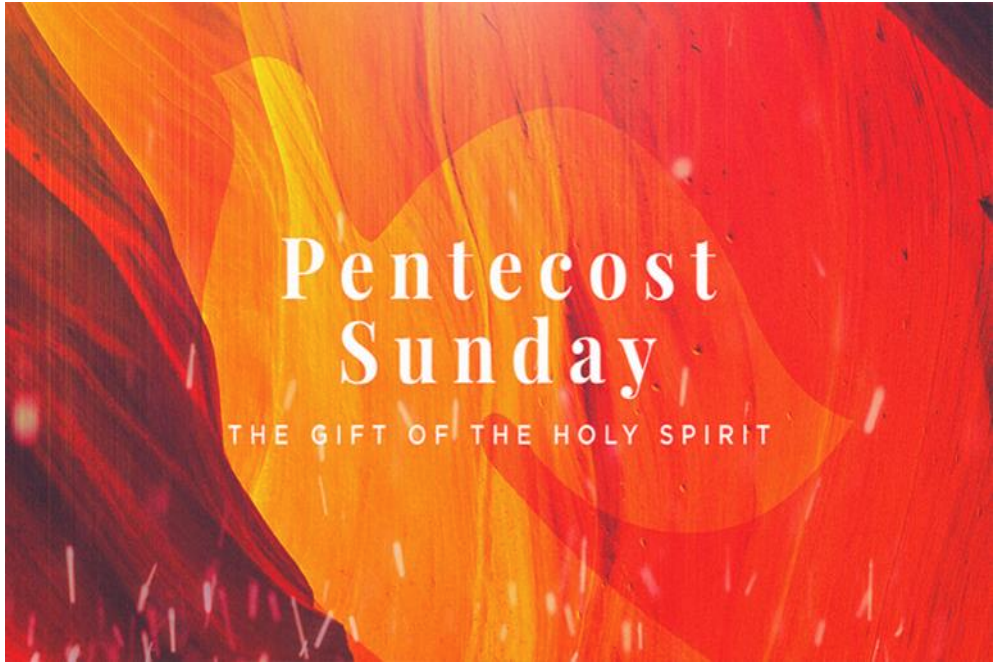


WELCOME TO
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
OF BISMARCK, ND
“PENTECOST SUNDAY”



May 19, 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.

We have emailed a **Time and Talent Survey Form** that we would appreciate each member of our church family completing and submitting to the church office. We are asking that each member, youth or adult, complete this survey form. You may either complete the form and return it electronically, or bring the completed form to the church office. There are several copies in the office if you prefer to pick-up a paper copy! We would like to receive the completed forms by May 31, 2024.

Thank you for your willingness to complete this form.

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During May, there will be a few historical displays in the narthex for our celebration of 50 years of handbell music ministry. Enjoy the memories with us as you find friends and relatives in the photographs!



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.

“Pentecost Sunday” 10:00am
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
OF BISMARCK, ND

“Then the disciples gathered around Jesus and asked him, “Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?”

He said to them: “It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” *Acts 1:6-8*

Prelude “Today We Are Called to be Disciples”
arr. H. Dean Wagner

Welcome and Announcements

Introit “Spirit Sing” Mary & Joseph Martin

Gathering in God’s Name

***Call to Worship** (responsively)

Come, Holy Spirit,
The wind of God, the breath of Life.

Come, Holy Spirit,
Our Advocate, our Counselor.

Come, Holy Spirit,
Teacher of Wisdom, Reminder of Christ.

Come, Holy Spirit,
Granter of forgiveness, giver of peace.

Come, Holy Spirit.
May we feel God breathing through our worship
May we receive the Holy Spirit in this place. Amen.

***Opening Hymn** “Gracious Spirit, Heed Our Pleading” see attached

Call to Confession “Spirit of the Living God” Hymnal #322

Prayer of Confession (responsively)

God of rushing wind, coming from where it wants and going to where it wants,
pour out your Spirit upon us.

God of fire, flaring on gathered disciples and burning away their stubborn pride,

pour out your Spirit upon us.

God of miraculous speaking and hearing, amazing the faithful and riveting their attention to what is about to happen,

pour out your Spirit upon us.

God of the young who see visions, of the old who dream dreams, of male prophets and female prophets,

pour out your Spirit upon us.

You raised up Peter to preach the news of Pentecost – that all people are loved and called to you!

pour out your Spirit upon us.

God of wind and fire and tongues, God of visions and dreams and universal promises,

Great God, send your Spirit to save us too.

You sent your Spirit to assail hard hearts. You sent repentance and faith, baptism and forgiveness, teaching and fellowship, communion and prayer.

Great God, send your Spirit to save us too.

