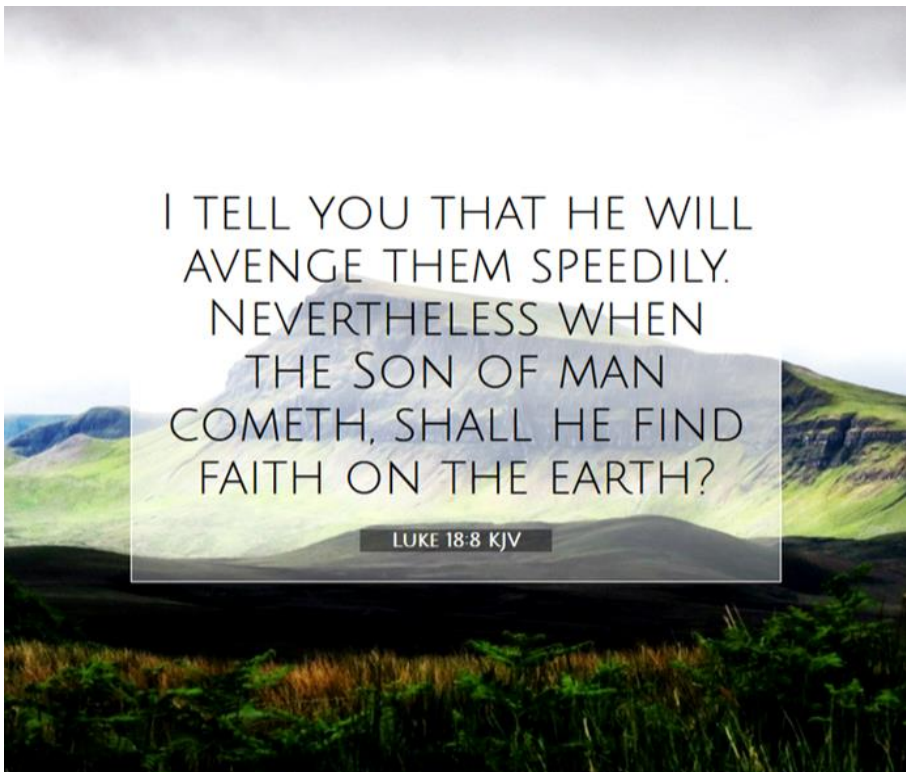


WELCOME TO
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
OF BISMARCK, ND

“26TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST”



I TELL YOU THAT HE WILL
AVENGE THEM SPEEDILY.
NEVERTHELESS WHEN
THE SON OF MAN
COMETH, SHALL HE FIND
FAITH ON THE EARTH?

LUKE 18:8 KJV

November 17, 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.

Hunger Homelessness Awareness Week is November 17-23.

Several agencies which are part of the Missouri Valley Coalition for Homeless People (MVCHP) are teaming up to bring these issues into the news.

On Wednesday, November 17, Coalition members will be holding Freezin' For a Reason at the corner of 12th Street South and Expressway from 7 am to 7 pm. This is an opportunity to stand in solidarity, collect donations of cash and winter gear, as well as to destigmatize homelessness. Items that can be donated at this site include coats, snow pants, and all winter gear!

On Tuesday, November 19 Walk a Mile in My Shoes, is an event for everyone, hosted by the United Way of Bismarck. It includes a tour of their shelter, a walk to the Dream Center and back, with lunch after. See the bulletin board flyer for more information, or contact www.mvchp.org

**PLEASE FILL OUT YOUR "PINK PRAYER REQUEST CARDS"
AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, THE USHERS WILL COLLECT THEM
DURING THE OPENING HYMN. THANK YOU!**

“26th Sunday after Pentecost” 10:00am
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
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Prelude “The Prayer” Carole Bayer Sager, David Foster

Welcome and Announcements

Introit “Down in the River to Pray” arr. John Behnke

Gathering in God’s Name

***Call to Worship** (responsively)

Leader: Come, Lord God, to receive our worship. Come, Lord Jesus, to receive our praise. Come, Holy Spirit, to receive our thanks. Come, eternal God, come where we are gathered to celebrate reconciliation: yours with us, and ours with each other.

People: Your lifegiving Word and Spirit have conquered the powers of sin and death, which try to separate us from you. They have also conquered the powers of hatred, hostility, and bitterness, which try to separate your people from each other.

Leader: You have called us to be the salt of the earth—to preserve and enhance what is good.

People: You have called us to be the light of the world, to be beacons of your saving grace and your love.

Leader: You have called us to be peacemakers, and in so doing to be blessed and to bless many others.

