

WELCOME TO
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
OF BISMARCK, ND

"5TH SUNDAY OF LENT"



March 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.

Worship Participants:

Rev. Dr. Leanne Simmons, Pastor

Debi Rogers, Chancel Choir dir.

Arvy Smith, Keyboards

Shari Orser, Lay Reader

Josh Stokka, Audio/Visual Specialist

Mark Jensen, Youth Ministry dir.

Becky & Dennis Rosenkranz, Lori & Rick Lee, Audre Goll,
and Karmen Svihovec ~ Ushers

The Gospel Guys:

Otto Reile, Allen Hoberg, Charlie Barber, and Jim Rambo

PLEASE FILL OUT YOUR **“LENTEN PRAYER CARDS”**
AND LEAVE THEM IN THE BASKET ON THE PODIUM,
THESE PRAYERS WILL BE LIFTED UP TO THE LORD AT THE
GREAT PRAYER VIGIL - SAT., MARCH 30. SIGN-UP TO PRAY
WITH PASTOR LEANNE ON THE BULLETIN BOARD.

THANK YOU!



“5th Sunday of Lent” 10:00am
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
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Prelude “On Eagles Wings” arr. Paul A. Tate

Welcome and Announcements

Introit “You Are the Rock of My Salvation” Teresa Muller

Gathering in God’s Name

***Call to Worship (responsively)**

Lift up your voice and call out to God.

We cry out, believing that God hears us.

Come together and wait for God.

We come together, trusting that God is still speaking.

Surely God’s presence is here with us now.

We wait in hope, for God’s steadfast love lifts our hearts.

Come, worship the Lord.

We celebrate the power of God that restores us.

***Opening Hymn** “O Sacred Head, Now Wounded” Hymnal #98

Call to Confession “Create in Me a Clean Heart”

**Create in me a clean heart, O God,
And renew a right spirit within me.**

**Create in me a clean heart, O God,
And renew a right spirit within me.**

**Cast me not away from your presence, O Lord,
And take not your Holy Spirit from me.**

**Restore unto me the joy of your salvation,
And renew a right spirit within me.**

Prayer of Confession (unison)

**In the blazing light of your love
our failings are illuminated**

our failure to give

our failure to love

our failure to follow

our failure to serve

our failure to be the people

you would have us be.



**Forgive us and renew us.
You know our nature
know our failings
Enfold us in your arms
that we might daily know
your forgiveness and healing love.
(Silent Individual Prayer) 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 71:1-8*

Anthem “Were You There?” and “The Old Rugged Cross”
The Gospel Guys

Second Scripture Reading *Psalm 71:9-24*

Sermon “May I Never, Ever, Out-live My Love for Thee”

***Confession of Our Faith** from the 2nd Helvetic Confession

The saints are chosen in Christ by God for a definite purpose, which the apostle himself explains when he says, “God’s chose us in him for adoption that we should be holy and blameless before him in love. God destined us for adoption to be God’s children through Jesus Christ that they should be to the praise of the glory of God’s grace.”

Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer

Responding to God’s Word

***Closing Hymn** “For All the Saints” Hymnal #526
(verses 1-3)

Sending Forth in God’s Name

Benediction and Blessing

Benediction Response “Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

Postlude “Rain Down” Craig Kingsbury

First Scripture Reading

Psalm 71:1-8

- 1 In you, Lord, I have taken refuge;
let me never be put to shame.
- 2 In your righteousness, rescue me and deliver me;
turn your ear to me and save me.
- 3 Be my rock of refuge,
to which I can always go;
give the command to save me,
for you are my rock and my fortress.
- 4 Deliver me, my God, from the hand of the wicked,
from the grasp of those who are evil and cruel.
- 5 For you have been my hope, Sovereign Lord,
my confidence since my youth.
- 6 From birth I have relied on you;
you brought me forth from my mother's womb.
I will ever praise you.
- 7 I have become a sign to many;
you are my strong refuge.
- 8 My mouth is filled with your praise,
declaring your splendor all day long.

