** inserts are showing out of the Bibles when you leave your pew. A minute of your time will greatly help keep our sanctuary looking neat and organized.

Meals on Wheels: Valley Senior Services is looking for volunteers to deliver for Meals On Wheels. MOW is a program for seniors age 60+ who are homebound that receive daily hot nutritious meals at no cost to meet nutritional needs. We are looking for anybody who has a vehicle to pick up a route and deliver meals. Pick up starts between 10:45-11:10 am depending on designated pick-up location. A route should only take 1 hour of your time. Whether you can volunteer a lot or once a month we can work with you to find a day that works best! For more information, please call (701) 293-1440 or email kgillette@fargoparks.com

Who’s Gonna Be the Chili Champ? The chili cook-off is **TODAY after worship** in the Social Hall. Head downstairs for some chili, cornbread, chips, veggies and dessert. Hot dogs are also available. A free will donation will be taken, and you’ll vote for your favorite chili with your \$\$\$\$. The chili maker with the most \$\$\$ wins a spot on the Chili Champ trophy, and all proceeds go to support the children/youth of the church.

Hosted Concert: The January program for Fargo Moorhead Music Club will be “Jazz in January” presented by Michael Helm, jazz pianist. This free **program will be on January 20, at 1:00 pm** in the Jennie Roberts Room, followed by a reception. All are welcome to attend!

PW News: The PW Circles will meet on **Tuesday, January 21** as follows: Naomi/Circle meets at 9:30 am at the church; Esther Circle meets at 9:30 am at the Humphrey Residence (1632 51st St. S. #107, 58103), and Rachel Circle meets at 1:00 pm at the church. Lesson 5 will be the focus.

Spirituality of Landscape: The landscape has a way of shaping our thoughts about God. We will sample the writings of Belden Lane and wonder about how we can love God more fully by appreciating the beauty and power of landscape. Join us **January 26, from 4:00-6:00 pm**, in the Jennie Roberts Room.

New Combined Choirs! The Proclamation Choir for grades 7-12 will be taking a hiatus from January-March. All members of that choir are invited to join the Kids of the Kingdom Choir, directed by Pam Burns, to form a “Winter Choir” which will sing in church on the Sundays of February 9 & March 8. That choir rehearses at **6:15 pm on Wednesdays on the 2nd floor in Classroom 4**. The Proclamation Choir will resume regular rehearsals on April 1 to prepare for their tradition of singing “When Jesus Wept” from the balcony on Maundy Thursday and the music for the Children’s and Youth Sunday.

Pillows! Pillows! We continue to shower the YWCA shelter with new pillows that each person staying at the shelter gets to keep when they leave. May these women and children always have a safe and soft place to lay their heads at night. You may bring your pillows to the West Coat Room.

Separate Checks Please: When making multiple payments/donations, please write separate checks for each. For example, when making your pledge payment and paying your Per Capita, write 2 checks instead of totaling the amounts and writing one check. Thank you.

Check the Lost & Found: Lose an earring? Can’t find that sweater that you were wearing the other day? Check the Lost and Found box located in the West Foyer Coat Room. Unclaimed items will be donated at the end of each season.

A Peek @ Next Week:

Sanctuary Choir participates in worship.

Hearing devices and large print copies of today's hymns 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)

Church Staff

Rev. Dr. Paul H. Lang-Pastor, Head of Staff

Rev. Mary Jo E. Holtey-Associate Pastor

Sally Harmon-Music Coordinator & Organist

Dr. Erynn Millard-Adult Choir Director

Jan Lundgren-Business Manager

Monica Gelinske-Administrative Assistant

Penny Andrist-Children's Ministry Coordinator

Kayla Bones-Youth & Young Adult Ministry Coordinator

Rick Fiebiger-Facilities Manager

Drew Brovold-Custodian

All staff emails are:

(first initial and last name of person)@firstpresfargo.org

Mindy Argall, Melissa Gadberry, Alexa Lajimodiere -
Nursery Attendants

FPC Officers

Session: Kim Carter, Tom Clusiau, Lisa Edison-Smith, Bruce Furness, Dick Henderson, Ryan Johnston, Roberta Mohagen, Joni Nudell (clerk), Elaine Rudd, Troy Schmidt, Mary Staahl, Scott Swanholm, Paula Thomas, and Kevin Tobosa.

Deacons: Kelly Brickman, Ed Deckard, Rick Herberg, Beatrice Janaka, Robin Kee, Sarah Lang, Bob Morton, Brian Peterson, Jean Pladson, Karen Rivers, Andrea Smith, Craig Tait, Josh Trumbo (moderator), and Jane Wolff.

Treasurer: Sherri Stern

Sunday, January 19

11:30 Chili Cook-off

12:00 Confirmation

6:30 Narcotics Anonymous

Monday, January 20

9:00 Mon. Morning Men's Grp. (Fargo Fryn' Pan)

1:00 FM Area Music Club Concert -FREE

6:30 Session

Tuesday, January 21

8:30 Bulletin Articles Due

9:00 Naomi-Ruth Circle / Esther Circle (off site)

1:00 Staff Mtg. / Rachel Circle

6:30 Narcotics Anonymous

Wednesday, January 22

1:00 Library Cmt.

