

Welcome to First Presbyterian Church Fargo, North Dakota

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time October 13, 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

Praise, My Soul, The God of Heaven

arr. Innes

Prayer of the Day

Past, Present, and Future God, Creator, Sustainer, Redeemer, help us to remember home and to hope in the promised and, that we might know you, Alpha and Omega, Three in One. Amen.

Welcome and Concerns of the Church

The Rev. Dr. Paul H. Lang

Introit

My God is So Big!
K-2 Choir; Emily Moser, Tanner Tweet,
Melina Holtzer Benitez, co-directors

***Call to Worship**

Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth; sing the glory of God's name.

How awesome are your deeds, O God! We sing praises to your name.

Come and see what God has done: turning the sea into dry land; bringing us across the river Jordan.

How awesome are your deeds, O God! We sing praises to your name.

Even when God has tested us; even when we have gone through fire and water:

God has brought us out to a spacious place. Our God is an awesome God!

***Hymn 619**

Praise, My Soul, The God of Heaven

***Call to Confession**

Even when we are faithless, Christ remains faithful.

Trusting in grace, let us confess our sins.

*Prayer of Confession

Jesus, Master, have mercy on us. We keep our distance from you, for we are broken and sick with sin. Yet you see us, and cleanse us, and make us whole. Forgive us when we forget to return to you— have mercy when we fail to praise your name, and help us to exude the faith that makes us well. Amen.

*Assurance of God's Forgiveness

*Response

Lord, Let My Heart be Good Soil

Lord, let my heart be good soil, o - pen to the seed of your Word.

Lord, let my heart be good soil, where love can grow and peace is un - der - stood.

When my heart is hard, break the stone a - way._ When my heart is cold,

warm it with the day._ When my heart is lost, lead me on your way.

Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart be good soil.

*Passing of the Peace

Gift of Music

Grow Me, Lord

Schram

3-6 Choir; Pam Burns, director; Virginia Stern, piano;
Krista Clusiau, flute; Mari Follingstad, soloist

Children's Message

Penny Andrist

The Word

Prayer for Illumination

Youth Reader

First Lesson

Hymn 54

Second Lesson (see pg. 330 in the Whirl Story Bible)

Luke 17:11-19

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, they called out, saying, 'Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!' When he saw them, he said to them, 'Go and show yourselves to the priests.' And as they went, they were made clean. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. He prostrated himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus asked, 'Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they? Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?' Then he said to him, 'Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well.'

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

Sermon

Rev. Mary Jo. E. Holtey

*Hymn 487

These Treasured Children

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

Al Shlosha D'Varim

Naplan

(The world is sustained by three things:
by truth, by justice, and by peace.)
7-12 Choir; Dr. Erynn Millard, director

*Response

Kindness Grows

Do your part. Share your heart. If you plant a seed of kind-ness it will
grow - and spread through-out the world for all to know. take a stand. Lend a
hand. When our work can change the world then it will show - that kind - ness grows. _____

*Prayer of Dedication

Bearing the Word into the World

*Hymn 157

I Danced in the Morning

*Benediction

Postlude

Praise, My Soul, The God of Heaven

arr. Kosche

Any children who would like to watch Sally play the postlude are welcome to come up by the organ.



Covenant Of Prayer: Family and friends of Bob Hamblet upon his death on October 9; Family and friends of Dean Long upon his death on October 2; 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.

Peace and Global Witness Offering: A gift to this offering enables the Church to promote the Peace of Christ by addressing systems of conflict and injustice across the world. We will be accepting donations to this offering through the end of the month.

PW News: The PW Circles will meet on **Tuesday, October 15** as follows: Naomi/Circle meets at 9:30 am, Esther Circle meets at 9:30 am at the Carlsen Residence (1012 Park Dr. S. -58103), and Rachel Circle meets at 1:00 pm. The focus will be Lesson 2 from *Carved in Stone*. Leah Circle meets on **Saturday, October 24 at 10:00 am**. All circles, except Esther, meet at the church.

Hosted Concert: The Fargo Moorhead Area Music Club's free concert will be held on **Monday, October 14, at 1:00 pm** in the Jennie Roberts Room. It is a federal holiday, so parking should be easy! There will be performances from several area music scholarship recipients. Dessert is served after the meeting. All are welcome!

Mission Fair: **Next Sunday, during the Sunday School hour**, ALL are welcome to join the children and youth for a Mission Fair in the Social Hall. We'll make notes/cards for the Pillow Project and elderly, hygiene kits for YouthWorks, tie blankets for people/animals, and make toys/treats for shelter animals!

