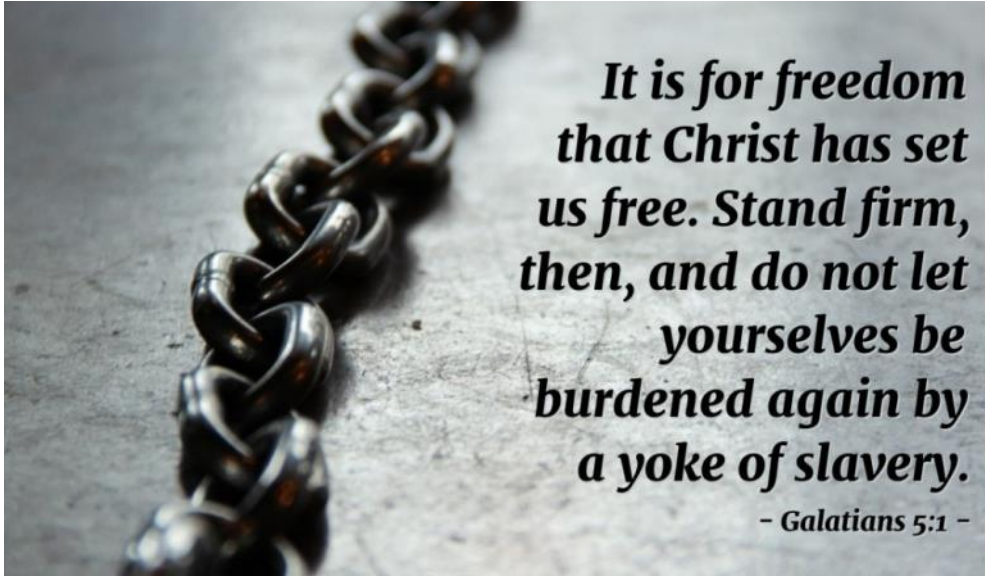


**WELCOME TO**  
**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
*OF BISMARCK, ND*

***“6TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST”***



**June 30, 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.

**\*\*Ukrainian Family\*\***

A group of churches--United Church of Christ, Unitarian Universalists, Lutheran Church of the Cross and First Presbyterian have been working to bring family members to North Dakota to join those already working in the state. Our congregation now has the opportunity to welcome a family of three to Bismarck in July. There is a list of supplies that would help these new arrivals to set up housekeeping, posted on the volunteer bulletin board. Please add your name if you are donating or purchasing a particular item.

Bring your items to the church, by **July 15**.

**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.

**“6th Sunday after Pentecost” 10:00am**  
**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
**OF BISMARCK, ND**

**Prelude**                            “America the Beautiful”                            arr. Line

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Introit**                            “Chorale from Cantata No. 140”                            J.S. Bach

**Gathering in God’s Name**

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

L: Independence Day is this week.

**P: We celebrate a time when our country declared its independence from foreign domination.**

L: But many things dominate our hearts: fear, apathy, intolerance, anger.

**P: May God hear our celebrations and also our cries for help.**

L: Remember how God has blessed you, and be a blessing to others.

**P: Lord, keep our hearts and minds open to your word and your way. AMEN.**

**\*Opening Hymn**                            “Take My Life”                            Hymnal #391

**Call to Confession**

**Prayer of Confession** (unison)

**God of love, it is your will that we should love you with heart, soul, mind, strength, and our neighbor as ourselves, but we are not sufficient for these things. We confess that our affections continually turn away from you: from service to self-satisfaction, from freedom to slavery, from compassion to indifference, from fullness to emptiness. Have mercy on us. Order our lives by your holy Word, and make your commandments the joy of our hearts. Conform us to the image of your loving Son, Jesus, that we may shine before the world to your glory. (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**

*Romans 6:15-23*

**Anthem** “When God Restored Our Common Life” based on Psalm 126

Karen Ehrens: flute Andrea Nguyen: piano

**Second Scripture Reading**

*Galatians 5:1-18*

**Sermon**

“Freedom”

**Confession of Our Faith** from the Westminster Confession

The liberty which Christ hath purchased for believers under the gospel consists in their freedom from the guilt of sin, the condemning wrath of God, the curse of the moral law; and in their being delivered from this present evil world, bondage to Satan, and dominion of sin, from the evil of afflictions, the sting of death, the victory of the grave, and everlasting damnation; as also in their free access to God, and their yielding obedience unto him, not out of slavish fear, but a childlike love, and a willing mind. All which were common also to believers under the law; but under the New Testament, the liberty of Christians is further enlarged in their freedom from the yoke of the ceremonial law and in greater boldness of access to the throne of grace, and in fuller communications of the free Spirit of God.

