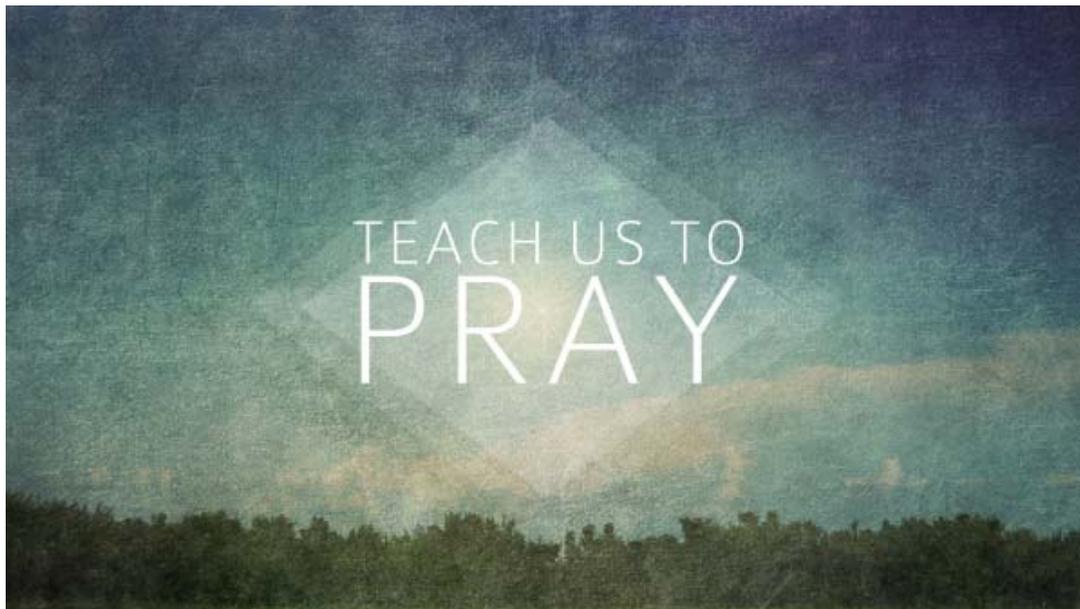


Welcome to First Presbyterian Church Fargo, North Dakota

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time July 28, 2019 10:30 am



We are grateful for your presence with us today!

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

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

arr. Young

Prayer of the Day

Holy God, you are our faithful lover, our generous parent, our patient teacher, our constant friend. We live by the hope of your promises, seek to follow your way, and rely on the gift of your Spirit, by whose power we breathe, and move, and pray. Amen.

Welcome and Concerns of the Church

Kayla Bones

***Call to Worship**

Show us your steadfast love, O Lord, and grant us your salvation.

The Lord will speak peace to the faithful, to those who turn to God in their hearts.

Surely salvation is at hand for those who fear the Lord, and God's glory will dwell in our land.

Let us worship God!

***Hymn 275**

A Mighty Fortress

***Call to Confession**

The truth about us is this:

we all sin and fall short of the glory of God.

Yet God promises to pour out grace upon us,

giving us confidence to show ourselves as we are and be freed from shame.

Trusting in God's mercy,

let us confess our sin before God and one another.

***Prayer of Confession**

Ever-faithful God, how often we turn away from you, yet you remain constant to us. We run from you, but you call us back. In our words and our deeds we dishonor you, yet you still profess your love for us. We cut ourselves off from you and from others, but you will not let us go. Forgive our faithless and fickle ways and increase our gratitude, that we might grow in faithfulness to you, for the sake of Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

***Assurance of God's Forgiveness**

***Response**

Gloria Patri

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be.
World without end. Amen, Amen.**

***Passing of the Peace**

Gift of Music

You Raise Me Up
Jane Ahlin, soloist; Sally Harmon, piano

Graham & Lovland

The Word

Prayer for Illumination

Sue Van Osdel

First Lesson

Psalm 85

Lord, you were favorable to your land;
you restored the fortunes of Jacob.
You forgave the iniquity of your people;
you pardoned all their sin.
You withdrew all your wrath;
you turned from your hot anger.

Restore us again, O God of our salvation,
and put away your indignation towards us.
Will you be angry with us forever?
Will you prolong your anger to all generations?
Will you not revive us again,
so that your people may rejoice in you?
Show us your steadfast love, O Lord,
and grant us your salvation.

Let me hear what God the Lord will speak,
for he will speak peace to his people,
to his faithful, to those who turn to him in their hearts.
Surely his salvation is at hand for those who fear him,
that his glory may dwell in our land.

Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet;
righteousness and peace will kiss each other.
Faithfulness will spring up from the ground,
and righteousness will look down from the sky.
The Lord will give what is good,
and our land will yield its increase.
Righteousness will go before him,
and will make a path for his steps.

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

He was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, 'Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.' He said to them, 'When you pray, say:

Father, hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come.

Give us each day our daily bread.

And forgive us our sins,

for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us.

And do not bring us to the time of trial.'

And he said to them, 'Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, "Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him." And he answers from within, "Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything." I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs.

'So, I say to you, Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!'

