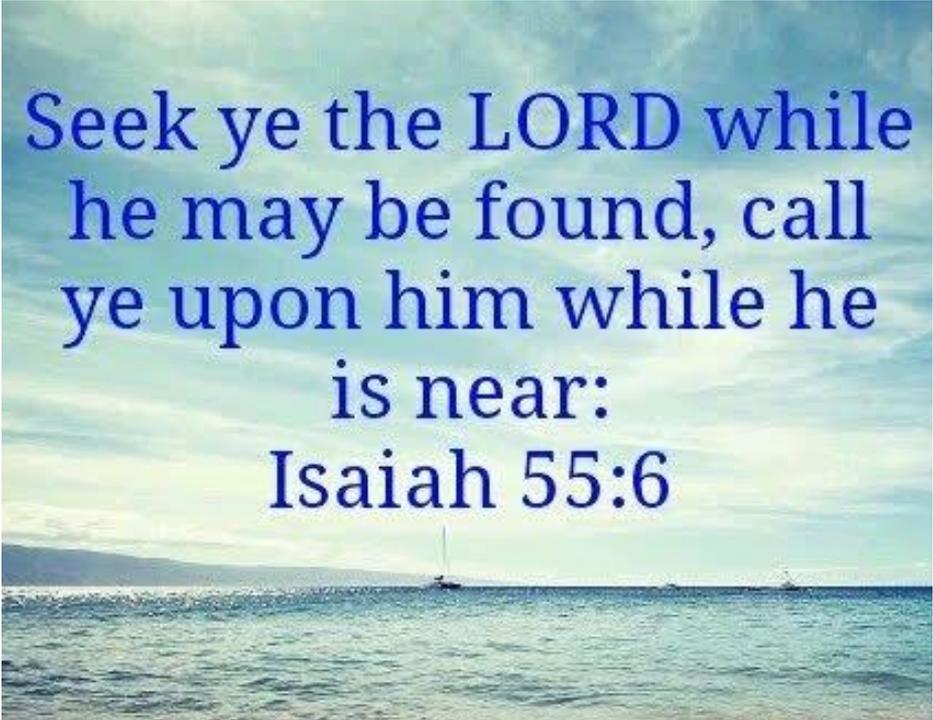


WELCOME TO
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
OF BISMARCK, ND



Seek ye the LORD while
he may be found, call
ye upon him while he
is near:
Isaiah 55:6

January 12, 2025

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

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.

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!



“1st Sunday after Epiphany” 10:00am
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Prelude “Prelude and Fugue in C Major” Johann Sebastian Bach

Welcome and Announcements

Introit “Just As I Am, Without One Plea” PH#370 (verse 1, 2)

***Call to Worship**

L: Come, bless the Lord with me!

For the Lord is like a good parent to his children
compassionate and merciful,
filled with endless love.

**P: God forgives our sins,
and heals the sickness inside us;
God surrounds us with love and mercy
and fills our lives with good things!**

All: Let’s worship God together!

Gathering in God’s Name

***Opening Hymn** “Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days”
PH# 81 (verse 1, 2, 4)

Call to Confession “Humble Thyself in the Sight of the Lord” Hudson

Prayer of Confession

**Holy Lord, God of life, hear our prayer:
Forgive us when we follow those paths that do not lead to life,
That lead instead to violence, or hate, or fear,
Paths that lead to dread and death.
Forgive us when we forget that you offer us life,
Life that is abundant and eternal,
Life that began at the creation of all things.
Forgive us, turn us to the right path,
and let your love and grace flow over us and the world.
We pray in Jesus’ name and for his sake. (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 *Isaiah 55:6-11*

Anthem “When We Are Tested” Slane, Ruth Young

Second Scripture Reading *Luke 4:1-13(NIV)*

Sermon

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

God’s sovereign love is a mystery beyond the reach of man’s mind. Human thought ascribes to God superlatives of power, wisdom, and goodness. But God reveals his love in Jesus Christ by showing power in the form of a servant, wisdom in the folly of the cross, and goodness in receiving sinful men. The power of God’s love in Christ to transform the world discloses that the Redeemer is the Lord and Creator who made all things to serve the purpose of his love.

Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer

Responding to God’s Word

***Closing Hymn** “There’s a Wideness In God’s Mercy” PH#298

Sending Forth in God’s Name

Benediction and Blessing

Benediction Response “O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High”
PH# 83 (verse 1, 2)

Postlude “Prelude and Fugue in G Minor” Johann Sebastian Bach

CCC Needs List for January:
baby wipes & hand soap

Calendar

- Mon., January 13 - **5:30pm** Worship & Music
6:30pm Scouts
- Tues., January 14 - **11:00am** Balance & Strength Class
5:30pm CCC Board
- Wed., January 15 - **5:45pm** PAC/Teens
6:30pm Bells
7:30pm Choir
- Thu., January 16 - **11:00am** Balance & Strength Class
2:00pm Yoga
7:00pm Deacons
- Fri., January 17 - *No Activities Scheduled*
- Sat., January 18 - *No Activities Scheduled*
- Sun., January 19 - **10:00am** Worship

REMINDER:

Annual Meeting—Sunday, January 26, 2025

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.

Shari Orser, Lay Reader

Dennis & Becky Rosenkranz, Anita Fru, Neva & Ron Carlisle,
and Joe Satrom ~ Ushers

LAY READERS NEEDED:



Lay Readers

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

First Scripture Reading

Isaiah 55:6-11

Seek the Lord while he may be found;
call on him while he is near.

⁷ Let the wicked forsake their ways
and the unrighteous their thoughts.

Let them turn to the Lord, and he will have mercy on them,
and to our God, for he will freely pardon.

⁸ “For my thoughts are not your thoughts,
neither are your ways my ways,”
declares the Lord.

⁹ “As the heavens are higher than the earth,
so are my ways higher than your ways
and my thoughts than your thoughts.

¹⁰ As the rain and the snow
come down from heaven,
and do not return to it
without watering the earth
and making it bud and flourish,
so that it yields seed for the sower and bread for the eater,

¹¹ so is my word that goes out from my mouth:
It will not return to me empty,
but will accomplish what I desire
and achieve the purpose for which I sent it.

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!



Second Scripture Reading

Luke 4:1-13(NIV)

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, left the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness,² where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing during those days, and at the end of them he was hungry.

³ The devil said to him, “If you are the Son of God, tell this stone to become bread.”

⁴ Jesus answered, “It is written: ‘Man shall not live on bread alone.’”

⁵ The devil led him up to a high place and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. ⁶ And he said to him, “I will give you all their authority and splendor; it has been given to me, and I can give it to anyone I want to. ⁷ If you worship me, it will all be yours.”

⁸ Jesus answered, “It is written: ‘Worship the Lord your God and serve him only.’”

⁹ The devil led him to Jerusalem and had him stand on the highest point of the temple. “If you are the Son of God,” he said, “throw yourself down from here. ¹⁰ For it is written:

“‘He will command his angels concerning you
to guard you carefully;

¹¹ they will lift you up in their hands,
so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.’”

¹² Jesus answered, “It is said: ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’”

¹³ When the devil had finished all this tempting, he left him until an opportune time.

You can view our church's worship services

on public access television, Sundays at noon!

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

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