

*WELCOME TO*  
**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
*OF BISMARCK, ND*

*“SERVICE OF WHOLENESS”*

**A SERVICE OF HEALING  
AND WHOLENESS**



**April 7, 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.

WE WELCOME OUR GUESTS THIS MORNING AND  
INVITE YOU TO MAKE YOURSELF AT HOME!



PLEASE FEEL FREE TO JOIN US FOR  
**COFFEE HOUR** FOLLOWING WORSHIP.



PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR THOUGHTS & PRAYERS THE FAMILY OF  
*Geraldine "Geri" Morrison*

**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.

**LAY READERS NEEDED:**



Please sign up to be a **Lay Reader** on the bulletin board.

**“Service of Wholeness” 10:00am**  
**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
**OF BISMARCK, ND**

**Prelude** “As Morning Breaks” arr. Paul Tate

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Introit** “Your Grace Is Enough” Matt Maher

**Gathering in God’s Name**

**\*Call to Worship** (responsively)

**L:** We come to you, O God, to thank you for what is good.

**P:** We come to you, O God, to cry out for what is wrong.

**L:** We come to you, O God, to ask for help and restoration.

**P:** We come to you, O God, with aching hearts and glad souls.

**All:** Let us worship God.

**\*Opening Hymn** “Balm in Gilead” Hymnal #394

**Call to Confession** “Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying”  
see attached

**Prayer of Confession** (unison)

**Holy God, hear our prayer:**

**For the mending of our hearts, torn apart by our unkindness;**

**For the healing of our souls, wasting away from the despair  
around us;**

**For the forgiveness we seek for the sin we have allowed to persist;**

**For the reconciliation of the world, whose division condemns us;**

**We pray for the courage to admit our fault,**

**The strength to amend our actions,**

**And the hope that your grace awaits us.**

**Through Christ we pray. (Silent, Individual Confession) Amen.**

**Assurance of Pardon**

**\*Gloria Patri and Passing of the Peace of Christ** Hymnal #579

**Young Disciples Message**

**\*Prayer of Gratitude for the Grace of Giving**

**\*Doxology and Dedication of Gifts** Hymnal #592

## **Proclamation of the Word of God**

**Prayer of Illumination**

**First Scripture Reading**

*Psalm 6 (NIV)*

**Anthem**

“Hem of Your Robe”

Pepper Choplin

**Second Scripture Reading**

*John 5:1-9 (NIV)*

**Sermon**

**Prayer of Wholeness (unison)**

**Holy God, according the promises in scripture, we your people come in faith in the name of Jesus. We lift up before you those among us who are struggling and in pain, those who feel lost or afraid, those who are grieving and need comfort. Let your healing presence be known in this place today as we unite on behalf of our brothers and sisters. Come Holy Spirit, touch us with God’s healing.**

**Anointing with Oil**

**Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer**

### **Responding to God’s Word**

**\*Closing Hymn**

“God Whose Will Is Health and Wholeness”

(tune of: There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy hymnal #298

and lyrics: Carolyn W. Gillette)

God whose will is health and wholeness, hear your people as we pray:  
Many now are facing illness; more face sickness every day.

As we lift our song toward heaven, may we use the gifts you give —  
Science, justice, and compassion — to help others safely live.

Jesus taught that your commandments call for us to use the mind.  
May we use the gifts of science to seek health for humankind.  
Bless the ones who work for healing; bless the ones who seek to be  
Builders of a health care system that protects society.

God, you call for love and justice, yet our laws are far from wise:  
Many don't have good insurance; lack of health care threatens lives.  
Many workers must keep working, sick or not, to pay the bills.  
Turn us round when we have sanctioned greed that leads to greater ills.



Loving God, we ask your blessing on the sick and those they love,  
And we pray for those now grieving as they lift their cries above.  
There is trouble all around us; illness causes pain and fear.  
Give compassion, love and kindness as we serve your people here.

### **Sending Forth in God's Name**

#### **Benediction and Blessing**

<b>Benediction Response</b>	"An Eagle Is Soaring"	CW Gillette
<b>Postlude</b>	"Joyful Day"	Mark Hayes

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#### **First Scripture Reading**

*Psalm 6:1-10 (NIV)*

*For the director of music.*

*With stringed instruments. According to sheminith.*

*A psalm of David.*

- 1 Lord, do not rebuke me in your anger  
or discipline me in your wrath.
- 2 Have mercy on me, Lord, for I am faint;  
heal me, Lord, for my bones are in agony.
- 3 My soul is in deep anguish.  
How long, Lord, how long?
- 4 Turn, Lord, and deliver me;  
save me because of your unfailing love.
- 5 Among the dead no one proclaims your name.  
Who praises you from the grave?
- 6 I am worn out from my groaning.  
All night long I flood my bed with weeping  
and drench my couch with tears.
- 7 My eyes grow weak with sorrow;  
they fail because of all my foes.
- 8 Away from me, all you who do evil,  
for the Lord has heard my weeping.
- 9 The Lord has heard my cry for mercy;  
the Lord accepts my prayer.
- 10 All my enemies will be overwhelmed with shame and anguish;  
they will turn back and suddenly be put to shame.