Second Scripture Reading

Psalm 71:9-24

- 9 Do not cast me away when I am old;
do not forsake me when my strength is gone.
- 10 For my enemies speak against me;
those who wait to kill me conspire together.
- 11 They say, "God has forsaken him;
pursue him and seize him,
for no one will rescue him."
- 12 Do not be far from me, my God;
come quickly, God, to help me.
- 13 May my accusers perish in shame;
may those who want to harm me
be covered with scorn and disgrace.



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- 14 As for me, I will always have hope;
I will praise you more and more.
- 15 My mouth will tell of your righteous deeds,
of your saving acts all day long—
though I know not how to relate them all.
- 16 I will come and proclaim your mighty acts, Sovereign Lord;
I will proclaim your righteous deeds, yours alone.
- 17 Since my youth, God, you have taught me,
and to this day I declare your marvelous deeds.
- 18 Even when I am old and gray,
do not forsake me, my God,
till I declare your power to the next generation,
your mighty acts to all who are to come.
- 19 Your righteousness, God, reaches to the heavens,
you who have done great things.
Who is like you, God?
- 20 Though you have made me see troubles,
many and bitter,
you will restore my life again;
from the depths of the earth
you will again bring me up.
- 21 You will increase my honor
and comfort me once more.
- 22 I will praise you with the harp
for your faithfulness, my God;
I will sing praise to you with the lyre,
Holy One of Israel.
- 23 My lips will shout for joy
when I sing praise to you—
I whom you have delivered.
- 24 My tongue will tell of your righteous acts
all day long,
for those who wanted to harm me
have been put to shame and confusion.
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CCC Needs List for March

paper towels and tissues



Sewers Needed!

The Sanford Cancer Center is in need of chemo port pillows for their patients. If you are interested in helping, there is a simple sewing pattern available on the bulletin board in the Narthex. For more information, please reach out to Cathy Kinnischtzke. 527-3393



Maundy Thursday Communion Servers:

Karmen Svihovec
Clyde Johnson

Pastor Leanne

Easter Sunday Communion Servers:

Kris Ronningen
Neva Carlisle
Bill Jensen
Dennis Rosenkranz
Becky Rosenkranz
Signe Snortland

Letha Lewis
Rusty Bender
Anita Fru
Danette Pengilly
Jim Rambo
Kimball Banks

Come and visit the church library!

You may have noticed books decorating the tables in the parlor - this is to remind you that our church has a loaning library, complete with devotional material and serious scholarly theological studies. Come and visit the library in the Gathering Room, you may find something your soul has been looking for!



Calendar

Mon., Mar. 18 -	Noon Resource Management 1:30pm Prayer Shawl Ministry 4:30pm Admin. & Personnel 5:30pm Suzuki 6:30pm Scouts
Tues., Mar. 19 -	11AM Balance & Strength Class Noon- Lenten Soup Luncheon- lay speaker: Nancy Legerski 2:00pm Restorative & Relaxation Class
Wed., Mar. 20 -	5:45pm PAC/Teens 6:30pm Bells 7:30pm Choir
Thur., Mar. 21 -	11AM Balance & Strength Class NO Yoga 7:00pm Deacons
Fri., Mar. 22 -	<i>No Activities Scheduled</i>
Sat., Mar. 23 -	<i>No Activities Scheduled</i>
Sun., Mar. 24 -	9:00AM Pancake Breakfast - Scout Troop #6 10am Worship- Palm Sunday followed by Easter Egg Hunt for the kids!

