

September 17, 2023

“Sock It To Me Sunday”

10:00AM

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
OF BISMARCK, ND

Prelude

“Open My Eyes”

Jesse Manibusan

Welcome and Announcements

Sock-It-To-Me Time!!

Introit

“I Love to Tell the Story”

arr. C. Dobrinski

Gathering in God’s Name

*Call to Worship (responsively)

Leader: May our lips pour forth praise to the Lord, for his word is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path.

People: **We will seek God with all our heart, so that we will not stray from his commandments.**

Leader: May God’s face shine upon his servants and teach us his statutes.

All: **The earth is full of the steadfast love of the Lord; may God accept our offerings of praise!**

Opening Hymn

“Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine”

Hymnal #341

Choral 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)

Our Father, forgive our sins. Forgive the sins that we remember, and the sins we have forgotten. Forgive our many failures in the face of temptation, and those times when we have been stubborn in the face of correction. Forgive the times we have been proud of our own achievements and those when we have failed to boast in your works. Forgive the harsh judgments we have made of others, and the leniency we have shown to ourselves. Forgive the lies we have told to others, and the truths we have avoided. Forgive us the pain we have caused others and the indulgence we have shown ourselves. Lord God, have mercy on us and make us whole. (Silent, individual confession)

In Jesus Christ, our Savior’s name, Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

*Gloria Patri and Passing of the Peace of Christ

Hymnal #579

Young Disciples Message

*Gratitude for the Grace of Giving and Peace and Global Witness Offering

*Doxology and Dedication of Gifts

Hymnal #592

Proclamation of the Word of God

Prayer of Illumination

First Scripture Reading

Psalm 119:9-18

Anthem

“Thy Word”

arr. S. Geschke

Second Scripture Reading

John 5:31-40

Sermon

“The WORD of the Lord...Thanks Be to God!”

***Confession of Our Faith (unison) from Second Helvetic Confession**

We judge, therefore, that from the Scriptures are to be derived true wisdom and godliness, the reformation and government of churches; as also instruction in all duties of piety; and, to be short, the confirmation of doctrines, and the rejection of all errors, moreover, all exhortations according to that word of the apostle, “All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof.”

Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer

Silence Honoring Victims and Survivors of 9/11

Responding to God’s Word

***Closing Hymn**

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

Hymnal #276

Sending Forth in God’s Name

Benediction and Blessing

Benediction Response

“How Firm a Foundation”

arr. S. Eithun

Postlude

“Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”

Mark Hayes



Saturday, September 23rd

“Blessing of the Pets” service 1:00pm

(any pets welcome-even teddy bears)

Please join us in First Presbyterian Church’s west parking lot

Furry Friends will offer micro-chipping 1-3:00pm

(cost of micro-chipping - \$35 per animal)

Their list of needs includes the following:

bleach, pee pads, kitty litter, cat/kitten food, litter boxes, puppy/dog food, dog treats and toys. Please place your items in the donation box in the Narthex. Thanks for your generosity!

We will be accepting donations for Furry Friends Rockin’ Rescue



FPC’s 2nd Annual Health Fair

Thursday, September 28, 2023

10:00AM - 2:00PM

over 20 local vendors - community resources

Bismarck Burleigh Public Health is offering flu shots!

First Scripture Reading

Psalm 119:9-18

⁹ How can a young person stay on the path of purity?

By living according to your word.

¹⁰ I seek you with all my heart;
do not let me stray from your commands.

¹¹ I have hidden your word in my heart
that I might not sin against you.

¹² Praise be to you, LORD;
teach me your decrees.

¹³ With my lips I recount
all the laws that come from your mouth.

¹⁴ I rejoice in following your statutes
as one rejoices in great riches.

¹⁵ I meditate on your precepts
and consider your ways.

¹⁶ I delight in your decrees;
I will not neglect your word.

¹⁷ Be good to your servant while I live,
that I may obey your word.

¹⁸ Open my eyes that I may see
wonderful things in your law.

Second Scripture Reading

John 5:31-40

³¹ “If I testify about myself, my testimony is not true. ³² There is another who testifies in my favor, and I know that his testimony about me is true. ³³ “You have sent to John and he has testified to the truth. ³⁴ Not that I accept human testimony; but I mention it that you may be saved. ³⁵ John was a lamp that burned and gave light, and you chose for a time to enjoy his light. ³⁶ “I have testimony weightier than that of John. For the works that the Father has given me to finish—the very works that I am doing—testify that the Father has sent me. ³⁷ And the Father who sent me has himself testified concerning me. You have never heard his voice nor seen his form, ³⁸ nor does his word dwell in you, for you do not believe the one he sent. ³⁹ You study the Scriptures diligently because you think that in them you have eternal life. These are the very Scriptures that testify about me, ⁴⁰ yet you refuse to come to me to have life.