## **Second Scripture Reading**

*John 5:1-9 (NIV)*

Some time later, Jesus went up to Jerusalem for one of the Jewish festivals. 2 Now there is in Jerusalem near the Sheep Gate a pool, which in Aramaic is called Bethesda and which is surrounded by five covered colonnades. 3 Here a great number of disabled people used to lie—the blind, the lame, the paralyzed. 5 One who was there had been an invalid for thirty-eight years. 6 When Jesus saw him lying there and learned that he had been in this condition for a long time, he asked him, “Do you want to get well?”

7 “Sir,” the invalid replied, “I have no one to help me into the pool when the water is stirred. While I am trying to get in, someone else goes down ahead of me.”

8 Then Jesus said to him, “Get up! Pick up your mat and walk.”

9 At once the man was cured; he picked up his mat and walked.

## **Westminster Chimes Caramel Roll Sale!**

**TODAY in the Parlor following worship**

all proceeds go to the Dedicated Handbell Fund.

Many thanks for your support!



### **Worship Participants:**

Rev. Dr. Leanne Simmons, Pastor

Debi Rogers, Chancel Choir dir.

Andrea Nguyen, Keyboards

Barb Satran, Lay Reader

Josh Stokka, Audio/Visual Specialist

Mark Jensen, Youth Ministry dir.

Neva & Ron Carlisle, Marete Farver, Kimball Banks,  
and Dave Nix ~ Ushers

## Call to Confession -

Lord, listen to your children praying

Chord progression: D D<sup>7</sup> C/G G D E<sup>7</sup> A<sup>7</sup>

Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, Lord, send your Spir-it in this place;

The first system of musical notation is for the song 'Call to Confession'. It features a treble and bass staff in the key of D major (two sharps). The melody is in the treble staff, and the bass line is in the bass staff. The lyrics are written below the staffs. The chord progression is indicated above the treble staff: D, D<sup>7</sup>, C/G, G, D, E<sup>7</sup>, A<sup>7</sup>.

Chord progression: D D<sup>7</sup> C/G G G<sup>#dim7</sup> D/A A<sup>7</sup> G/D D

Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.

The second system of musical notation continues the song. It features a treble and bass staff in the key of D major. The melody is in the treble staff, and the bass line is in the bass staff. The lyrics are written below the staffs. The chord progression is indicated above the treble staff: D, D<sup>7</sup>, C/G, G, G<sup>#dim7</sup>, D/A, A<sup>7</sup>, G/D, D.

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### PER CAPITA

Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

The Per Capita Special Offering is a special offering of our church that extends the entire year. We start to talk about it in January of each year and provide added information throughout the year in the form of periodic minutes for mission, special articles in the newsletter and church bulletins. Per Capita is the amount that the church must pay to the larger church for each member of the church. This year that amount is \$50 per member. We request that each member consider giving a gift to the church of \$50 to cover their share of the church's financial obligation to the larger church. If you are a member that pledges income each year to the church, and would like to be able to help support other members who might find it financially unfeasible to pledge or to make the separate per capita donation, your separate gift of \$50 will help cover the cost of membership for that less fortunate member of the church. Thank you.

## Calendar

Mon., April 8 -	<b>5:30pm</b> Worship & Music 5:30pm Suzuki 6:30pm Scouts
Tues., April 9 -	11AM Balance & Strength Class <b>5:30pm</b> CCC Board
Wed., April 10 -	5:45pm PAC/Teens 6:30pm Bells 7:30pm Choir
Thur., April 11 -	11AM Balance & Strength Class 2:00pm Yoga <b>6:00pm</b> Hospitality
Fri., April 12 -	<i>No Activities Scheduled</i>
Sat., April 13 -	<b>10AM Presbytery Meeting in Jamestown</b>
Sun., April 14 -	10am Worship— “Earth Day” <b>9am-12pm Pancake Breakfast—Boy Scouts</b> <b>9-10am Blood Pressure Clinic</b> <b>11:00am “Angel Advocates Presentation”</b>

### SUNDAY, APRIL 14

9:00AM - START SERVING

**BOY SCOUT TROOP #6 - PANCAKE BREAKFAST**

(FREE WILL OFFERING FOR BOY SCOUTS)



### BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC

**SUNDAY, APRIL 14TH - 9:00AM - 10:00AM**

**CONFERENCE ROOM**

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### **Angel Advocates Presentation**

Sunday, April 14th following worship in the Parlor  
more information to come...



