

WELCOME TO
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
OF BISMARCK, ND

Second Sunday of Advent



December 8, 2024

10:00a.m. Service

Our Mission

We are a community called to love God through worship and prayer, receiving and serving our neighbors with the compassion of Christ, open to new beginnings and the spiritual growth of children, youth and adults.



Worship Participants:

Rev. Dr. Leanne Simmons, Pastor

Debi Rogers, Chancel Choir dir.

Josh Stokka, Audio/Visual Specialist

Gail Snustad, Keyboards

Mark Jensen, Youth Ministry dir.

Clyde Johnson, Cindy & Don Cross, Alice & Dave Nix,
and Karmen Svihovec ~ Ushers

**You can view our church's worship services
on public access television, Sundays at noon!**

Midco channel #12 or #612 (Community Access TV)

ATTENDANCE BOOKS

You will find an Attendance Pad at the end of each pew.
Please fill it out and leave it in pew for the church office to collect.
(please include any updated address information) Thank you to
everyone for helping us with collecting attendance and statistics
we submit to the Presbytery.

“Children’s Christmas Program” 10:00am
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Prelude “Mary, Did You Know?” *with* “Silent Night, Holy Night”
arr. Anna Laura Page

Acolytes Beckett & Grayson Hedland

Welcome and Announcements

Minute for Missions Jim Skaret

Lighting of the Advent Candle Brenda & Daryl Foster

Call to Worship

L: Through the eyes of our children, we see the wonder of your gift in Christ

P: Come, let us worship the new-born King for his marvelous gifts of love.

L: Through the eyes of children, our faith becomes simple.

P: Come, let us trust the new-born King who fulfills the promises of God.

L: Through the eyes of children, our joy becomes complete.

All: Come, let us worship the new-born King who brings God’s Peace to the world

Gathering in God’s Name

***Opening Hymn** “Away in a Manger” Hymnal #25

Call to Confession

O come, O Bright and Morning Star,
and bring us comfort from afar!

Dispel the shadows of the night
and turn our darkness into light.

Rejoice, rejoice, Emmanuel!

Shall come to thee, O Israel.

Prayer of Confession

God of peace,

Let us be grateful during this holy time of year.

Help us to show generosity and love to those who have →

lost their loved ones and homes. Help us to pray for those who are persecuted for their rights and faith. Guide them with your light, bring them out of their darkness. Guide us to be men and women for others, so that we may all celebrate and rejoice at the coming of Christ. Help us to be faith-filled and hopeful for the futures of all children worldwide. Help us to support each other with our generosity.

Amen.

Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the PEACE of Christ

*Prayer of Gratitude for the Grace of Giving

*Doxology and Dedication of Gifts

Hymnal #592

CHILDREN'S PRESENTATION - "A CHRISTMAS TO BELIEVE IN"

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

*Closing Hymn

"Silent Night, Holy Night"

Hymnal #60

Sending Forth in God's Name

Benediction and Blessing of the Red & Green Potluck

Postlude

"All Is Well" *with* "Angels We Have Heard on High"

arr. Anna Laura Page

WE WELCOME ONE AND ALL THIS MORNING TO
JOIN US FOR OUR **RED** & **GREEN** POTLUCK
FOLLOWING WORSHIP IN THE RAMSTAD HALL!



**CHILDREN'S PRESENTATION:
"A CHRISTMAS TO BELIEVE IN"**

Narrator one: Connor Svihovec
Narrator two: Sydney Henriksen
Mary: Rylee Pederson
Elizabeth: Iris Falcon
Zechariah: Grayson Hedland
Towns people: Henley Ronningen,
Brianna Engel, Emmy Eberhart

Musical Selection "Love Came Down at Christmas" Rossetti

Joseph: Parker Ronningen

Musical Selection "Tiny Baby, Little One" Ruth Schram

Angels: Bella Fru, Calista Wohl,
Ruby Pederson
Shepherds: Canyon Stokka, Emma Ronningen,
Anna Eberhart, Brynn Asselin
Herod: Thatcher Brunelle
Soldiers: Brityn Gratz, Brady Wohl,
Koa Falcon
Advisor: McKinley Stokka
Wise Men: Beckett Hedland, Bryson Fru,
Animals: Isla Ronningen, Miguel, Kiev, and
Kierra Nwufor Cheo Formu

Musical Selection "Nice, Nice, Christmas" Teresa Jennings

Mark Jensen - Youth Ministry Director
Alisha Wohl - Christmas Program Director
Gail Snustad - accompanist
Annabelle Wohl - soloist

THANK YOU:

Mark Jensen, Alisha Wohl, Gail Snustad, Bill Jensen, Ruth Jensen, Jan Gilchrist, Cindy Cross, and all the kids parents for bringing them to all the rehearsals!

Calendar

- Mon., Dec. 9 - **NO Worship & Music**
6:30pm Scouts
- Tues., Dec. 10 - **11:00AM** Balance & Strength Class
12:00pm **Blue Christmas Service in Chapel**
5:30pm CCC Board
- Wed., Dec. 11 - **5:45pm** PAC/Teens
NO Westminster Chimes
6:30pm Chancel Choir
- Thu., Dec. 12 - **11:00am** Balance & Strength Class
2:00pm Yoga
6:00pm Hospitality
- Fri., Dec. 13 - *No Activities Scheduled*
- Sat., Dec. 14 - *No Activities Scheduled*
- Sun., Dec. 15 - **10:00am** Worship— Joyous Music Sunday!
3rd Sunday of Advent

PAC Kids are selling Christmas Ornaments

Check them out in the Narthex



4:30pm early service

9:00pm late service - communion

REMINDER:

Annual Meeting—Sunday, January 26, 2025

Committee Chairs please have your annual reports in by
Monday, January 6, 2025

Gallery 522's Christmas Market

Tuesday - Friday 1:00 - 4:00pm

Saturday, December 14 11:00am - 3:00pm

120 N 3rd St. (3rd & Broadway)

Come for a unique Christmas Market

Where you'll find one-of-a-kind gifts,

A magical atmosphere, and a festive spirit!

Among the artists featured are:

Sue Sorlie and Ric Sprynczynatyk

THE HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE

Tree of Love is ready for our childcare families in need!

Each year our church childcare staff choose families who could use a little help making this Christmas merry. The Hospitality Committee creates ornaments for the items the families request so they can have some gifts under the tree. Church members are asked to take an ornament or two so they can buy the requested gifts. Members are asked to wrap each gift, attach the ornament and put it under the tree. There is a box available for gift cards. Gifts should be under the tree by Sunday, **December 15th**. Thank you in advance for your generosity.





Devotionals are now available on the book shelf in the Narthex!



BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC
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IN DECEMBER

Please feel free to call and schedule a meeting with Carmen to check your blood pressure. 223-6091

Collecting plastic grocery bags for a good cause!

Our Hospitality Committee is collecting used plastic grocery bags for a project to make mats to give to homeless people. The bags must NOT have any holes. The committee is working with a woman who creates the mats, like the one pictured here, by hand-weaving the plastic bags. It takes about 500 bags to make one mat. The committee decided to test whether the congregation would support this effort, hoping this could be a long-term outreach (and environmentally friendly) project for our congregation.

The mats will be given to groups who work with the homeless in our area!



We are so grateful for all the blessings God has given us!

We no longer pass the offering plates, our offering baskets are next to the exits of the Sanctuary. If you would like to give a donation to the ministry of this church you can also go to our website: fpcbismarck.com and click on the DONATE button. Thank you!