Congratulations 3rd graders - receiving your Bibles:

Samwise Farver

Beckett Hedland

Ruby Pederson



ANNOUNCEMENTS-

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Sunday, September 24th
immediately following worship
in the Sanctuary

Calendar

Monday, September 18 - **Noon** Resource Management
1:30pm Prayer Shawl Ministry
4:30pm Admin. & Personnel
5:30pm Suzuki
6:30pm Scouts

Tuesday, September 19 - **7:00pm Christian Ed (changed night)**

Wednesday, September 20 - 5:45pm PAC/Teens
6:30pm Westminster Chimes
7:30pm Chancel Choir starts

Thursday, September 21 - 5:30pm Yoga begins
7:00pm Deacons

Friday, September 22 - No activities scheduled

Saturday, September 23 - **1:00pm “Blessing of the Pets” service**
1:00-3:00pm Furry Friends micro-chipping
10:00am Worship **“Staff Appreciation”**

Sunday, September 24 - **Congregational Meeting**

Worship Participants:

Rev. Dr. Leanne Simmons, Pastor
Debi Rogers, Chancel Choir dir.
Lael Hoerauf, Westminster Chimes dir.
Andrea Nguyen, Keyboards
Bev Patch-Larson, Lay Reader
Josh Stokka, Audio/Visual Specialist
Mark Jensen, Youth Ministry dir.
Neva & Ron Carlisle, Connor Svihovec, Karmen Svihovec, Danette Pengilly,
and Donna Arneson ~ Ushers

Coming Soon

Potluck at Papa’s Pumpkin Patch

Saturday, September 30

4:30pm - shelters #2,3,4 (No electricity)

**Please bring a dish to share - sign up sheet on
the volunteer bulletin board!**



FPC Child Care Center is looking for donations of “Back to School Supplies” here’s a list of things we could use:

- ♦ **crayons (Jumbo)**
- ♦ **washable markers**
- ♦ **glue sticks**
- ♦ **bottles of school glue**
- ♦ **pipe cleaners and pom poms**
- ♦ **washable paints**
- ♦ **water color paints**
- ♦ **play-doh**



Please make sure the items are non-toxic and AP approved.



CCC Needs List for September

kleenex



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. The per capita payment of each church in our denomination is divided between the Presbytery, the Synod and the General Assembly and provides the most substantial source of funding that supports the larger church and enables it to provide the connectionism that makes the Presbyterian Church unique and enables it to function the way that it does. Without the connectional relationships that exist in our denomination between the individual churches and the Presbyteries, Synods and the General Assembly many churches would find it very difficult to survive without the guidance and leadership offered by the larger church organization and staff personnel.

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.

Please consider making a separate per capita payment to the church this year and feel confident that you are doing your part to help support our Presbyterian Church and its membership in the largest Presbyterian Church organization in the world. Thank you.

While there are no PC(USA) congregations on the island of **Maui**, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance is collaborating with UCC and other [National VOAD](#) members to respond. An initial response grant has been disbursed to address emergency needs, and PDA will be present through the long-term recovery phase. Emergency needs include but are not limited to food, shelter, WASH (water, sanitation and hygiene), medicine and more. To support these efforts you may go to the PDA website (pda.pcusa.org) and designate gifts to [DR000165](#).



PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE

It's time again to sing. All adults and youth are welcome to join our Chancel Choir (no audition needed) in the sanctuary Wednesday, September 20th @ 7:30 for our first rehearsal. We're blessed with marvelous musicians and would love for you to sing with us. Choir rehearses Wednesday nights from 7:30-8:30 pm in the sanctuary and prepares at least 4 weeks ahead, so don't worry if you can't attend every rehearsal.

Our **150th anniversary** will culminate with a concert titled "**Celebrate, Praise and Sing!**" The concert will be held Sunday, **October 15 at 3:00pm** in the sanctuary. The choirs of First Presbyterian Bismarck, First Presbyterian Mandan and St. George's Episcopal will join their voices together in song. In addition, our Westminster Chimes and a string quartet will play as well.

Strings and bells will join us again on December 17 when we present Vivaldi's "Gloria" in its entirety. Exciting! Singing in a choir is a meaningful, exhilarating and spiritual way to serve our congregation. We'd be thrilled to have your voice join with ours in harmony.

See you soon...

Debi Rogers

Chancel Choir Director

701-226-6890



THE HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE -

The Hospitality Committee is asking our church members to please donate jelly and/or peanut butter in plastic containers (no glass, please) during the month of September. Our church has been a long-time supporter of the Backpacks for Kids program in our community. This program delivers backpacks to schools in the Bismarck/Mandan area on Friday afternoons to provide nutritious food items to children who lack food over the weekends. Last year, our congregation collected 71 jars of peanut butter and 64 jars of jelly. Your PBJ donations (plastic containers only, please) can be put in the donation box in the narthex.



FPC Prayer Shawl Ministry

Our Prayer Shawl (knitting/crocheting) Ministry Group of ladies meets on a monthly basis in the Church Parlor at 1:30pm the 1st and 3rd Mondays of the month. We would like to remind and welcome anyone who enjoys knitting or crocheting, to join our fun group (women of ALL ages). It is very relaxing and you can stay as long as you like. We would LOVE to see you!! We have many wonderful people who have donated yarn, needles, or even dollars to use for our Ministry, we say "Thank You!" If you are interested, please feel free to call Jan Gilchrist: 527-0565 or Neva Carlisle 426-6690.