## CALLING ALL PINOCHLE PLAYERS

There's still time to sign up for the pinochle party! The Hospitality



Committee is sponsoring a progressive pinochle card party on Saturday, **April 13th from 10am to 4pm**

in the church parlor. We will break for lunch at about noon and resume playing pinochle at about 1:00pm. Please bring something to share for lunch. Bring friends and family. Have a good time socializing and playing pinochle! The sign-up sheet for attending and bringing something to share is on the bulletin board in the Narthex.

## UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES:

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| Sat., April 13 - | 10am-4pm Pinochle Party in the Parlor  |
| Sun., April 14-  | "Angel Advocates Presentation"<br>following 10am worship in the Parlor                   |
| Sat., April 20 - | 10:00am Presbytery Meeting in Jamestown  |
| Sun., April 28 - | "CCC Staff Appreciation Day" join us for<br>refreshments following worship in the Parlor |
| Wed., May 1 -    | Noon—Munch & Mingle at Broadway Grill  |
| Sun., May 5 -    | "Graduate Recognition Sunday"  |
| Mon., May 6 -    | 6:00pm Suzuki Spring Recital!  |
| Sun., May 12 -   | "Youth Sunday" Mother's Day  |
| Sun., May 19 -   | "Pentecost Sunday"   |
| Mon., May 27 -   | OFFICES CLOSED—Memorial Day  |

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](http://fpcbismarck.com) and click on the DONATE button. Thank you!

## April Donation Opportunity

During April, your Hospitality Committee is supporting Heaven's Helpers Soup Café. This is an opportunity for our congregation to help defray the costs to the Soup Café in providing a warm meal to the neediest and most marginalized in our community.

We would like to provide the Soup Café with the materials and ingredients for 'to-go' snack bags! We need sandwich Ziplock bags (i.e., square 5"x5"), peanuts [without shells], M&Ms, raisins, dried cranberries, chocolate chips, Reece's pieces, crackers, Chex mix, sunflower seeds, bulk oat meal (no packets). For more gift ideas see [www.soupcafe.org](http://www.soupcafe.org) website and go to "Wish List". Your gifts will be appreciated by the good people at the Soup Café and the needy people they serve. God's Blessings to you!

Heaven's Helpers  
Soup Café



HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE:

**SAVE THE DATE:**



**“The Banquet” Dinner, Thursday, November 7, 2024**

(20 volunteers needed; estimated cost of \$1,250 to provide 400+ meals)

Donations to help defray costs may be dropped off at the church office anytime and note “The Banquet” in the memo line of your check.

We are planning a Mother's Day slide show to honor our mothers

Please email your picture along with a brief message

to: [firstpresbyterian@fpcbismarck.com](mailto:firstpresbyterian@fpcbismarck.com)

Or bring into the office to be scanned by Monday, May 6th



## **The First Presbyterian Church Scholarship Committee**

is pleased to announce the availability of a limited number of scholarships for our church community on March 11th . To be eligible for consideration to receive a scholarship, a student must be an active member of First Presbyterian Church of Bismarck or must have been an active participant in the life of the church for at least three years. Students at any level of study beyond high school are eligible to receive a scholarship award. Students are eligible to receive a scholarship for a maximum of four years: the years do not need to be consecutive. Graduate students may apply for scholarships, providing they are within the four-year maximum. Applications are available in the Narthex and for download from the front page of the church website at [www.fcpbismarck.com](http://www.fcpbismarck.com). The deadline to apply is **May 17, 2024**.



**CCC Needs List for April:  
dishwasher powder & bleach**



## **STAFF**

Rev. Dr. Leanne Simmons, Pastor  
Maureen Chrest, Administrative Assistant  
Carol Thompson, Financial Assistant  
Carmen Bryhn, Parish Nurse  
Brandon Schildberger, Maintenance  
Arvy Smith, Pianist/Organist  
Gail Snustad, Pianist/Organist  
Debi Rogers, Chancel Choir Director  
Lael Hoerauf, Westminster Chimes Director  
Josh Stokka, Audio/Visual Specialist  
Judy Lentz, Membership Services Coordinator  
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**OFFICE HOURS:  
MONDAY-FRIDAY 8-4:30**