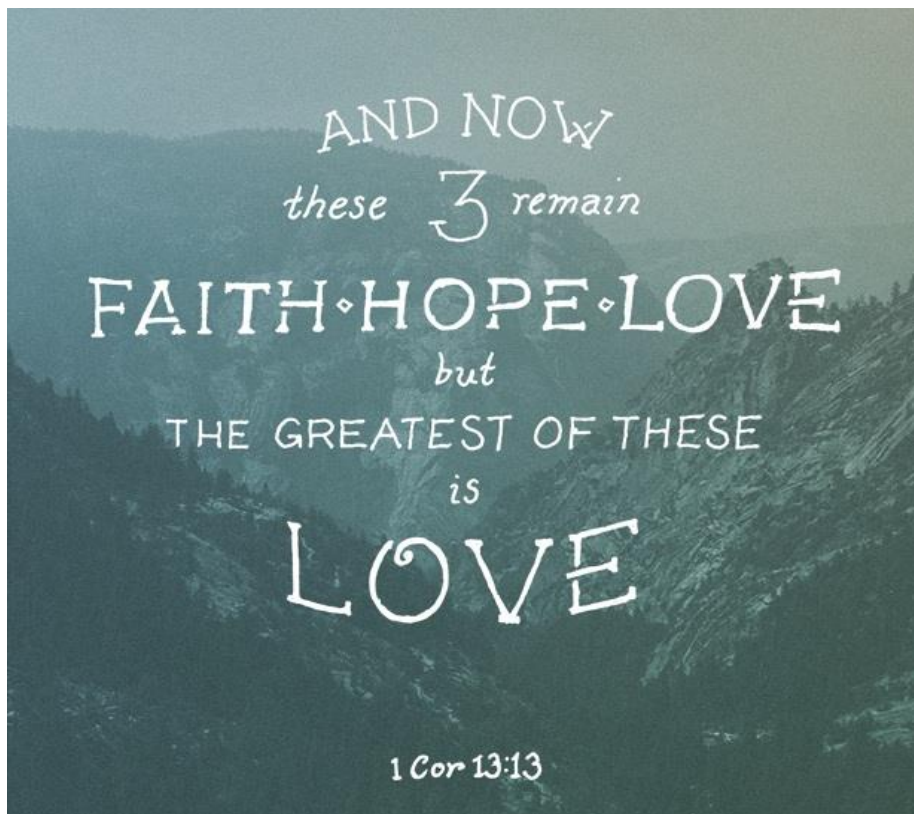


WELCOME TO
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
OF BISMARCK, ND



February 16, 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.

Hospitality Committee Planning Meeting

3:00pm TODAY in the Parlor

Please feel free to join us
if you are interested in what we do...
have some great new ideas to share...
or would like to join the committee!

**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.

“6th Sunday after Epiphany” 10:00am

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*(*Asterisks indicate that all who are able are requested to stand,
bold texts are to be read in unison)*

Prelude “Threads of Love” Lorie Line

Welcome and Announcements

Introit “I Love to Tell the Story” arr. C. Dobrinski

***Call to Worship**

Children of God: welcome!

Welcome to this place of love and grace,

Welcome to this place of hope and perseverance.

God invites all of us to be a part of the beloved community,

God invites all of us to share in the good news:

We are welcome, just as we are. We are loved, just as we are.

In gratitude for all of this, let us worship God.

Gathering in God’s Name

***Opening Hymn** “Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!” PH #341

Call to Confession “Sanctuary” Thompson/Scruggs

Lord Prepare me to be a sanctuary

Pure and holy, tried and true

With thanksgiving I’ll be a living

Sanctuary for you.

Prayer of Confession

Holy God,

we confess that we do not always love our neighbor.

**We confess that we have despised others,
even to the point of hatred.**

We confess that we have been hurt by others.

**We confess that forgiveness and reconciliation at times
are just impossible for us.**

We know that nothing is impossible in You.