People: Even as we bring our sacrifice of praise to you, help us to bring the peacemaking ceasefire of resolution, understanding, loving acceptance, and reconciliation to our neighbors everywhere.

***Opening Hymn** “Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart”
Hymnal #326

Call to Confession “Open Our Eyes Lord”

**Open our eyes Lord,
We want to see Jesus,
to reach out and touch him
to say that we love him.**

**Open our ears Lord,
and help us to listen
Open our eyes Lord,
We want to see Jesus.**

Prayer of Confession and Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Loving Lord, we have wandered from your ways.

All: Forgive us, lead us and empower our prayer.

God of all, we come in prayer and praise this morning.

**We carry our complaints against the world around us
and our complaints against each other.**

You are our Judge and our forgiveness.

We remember faithful people who have inspired us.

**We ask for patience to endure
and for joy even in our suffering.**

Leader: Loving Lord, we have wandered from your ways.

All: Forgive us, lead us and empower our prayer.

God of all, we come in prayer and praise this morning.

We carry our concerns for your world

We cry out for justice for the poor

We cry out for rain for the dry places

We cry out for healing for the sick.

For the healing of the earth and the healing of families, we pray.

Leader: Loving Lord, we have wandered from your ways.

All: Forgive us, lead us and empower our prayer.

In silence we pray for our own needs

and we bring our own confessions,

May our “Yes” be yes and our “No” be no.

(Silent, Individual confession)

Leader: Loving Lord, we have wandered from your ways.

All: Forgive us, lead us and empower our prayer.

Leader: Friends, the Lord is full of mercy and compassion.

You are forgiven. Be at peace. Amen.

***Gloria Patri and Passing of the Peace of Christ**

Hymnal #579

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

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

Deuteronomy 10:12-22

Anthem

“Everything to God in Prayer” arr. Ron Mallery

Second Scripture Reading

Luke 18:2-8a

Sermon

“Justice and Prayer”

***Confession of Our Faith** from the Confession of 1967

The members of the church are emissaries of peace and seek the good of humanity in cooperation with powers and authorities in politics, culture, and economics. But they have to fight against pretensions and injustices when these same powers endanger human welfare. Their strength is in their confidence that God’s purpose rather than human schemes will finally prevail. Life in Christ is life eternal. The resurrection of Jesus is God’s sign that he will consummate his work of creation and reconciliation beyond death and bring to fulfillment the new life begun in Christ.

Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer

***Closing Hymn**

“Seek Ye First”

Hymnal #333

Sending Forth in God’s Name

Benediction and Blessing

Benediction Response

“Celtic Grace”

arr. Tammy Waldrop

Postlude

“Thy Word is a Lamp”

Michael W Smith

Worship Participants:

Rev. Dr. Leanne Simmons, Pastor

Debi Rogers, Chancel Choir dir.

Lael Hoerauf, Westminster Chimes dir.

Josh Stokka, Audio/Visual Specialist

Arvy Smith, Keyboards

Karmen Svihovec, Lay Reader

Mark Jensen, Youth Ministry dir.

Letha Lewis, Kimball Banks, Cindy & Don Cross,

Becky & Dennis Rosenkranz ~ Ushers

Scripture Reading

Deuteronomy 10:12-22

¹² And now, Israel, what does the Lord your God ask of you but to fear the Lord your God, to walk in obedience to him, to love him, to serve the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul, ¹³ and to observe the Lord's commands and decrees that I am giving you today for your own good? ¹⁴ To the Lord your God belong the heavens, even the highest heavens, the earth and everything in it. ¹⁵ Yet the Lord set his affection on your ancestors and loved them, and he chose you, their descendants, above all the nations—as it is today. ¹⁶ Circumcise your hearts, therefore, and do not be stiff-necked any longer. ¹⁷ For the Lord your God is God of gods and Lord of lords, the great God, mighty and awesome, who shows no partiality and accepts no bribes. ¹⁸ He defends the cause of the fatherless and the widow, and loves the foreigner residing among you, giving them food and clothing. ¹⁹ And you are to love those who are foreigners, for you yourselves were foreigners in Egypt. ²⁰ Fear the Lord your God and serve him. Hold fast to him and take your oaths in his name. ²¹ He is the one you praise; he is your God, who performed for you those great and awesome wonders you saw with your own eyes. ²² Your ancestors who went down into Egypt were seventy in all, and now the Lord your God has made you as numerous as the stars in the sky.

Considering the upcoming winter season:

We are putting plans in place to keep all members informed of any cancelations or changes in our church services or activities!

We will post updates on our Facebook page -
and send out church wide emails.

Please let us know if you are not getting the mass emails...
If you don't have email or Facebook and you would like a phone call.