(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

Rededication of the Bells see insert

Proclamation of the Word of God

Prayer of Illumination

First Scripture Reading *Acts 2:1-12*

Anthem “Breathe” arr. Derek Hakes

Second Scripture Reading *Acts 10:17-48*

Sermon “The Surprise Called Church”

Confession of Our Faith from the Belhar Confession

We confess that God’s life-giving Word and Spirit has conquered the powers of sin and death, and therefore also of irreconciliation and hatred, bitterness and enmity, that God’s life-giving Word and Spirit will enable the church to live in a new obedience which can open new possibilities of life for society and the world;

- that the credibility of this message is seriously affected and its beneficial work obstructed when it is proclaimed in a land which professes to be Christian, but in which the enforced separation of people on a racial basis promotes and perpetuates alienation, hatred and enmity;**
- that any teaching which attempts to legitimate such forced separation by appeal to the gospel, and is not prepared to venture on the road of obedience and reconciliation, but rather, out of prejudice, fear, selfishness and unbelief, denies in advance the reconciling power of the gospel, must be considered ideology and false doctrine.**

Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer

Responding to God’s Word

***Closing Hymn** “On Pentecost They Gathered” Hymnal #128

Sending Forth in God’s Name

Benediction and Blessing

Benediction Response “How Can I Keep From *Ringin’*”
arr. Arnold B. Sherman

Postlude “O Holy Spirit, Root of Life” arr. Anna L. Page



**The anthem today was purchased in memory of
our friend Arley Gallup 12/19/1928 – 01/10/2023.**

First Scripture Reading

Acts 2:1-12

When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. 2 Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. 3 They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. 4 All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

5 Now, there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. 6 When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard their own language being spoken. 7 Utterly amazed, they asked: “Aren’t all these who are speaking Galileans? 8 Then how is it that each of us hears them in our native language? 9 Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, 10 Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome 11 (both Jews and converts to Judaism); Cretans and Arabs—we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!” 12 Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, “What does this mean?”

Calendar

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| Mon., May 20 - | Noon Resource Management 1:30pm Prayer Shawl Ministry 4:30pm Admin & Personnel 6:30pm Scouts |
| Tues., May 21 - | 11AM Balance & Strength Class |
| Wed., May 22 - | 6:30pm Bells (last night—Potluck Party) 7-9:00pm Scholarship Committee |
| Thur., May 23- | 11AM Balance & Strength Class (last day) NO Yoga |
| Fri., May 24 - | <i>No Activities Scheduled</i> |
| Sat., May 25 - | <i>No Activities Scheduled</i> |
| Sun., May 26 - | 10am Worship— “Trinity Sunday” |

Pastor Leanne on vacation: 5/20-5/23

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Second Scripture Reading

Acts 10:17-48

17 While Peter was wondering about the meaning of the vision, the men sent by Cornelius found out where Simon's house was and stopped at the gate. 18 They called out, asking if Simon who was known as Peter was staying there.

19 While Peter was still thinking about the vision, the Spirit said to him, "Simon, three men are looking for you. 20 So get up and go downstairs. Do not hesitate to go with them, for I have sent them."

21 Peter went down and said to the men, "I'm the one you're looking for. Why have you come?" 22 The men replied, "We have come from Cornelius the centurion. He is a righteous and God-fearing man, who is respected by all the Jewish people. A holy angel told him to ask you to come to his house so that he could hear what you have to say."

23 Then Peter invited the men into the house to be his guests. The next day Peter started out with them, and some of the believers from Joppa went along. 24 The following day he arrived in Caesarea. Cornelius was expecting them and had called together his relatives and close friends. 25 As Peter entered the house, Cornelius met him and fell at his feet in reverence. 26 But Peter made him get up. "Stand up," he said, "I am only a man myself." 27 While talking with him, Peter went inside and found a large gathering of people. 28 He said to them: "You are well aware that it is against our law for a Jew to associate with or visit a Gentile. But God has shown me that I should not call anyone impure or unclean. 29 So when I was sent for, I came without raising any objection. May I ask why you sent for me?"

30 Cornelius answered: "Three days ago I was in my house praying at this hour, at three in the afternoon. Suddenly a man in shining clothes stood before me 31 and said, 'Cornelius, God has heard your prayer and remembered your gifts to the poor. 32 Send to Joppa for Simon who is called Peter. He is a guest in the home of Simon the tanner, who lives by the sea.' 33 So I sent for you immediately, and it was good of you to come. Now we are all here in the presence of God to listen to everything the Lord has commanded you to tell us."

34 Then Peter began to speak: "I now realize how true it is that God does not show favoritism 35 but accepts from every nation the one who fears him and does what is right. —————>

36 You know the message God sent to the people of Israel, announcing the good news of peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all. 37 You know what has happened throughout the province of Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached— 38 how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power, and how he went around doing good and healing all who were under the power of the devil, because God was with him.