REMINDER FOR YOUTH FAMILIES:

Wed., March 20th kids will practice music for
Palm Sunday with Debi and the Chancel Choir at 7:15pm

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

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





ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING SPECIAL OFFERING SUNDAY, MARCH 31ST

The Church belongs always, and forever, with those struggling for justice, righteousness and peace. We give to OGHS because of where the Church belongs, and of who the church is. Please, give generously to **One Great Hour of Sharing on Easter Sunday** so that our Church will continue its good works. For when we all do a little, it adds up to a lot.

SINCERELY, STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

Easter Memorials

Each Easter we offer the opportunity to give donations in memory of loved ones. Monies from these memorials are directed to the Deacon's *Gift of Giving* program which supports the work of the Deacons and provides assistance to people in need. If you would like to make such a donation, please provide the following information **by Monday, March 25th** to the church office: 223-6091 or email at firstpresbyterian@fpcbismarck.com



In Memory of

Given by

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Donations can be made in cash or a check payable to 'First Presbyterian Church' with *Gift of Giving* indicated in the memo line. All memorials will be listed in the Easter Sunday bulletin (without amounts).

Flowers this week are in memory of:
Delmar Lewis & Dennis Pengilly
A gift from: Danette, David, Drew, Paige
& Luke Pengilly



Restorative & Relaxation Class !!

*“Yoga for Life” by Susan Thompson is offering a **FREE** one-time class to help you prepare for spring/summer activities with a refreshed attitude. This one hour & 15 minute class is a motionless-meditation/breathing exercise!*

Tuesday, March 19 – 2:00-3:15pm in the yoga room downstairs here at FPC. (#202)



LENTEN SCHEDULE

Tue., Mar., 19	Noon – Lenten Soup Luncheon led by Lay Pastor - Nancy Legerski
Sun., Mar., 24	9AM “Pancake Breakfast” Boy Scouts 10AM Palm Sunday – Easter Egg Hunt No Adult Sunday School
Thu., Mar., 28	7:30PM Maundy Thursday
Fri., Mar., 29	FPC & CCC OFFICES CLOSED 5:00PM Good Friday Service at Glencoe
Sat., Mar., 30	10:30-Noon Great Prayer Vigil in the Chapel
Sun., Mar., 31	10AM Easter Sunday - communion No Sunday School- adult or kids

Hospitality Committee March Donation Opportunity

During **March**, the Hospitality Committee is supporting the Child Care Center with a paper products drive. This is an opportunity for the congregation to help defray Child Care Center costs by donating paper towels and tissues, the two most used disposable items consumed by the Center. Please bring your donations to the Donations Box or the Donations Crib in the Narthex during March. Your gifts are much appreciated by the Child Care Center and by the little noses that benefit from the tissues!



SUNDAY, MARCH 24

9:00AM - START SERVING

BOY SCOUT TROOP #6 - PANCAKE BREAKFAST

(FREE WILL OFFERING FOR BOY SCOUTS)



BOY SCOUTS
OF AMERICA

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. The deadline to apply is **May 17, 2024**.



Caramel Rolls are Back!

Sunday, April 7th is the date to save for the Westminster Chimes caramel rolls sale. It will be held in the Parlor and all proceeds go to the Dedicated Handbell Fund. Anyone who would like to place orders for six or more may put their request on a sign-up in the narthex through the month of March and we will have them ready for pickup after the April 7th worship service. Many thanks for your support!



CALLING ALL PINOCHLE PLAYERS

The Hospitality Committee is sponsoring a progressive pinochle card party on Saturday, **April 13, 2024 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 pm** in the church parlor. This party is for all those who know how to play pinochle and those who wish to learn to play. Beginners will be placed at a table with at least one person who knows how to play and will be provided with cheat sheets and instructions to use as needed. We will break for lunch and socializing at approximately noon and resume playing pinochle at approximately 1:00 p.m. Please bring something to share for lunch. The Hospitality Committee will provide liquid refreshments.



Pinochle decks will be provided, but if you have a deck of pinochle cards, please bring it. Come and 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.



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OFFICE HOURS:
MONDAY-FRIDAY 8-4:30