Please call the church office update our records:

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Scripture Reading

Luke 18:2-8a

² Jesus said: “In a certain town there was a judge who neither feared God nor cared what people thought. ³ And there was a widow in that town who kept coming to him with the plea, ‘Grant me justice against my adversary.’

⁴ “For some time he refused. But finally he said to himself, ‘Even though I don’t fear God or care what people think, ⁵ yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will see that she gets justice, so that she won’t eventually come and attack me!’”

⁶ And the Lord said, “Listen to what the unjust judge says. ⁷ And will not God bring about justice for his chosen ones, who cry out to him day and night? Will he keep putting them off? ⁸ I tell you, he will see that they get justice, and quickly.



Calendar

Mon., Nov. 18 - **Noon** Resource Management
1:30pm Prayer Shawl Ministry
4:30pm Admin. & Personnel
6:30pm Scouts

Tues., Nov. 19 - **11:00AM** Balance & Strength Class

Wed., Nov. 20 - **5:45pm** PAC/Teens
6:30pm Westminster Chimes
7:30pm Chancel Choir

Thu., Nov. 21 - **11:00am** Balance & Strength Class
NO Yoga
7:00pm Deacons

Fri., Nov. 22 - *No Activities Scheduled*

Sat., Nov. 23 - *No Activities Scheduled*

Sun., Nov. 24 - **10:00am** Worship - *St Andrew's Sunday*
Celebrating with FPC Mandan & Glencoe Sloan
(Christmas wreaths will be delivered)



BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC

TODAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2024

9:00AM - 10:00AM & 11:00AM - NOON

CONFERENCE ROOM



NO BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC IN DECEMBER

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

Sunday, November 24 - St. Andrew's Day
Celebrating with FPC Mandan & Glencoe Sloan



Please feel free to bring an article representative of your heritage for blessing. It is a response of faith, and acknowledgement of the sovereignty of God, and a way to ask for God's blessing. In keeping with the spirit of the occasion, all are encouraged to wear plaid or clothing representative of their heritage.

**We are asking for "Presbyterian bars"
to share at fellowship after St. Andrew's Sunday Service**

Sunday, November 24

**Christmas Wreaths that were ordered from
Brady Wohl - Boy Scout Troop 6 will be delivered !**



Flowers this week are in memory of:

James C Taylor

A gift from: the Taylor family



Thanksgiving Dinner, Thursday, November 28, 2024

The Hospitality Committee of First Presbyterian Church will be hosting the Community Thanksgiving Dinner on Thursday, Nov. 28, from 5:30-7:00 p.m. at the Dream Center, 1805 Park Avenue in southeast Bismarck. This meal is open to ALL who are unable to enjoy a Thanksgiving meal at home. Please do not spend Thanksgiving alone - come and be with friends and neighbors to enjoy a delicious turkey dinner with all the trimmings.



**CCC Needs List for November:
dishwasher soap (powder only) & paper towels**



First Presbyterian T-shirts - \$20 each

Order Form is on the table in the Narthex

Deadline to get orders in: Sunday, Dec. 1st

Estimated delivery is mid-December



COMING

SOON!



Saturday, December 7th

9:30 am - 11:30 am

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!



UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES:

- Nov. 24 - St. Andrew's Day with FPC Mandan & Glencoe Sloan Memorial Presbyterian
- Nov. 27 - **7:30pm** Thanksgiving Eve Service
- Nov. 28 & 29 - **FPC & CCC OFFICES CLOSED**
5:30pm Thanksgiving Dinner-Dream Center
- Dec. 2 - **6:00pm** Suzuki Christmas Recital
- Dec. 7 - **9:30-11:30am** Breakfast with Santa!
- Dec. 8- Children's Christmas Program followed by Red & Green Potluck
- Dec. 10 - **Noon** - Blue Christmas Service in the Chapel
- Dec. 15 - Joyous Music Sunday
- Dec. 22 - 4th Sunday of Advent
- Dec. 24 - **4:30pm** Christmas Eve (early service)
9:00pm (late service) - communion
- Dec. 24 & 25 **FPC & CCC OFFICES CLOSED**
Merry Christmas!
- Dec. 31- **OFFICES CLOSING AT NOON**
- Jan. 1, 2025 **OFFICES CLOSED**—Happy New Year!

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!





ELDERS & DEACONS

ELDER INSTALLATION/ORDINATION:

Signe Snortland

Juanita Hocking

Rick Lee

Tedd Gutzke

Tom Trenbeath



DEACONS INSTALLATION/ORDINATION:

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Danette Pengilly

Jim Rambo

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Audrey Simmons

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