5:30 Genesis Ringers / St. Andrew's Brass

6:15 Children & Youth Choirs

6:30 Pilgrimage Guides / Westminster Ringers

7:00 Youth Group

7:30 Sanctuary Choir

Thursday, January 23

8:00 Messenger Articles Due

Friday, January 24

4:00 Youth Leave for Snow Camp

Saturday, January 25

No Church Activities

Sunday, January 26

9:15 Sunday School for ALL

10:30 Worship Service

No Confirmation

4:00 Pilgrimage: Spirituality of Landscape

6:30 Compass Group #1 / Narcotics Anonymous

For Your Information

January 12 Worship Attendance: 180

Contributions Received: \$5,648.65



Church Information

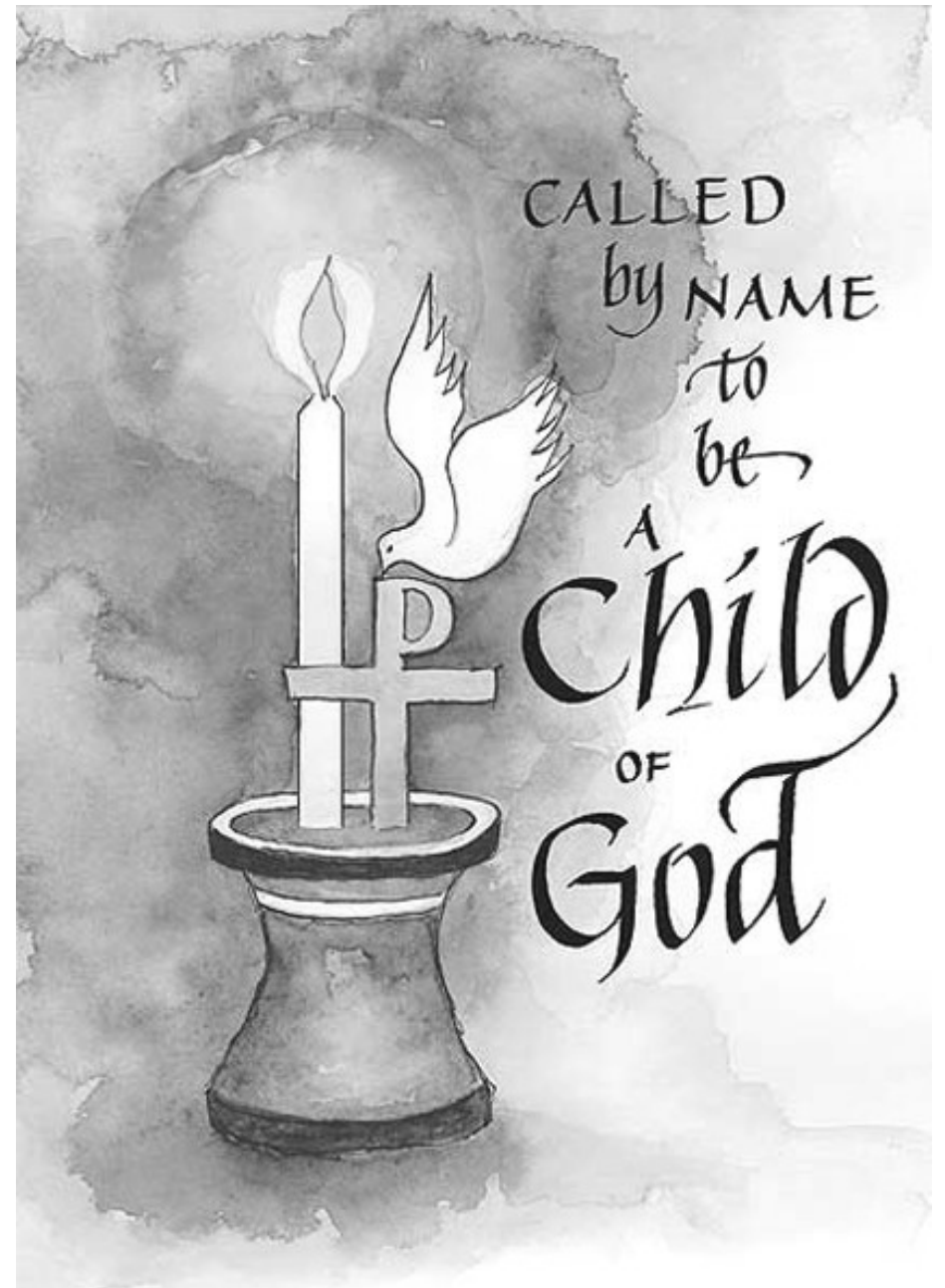
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M-TH, 8:30 am-4:00 pm

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A Service of Baptism

Sacrament
of Baptism

Zara Clayton Mathew and Isabelle Sandra Mathew,
children of Trevor & Emily Mathew
Prakash Mathew, presiding elder

Presentation

Parents: Do you desire that Zara and Isabelle be baptized?
I do.
Relying on God’s grace, do you promise to live the Christian faith, and to teach that faith to your children?
I do.
Sponsors: Do you promise, through prayer and example, to support and encourage Zara and Isabelle to be faithful Christians?
I do.
Congregation: Do we, as members of the church of Jesus Christ, promise to guide and nurture Zara and Isabelle by word and deed, with love and prayer, encouraging them to know and follow Christ and to be faithful members of his church?
We do.

Profession of Faith

Renunciations *(parents)*

Trusting in the gracious mercy of God, do you turn from the ways of sin and renounce evil and its power in the world?
I do.
Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Lord and Savior, trusting in his grace and love?
I do.
Will you be Christ’s faithful disciple, obeying his Word and showing his love?
I will, with God’s help.

*Profession

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.

Thanksgiving Over the Water

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.
We give you thanks, Eternal God,...

The Baptism

Laying On of Hands

Welcome

Zara and Isabelle have been received into the one holy catholic and apostolic church through baptism. God has made them members of the household of God, to share with us in the priesthood of Christ. Let us welcome the newly baptized.
With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you into Christ’s church to share with us in his ministry, for we are all one in Christ.

Baptismal Response

Jesus Loves Me

Combined Choirs