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

### Responding to God’s Word

**\*Closing Hymn**

“Blessed Assurance”

Hymnal #341

### Sending Forth in God’s Name

**Benediction and Blessing**

**Benediction Response** “Halle, Halle, Halle”

**Postlude**

“God Bless America”

arr. Eklund

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## First Scripture Reading

*Romans 6:15-23*

15 What then? Shall we sin because we are not under the law but under grace? By no means! 16 Don't you know that when you offer yourselves to someone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one you obey—whether you are slaves to sin, which leads to death, or to obedience, which leads to righteousness? 17 But thanks be to God that, though you used to be slaves to sin, you have come to obey from your heart the pattern of teaching that has now claimed your allegiance. 18 You have been set free from sin and have become slaves to righteousness.

19 I am using an example from everyday life because of your human limitations. Just as you used to offer yourselves as slaves to impurity and to ever-increasing wickedness, so now offer yourselves as slaves to righteousness leading to holiness. 20 When you were slaves to sin, you were free from the control of righteousness. 21 What benefit did you reap at that time from the things you are now ashamed of? Those things result in death! 22 But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the benefit you reap leads to holiness, and the result is eternal life. 23 For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

### **Worship Participants:**

Rev. Dr. Leanne Simmons, Pastor

Debi Rogers, Chancel Choir dir.

Andrea Nguyen, Keyboards

Karen Ehrens, Soloist

Alice Nix, Lay Reader

Josh Stokka, Audio/Visual Specialist

Mark Jensen, Youth Ministry dir.

Becky & Dennis Rosenkranz, Marete Farver, Don Bigwood,

Larry Larson, and Audre Goll ~ Ushers



**LOOKING FOR**  
**AN ADULT / MALE BICYCLE**  
**Please call the office 223-6091**

## Second Scripture Reading

*Galatians 5:1-18*

It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery. 2 Mark my words! I, Paul, tell you that if you let yourselves be circumcised, Christ will be of no value to you at all. 3 Again I declare to every man who lets himself be circumcised that he is obligated to obey the whole law. 4 You who are trying to be justified by the law have been alienated from Christ; you have fallen away from grace. 5 For through the Spirit we eagerly await by faith the righteousness for which we hope. 6 For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision has any value. The only thing that counts is faith expressing itself through love.

7 You were running a good race. Who cut in on you to keep you from obeying the truth? 8 That kind of persuasion does not come from the one who calls you. 9 “A little yeast works through the whole batch of dough.” 10 I am confident in the Lord that you will take no other view. The one who is throwing you into confusion, whoever that may be, will have to pay the penalty. 11 Brothers and sisters, if I am still preaching circumcision, why am I still being persecuted? In that case the offense of the cross has been abolished. 12 As for those agitators, I wish they would go the whole way and emasculate themselves!

13 You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh; rather, serve one another humbly in love. 14 For the entire law is fulfilled in keeping this one command: “Love your neighbor as yourself.” 15 If you bite and devour each other, watch out or you will be destroyed by each other.

16 So I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. 17 For the flesh desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the flesh. They are in conflict with each other, so that you are not to do whatever you want. 18 But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law.

**CCC Needs List for July: tissues and hand soap**



## Calendar

Mon., July 1 -	1:30pm Prayer Shawl Ministry <b>6:00pm Hospitality</b> 6:30pm Scouts
Tues., July 2-	<b>NO</b> Property & Equipment <b>NO</b> Lay Pastors
Wed., July 3 -	<b>Noon—Munch &amp; Mingle</b>
Thur., July 4 -	<b>CCC &amp; FPC OFFICES CLOSED</b> <b>NO</b> Yoga
Fri., July 5 -	<i>No Activities Scheduled</i>
Sat., July 6 -	<i>No Activities Scheduled</i>
Sun., July 7 -	10:00am Worship– “communion Sunday”

### LAY READERS NEEDED:



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

### **Munch & Mingle!**

Please come for Munch & Mingle  
the **1st** Wednesday of the month -  
**Noon - Broadway Grill & Tavern**  
**Wednesday, July 3rd**



### **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!





**Mark your calendar for VBS**

Vacation Bible School

**August 5th - 8th, 2024 5:30-7:30pm**

Children ages 4 through 5th grade are invited.

VBS registration forms are on our website

Or can be picked up in the church office.

**Deadline: Monday, July 22nd**



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**OFFICE HOURS:**

**MONDAY-FRIDAY 8-4:30**