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

Sermon

The Prayer He Taught Us

The Rev. Dr. Paul H. Lang

***Hymn 795**

Healer of Our Every Ill

***Affirmation of Faith**

Taken from A Brief Statement of Faith

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve. We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community. But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God's commandments. We violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care. We deserve God's condemnation. Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!" With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

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

Intermezzo Op. 118, No. 2
Nancy Norris, piano

Brahms

*Response

Doxology

**Praise God, from whom all blessings 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 465

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

*Charge & Benediction

Postlude

A Mighty Fortress

arr. Young

July 28, 2019

better TOGETHER

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Covenant Of Prayer: Greg Potter; Bob Hamblet; Sarah; those who are homeless in our community; and our sister congregation, Chogoria.

Remembering Our Soldiers In Prayer: Angelica Martin, KY; Daniel Martin, KS; George Ebert, Middle East; 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 Jane Holtzclaw know and we'll include his/her name in the bulletin.

Eblasts & Emails: If you use email, please note that there are two kinds of emails that you might receive from the church. One is an "ebblast" which is a generic email sent to ALL congregants and shows up as an email from FPC. These are used for mass messaging about upcoming events, schedule changes, and church needs. The second kind is a personal email from someone here at the church and will show up as an email from that person's name. These are used for individual communication and to announce deaths.

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.

FPC Website: Missed a weekend? Here are some of the things available at www.firstpresfargo.org:

- Past bulletins and some sermons.
- Forms that can be filled out online and emailed to the office (check requests, room requests, etc.).
- Online giving.
- A pdf version of our church directory.
- The Messenger & Church Calendar.

Women's Retreat: Save the dates of **September 20 & 21** for our first Women's Retreat at Fair Hills Resort near Detroit Lakes, MN. Mary Jo Lewis will be presenting the topic Enneagrams, and the cost will be approximate \$150. One night's lodging, 2 meals on Saturday, programming, and a book about Enneagrams is included in the registration fee. Attendees may enjoy the resort Friday afternoon if they wish, with programming beginning Friday evening through late afternoon Saturday. Further details and registration information will be available the first week of August.

New Members: New members will be received in August. If you would like to become a member, please contact Pastor Paul, Jane Holtzclaw, or Monica in the office.

Annual Church Picnic: The annual church picnic will be held **Wednesday, August 7** at the Rotary Shelter in Lindenwood Park. **We'll start gathering around 5:00 pm; dinner will begin closer to 6:00.** The Board of Deacons will provide the fried chicken, beverage (lemonade/water), and place settings. Please bring a dish to pass (along with a serving utensil). Join us for this fun event!

Churches United in August: Members and friends have the opportunity to prepare and serve the meal on **August 8.** There will be two shifts. The first shift from **3:00-5:00 pm** will prepare the meal; the second shift will serve the meal (**5:00-7:00 pm**). You may sign up for both! Our congregation is a charter member of Churches United for the Homeless. This is a great way to serve our neighbors! A sign-up sheet is at the Volunteer Board in the Foyer.

50th Anniversary Tour: The New York Kammermusiker Ensemble will give a free concert in our sanctuary on **Monday, August 12 at 7:00 pm.** For music lovers who wish to experience something new and different, done well and with great skill, they could hardly do better than to spend an evening with The New York Kammermusiker. The group is made of professional musicians from around the world, all playing double-reed instruments. This 50th anniversary tour program will include Norwegian and other Scandinavian music, as well as music by Bach, Handel, Haydn, Mozart and others. A sneak preview on Sunday, August 4, will be a special treat for those attending worship.

Sing With the Summer Choir: On Sunday, **August 18**, any interested singers from middle school up to adults are encouraged to come to the Choir Room at **9:30 am** to rehearse a user-friendly anthem, which will be sung in worship, with our choir director, Dr. Erynn Millard. Singers can sit with their families and come forward during the Passing of the Peace. We will not wear choir robes.

Heart & Soul Community Café: You are invited to join in the community meal on **August 14 from 5:00-6:30 pm.** This is a pay as you can, pay the suggested \$7, or pay-it-forward meal and is open to everyone in the congregation and neighborhood. You even get a free meal when you volunteer! Sign-up at the Volunteer Board or through SignUpGenius at <http://bit.ly/HNS-Aug>. Questions can be directed to Sherri Stern @701-429-3522.

3 Ways to Get the Church App on Your Mobile Device: 1) visit our website, firstpresfargo.org, and click on the link on the Home page. 2) go to <http://get.theapp.co/jb2k/> and it will allow you to select the download of the app for your mobile device. 3) text the code **FPFargo** to **206-859-9405**. The reply will include a direct link to our promotion page.

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 10:15** 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-*(on sabbatical)*

Jane Holtzclaw-*Pastoral Care Associate*

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*

All staff emails are:

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Mindy Argall, Alexa Lajimodiére, Kristina Stenseth-
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, July 28

6:30 Narcotics Anonymous

Monday, July 29

No Events

Tuesday, July 30

9:00 Bulletin Articles Due

6:30 Narcotics Anonymous

Wednesday, July 31

No Events

Thursday, August 1

No events

Friday, August 2

No events

Saturday, August 3

No events

Sunday, August 4

10:30 Summer Worship Service

6:30 Narcotics Anonymous

For Your Information

July 21 Worship Attendance: 110

Contributions Received: \$18,263.55



Church Information

Summer Office Hours:
M-TH, 9:00 am-3:00 pm
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