**We come to You, seeking healing and wholeness for us.
Help us, whenever possible, to live in peace with others,
to seek reconciliation and healing and forgiveness.**

**For Your Son came and lived among us,
was betrayed and denied,
abused and put to death.**

**He rose again,
and came with the message of peace to those
who had denied him and abandoned him.**

May we walk in his ways. (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 *2 Peter 1:3-8*

Anthem “Love and Grace” arr. Jason W. Krug

Second Scripture Reading *1 Corinthians 13:1-13*

Sermon “A Complicated Matter Made Easy”

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

The life, death, resurrection, and promised coming of Jesus Christ has set the pattern for the church’s mission. Christ’s life as human involves the church in the common life of humanity. His service to humanity commits the church to work for every form of human well-being. His suffering makes the church sensitive to all the sufferings of humankind so that it sees the face of Christ in the faces of people in every kind of need. His crucifixion discloses to the church God’s judgment on humanity’s inhumanity to one another and the awful consequences of its own complicity in injustice. In the

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power of the risen Christ and the hope of his coming, the church sees the promise of God's renewal of human life in society and of God's victory over all wrong.

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Responding to God's Word

*Closing Hymn

"Though I May Speak"

PH #335

Sending Forth in God's Name

Benediction and Blessing

Benediction Response "God So Loved the World" arr. Anna L. Page

Postlude "The King of Love My Shepherd Is" arr. Mary Howarth

Worship Participants:

Rev. Dr. Leanne Simmons, Pastor

Lael Hoerauf, Westminster Chimes dir.

Josh Stokka, Audio/Visual Specialist

Arvy Smith, Keyboards

Mark Jensen, Youth Ministry dir.

Dale Hoerauf, Lay Reader

Ella & Tedd Gutzke, Lori Lee, Audrey Simmons, Vic Sonneman,
and Cathy Kinnischtzke ~ Ushers

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



Boy Scout Sunday Service - February 23rd

Boy Scout Troop #6



BOY SCOUTS
OF AMERICA

First Scripture Reading

2 Peter 1:3-8

³ His divine power has given us everything we need for a godly life through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness. ⁴ Through these he has given us his very great and precious promises, so that through them you may participate in the divine nature, having escaped the corruption in the world caused by evil desires.

⁵ For this very reason, make every effort to add to your faith goodness; and to goodness, knowledge; ⁶ and to knowledge, self-control; and to self-control, perseverance; and to perseverance, godliness; ⁷ and to godliness, mutual affection; and to mutual affection, love. ⁸ For if you possess these qualities in increasing measure, they will keep you from being ineffective and unproductive in your knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Calendar

- Mon., February 17 - **Noon** Resource Management
1:30pm Prayer Shawl Ministry
4:30pm Admin. & Personnel
6:30pm Scouts
- Tues., February 18 - **11:00am** Balance & Strength Class
- Wed., February 19 - **5:45pm** PAC/Teens
6:30pm Bells
NO Choir
- Thu., February 20- **11:00am** Balance & Strength Class
2:00pm Yoga
7:00pm Deacons
- Fri., February 21 - *No Activities Scheduled*
- Sat., February 22 - *No Activities Scheduled*
- Sun., February 23 - **10:00am** Worship– Boy Scout Service
- Mon., February 24 - **JOINT CE/W&M Meeting 6:00pm**



CCC Needs List for February: paper towels

Second Scripture Reading

1 Corinthians 13:1-13

If I speak in the tongues of men or of angels, but do not have love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. ² If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. ³ If I give all I possess to the poor and give over my body to hardship that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

⁴ Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. ⁵ It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. ⁶ Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. ⁷ It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.

⁸ Love never fails. But where there are prophecies, they will cease; where there are tongues, they will be stilled; where there is knowledge, it will pass away. ⁹ For we know in part and we prophesy in part, ¹⁰ but when completeness comes, what is in part disappears. ¹¹ When I was a child, I talked like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I put the ways of childhood behind me. ¹² For now we see only a reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known. ¹³ And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.

Westminster Chimes Caramel Roll Sale-

Sunday, March 2nd is the date for the handbell ringers' spring caramel rolls sale in the parlor. Anyone interested in placing *early orders for six or more rolls* may put their request on the sign-up sheet in the narthex and the orders will be ready for pickup after church on the 2nd. All proceeds go to the Westminster Chimes Festival Trip Fund!



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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!