39 “We are witnesses of everything he did in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They killed him by hanging him on a cross, 40 but God raised him from the dead on the third day and caused him to be seen. 41 He was not seen by all the people, but by witnesses whom God had already chosen—by us who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. 42 He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one whom God appointed as judge of the living and the dead. 43 All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

44 While Peter was still speaking these words, the Holy Spirit came on all who heard the message. 45 The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astonished that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on Gentiles. 46 For they heard them speaking in tongues and praising God.

Then Peter said, 47 “Surely no one can stand in the way of their being baptized with water. They have received the Holy Spirit just as we have.” 48 So he ordered that they be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they asked Peter to stay with them for a few days.

Worship Participants:

Rev. Dr. Leanne Simmons, Pastor

Debi Rogers, Chancel Choir dir.

Lael Hoerauf, Westminster Chimes dir.

Gail Snustad, Keyboards

Donna Richter, Lay Reader

Josh Stokka, Audio/Visual Specialist

Mark Jensen, Youth Ministry dir.

Dennis Rosenkranz, Anita Fru, Karmen Svihovec, Vic Sonneman,

Connor Svihovec, and Becky Rosenkranz ~ Ushers

Opening Hymn: verses 1-3 only

Gracious Spirit, Heed Our Pleading

1 Gra - cious Spir - it, heed our plead - ing;
 2 Come to teach us; come to nour - ish
 3 Guide our think - ing and our speak - ing
 4 Not mere knowl - edge, but dis - cern - ment,
 5 Keep us fer - vent in our wit - ness,

flash - ion us all a - new. It's your lead - ing
 those who be - lieve in Christ. Bless the faith - ful;
 done in your ho - ly name. Mo - ti - vate all
 nor root - less lib - er - ty; turn dis - qui - et
 un - swayed by earth's al - lure. Ev - er grant us

that we're need - ing; help us to fol - low you.
 may they flour - ish, strength - ened by grace un - priced.
 in their seek - ing, free - ing from guilt and shame.
 to con - tent - ment, doubt in - to cer - tain - ty.
 zeal - ous fit - ness, which you a - lone as - sure.

Refrain

Come, come, come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come.
 Njo - o, njo - o, nj - oo, Ro - ho mwe - ma.

Originally written for the uniting of the Lutheran churches in Tanzania, this prayerful hymn touches on the need of the whole church at all times for the Holy Spirit's guidance and blessing. When appropriate, the refrain can effectively be used alone as a prayer response.



A Note of Thanks

For 50 years, loyal and dedicated volunteers have enabled the Westminster Chimes Handbell Ensemble to participate in worship through their music. Contributing to worship today are Kara Richter (74), Juanita Hocking (02), Linda Tonolli (75), Alice Nix (83), Kris Ronningen (77), Judy Tschider (90), Iris Giedd (05), Tammy Lelm (73), Rosey Sand (88), Sue Howard, Kathy Wachter (11), and Jim Rambo (88). Others ringing in worship with us this season include Shelly Heilman (06), Gail Zimmerman, Lisa McCallum, Mary Borman, Clark Borman, and Annette Behm-Caldwell. (The numbers in parentheses denote the year they first started ringing in our handbell music ministry.) We would like to thank Pastor Leanne, Debi, the organists, the church staff, and the congregation for all their support in our endeavors.

- Lael Hoerauf, dir. (77)

Celebrating Delores James

Today, May 19

Please join us following
worship for refreshments
in the Parlor

Happy 90th Birthday

warm wishes and
cards are welcome!



May Donation Opportunity- The Hospitality Committee's



May donation opportunity is for Youthworks.

Youthworks is a non-profit organization that helps homeless, runaway, and struggling youth in our

community. They need new socks and underwear for teens, and new or gently used clothing for teens. Thank you for your support, please place your donated items in the donation box in the narthex.

BISMARCK ART & GALLERIES ASSOCIATION
Annual Square Foot Exhibit April 30-May 24



This exhibit will feature over 70 artists from throughout the country. Each art piece must utilize a 12" x 12" canvas and be original in nature. There is always a variety in subject matter and medium used, which makes for a very interesting exhibition.

Member Artist is **Sandra Cofell**: Sandy paints with acrylics on canvas or hard board. Her subjects include travel scenes, birds and animals. These exhibits are being sponsored by Paige Pederson and in part by ND Council on the Arts and the Tom & Frances Leach Foundation.

Flowers this week are in honor of:

Delores James's birthday!

A gift from: Delores's family



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It is also on our Facebook page!
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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!



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