Presentation Prayer Center Brunch: The Rev. Dr. Paul Lang is this year's speaker for the Prayer Center's 34th annual fundraiser on **Thursday, November 7, 11:00 am-1:00 pm, at the Holiday Inn!** Pastor Paul's presentation is entitled, *The Pilgrim's Compass - Finding and Following God in a Season of Change*. We would love to fill a table or two or three. An individual ticket is \$30; a table of eight is \$240. **Sign up at the Volunteer Opportunities Board by October 20 if you wish to attend!**

Stewardship 2020: The Stewardship team is excited to share our vision for the upcoming Stewardship Campaign! **We will have a Stewardship team member available for questions after the church service today.** We are also trying to meet with each group/committee to share our message and talk about our updated Estimate of Giving Card and ACH Form. We hope that you thoughtfully consider participating in our Stewardship drive this year.

Duo Piano Program: We will celebrate our "plethora of pianists" with a family-friendly duo piano program in the Sanctuary on **Sunday, October 27, at 4:00 pm.** With a great variety of music from composers such as J. S. Bach, R. Strauss, Joplin, Gershwin, Moussorgsky and more, you will not want to miss this event!

Game On: Who's up for game night? Come on your own, bring a friend, bring your family...whatever works for you! We'll have pizza, snacks, and a selection of games you may choose from OR bring your own game if you have a favorite. Game On will be held **Sunday, October 27, 5:30 in the Social Hall** and is intended for all ages. So we may adequately plan for food, please let us know you are coming by signing up on the Volunteer Opportunities Board.

Singing Opportunity: Perhaps your schedule does not permit consistent participation in our Sanctuary Choir. We invite you to join us for one special, short-term singing opportunity as we prepare for the Kirkin' o' the Tartans. Rehearsal is on **Wednesday, October 30, 7:30 pm.** We will be singing for both the 9:00 and 11:00 services. A potluck brunch is shared by the musicians between services. Whether you are an active participant in our choir, an occasional singer, relative, family friend, or interested guest, you are welcome. Contact Sally Harmon for more information at sarmon@firstpresfargo.org.

Fall Back! Set your clocks back an hour before you go to bed on Saturday, **November 2.**

Youth News: Youth Group is **in need of a middle school and a high school youth group leader** for the 2019-2020 season. This commitment includes teaching, leading discussions, building relationships, and shepherding our students weekly on Wednesdays, from 7:00-8:00 pm, and for some special events. Please contact Kayla Bones at kbones@firstpresfargo.org if you are interested.

The Confirmation Class (12:00-1:30 pm, Sundays) is **looking for folks to come and share how they live out their faith in their daily lives.** Material should take 5-10 minutes to present...so not a large commitment at all! We are aiming to show our confirmands how others live out their faith. If you are interested in sharing, please contact Kayla.

A Peek @ Next Week:

Sally will play the Toccata and Fugue in D minor by J.S. Bach!

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-*Associate Pastor*

Sally Harmon-*Music Coordinator & Organist*

Dr. Erynn Millard-*Adult Choir Director*

Jan Lundgren-*Business Manager*

Monica Gelinske-*Administrative Assistant*

Penny Andrisc-*Children's Ministry Coordinator*

Kayla Bones-*Youth & Young Adult Ministry Coordinator*

Rick Fiebiger-*Facilities Manager*

All staff emails are:

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

Alexa Lajimodiere & 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, October 13

12:00 Confirmation

6:30 Narcotics Anonymous

Monday, October 14

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

1:00 FM Area Music Club Concer -FREE

5:30 EduCon Cmt.

6:00 Stewardship Cmt.

Tuesday, October 15

8:30 Bulletin Articles Deadline

9:30 Naomi-Ruth Circle / Esther Circle (off site)

1:00 Staff Mtg. / Rachel Circle

6:30 Narcotics Anonymous

Wednesday, October 16

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

6:15 Children & Youth Choirs

6:30 Westminster Ringers / Pilgrimage Guides

7:00 Youth Group

7:30 Sanctuary Choir

Thursday, October 17

5:30 Compass Group #2

6:30 Compass Group #3

Friday, October 18

1:30 Dean Long Memorial Svc. (Bethany on 42nd)

Saturday, October 19

No Church Events

Sunday, October 20 - Stewardship Sunday

9:15 Child-Youth Mission Fair / Pastor's Class

10:30 Worship Service

No Confirmation

6:30 Narcotics Anonymous

For Your Information

October 6 Worship Attendance: 187

Contributions Received: \$21,404



Church Information

Office Hours:

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

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A Service of Baptism

