

May 14, 2023

“Confirmation Recognition”

10:00AM

# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF BISMARCK, ND

**Prelude** “Come, Thou Font of Every Blessing” Andrew Davis & Rusty Bender

**Welcome and Announcements** Mark Jensen

**Special Music** “Thy Word” Wohl Trio-  
Annabelle, Brady, & Calista Wohl

## Gathering in God’s Name

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

Leader:

one day, a child said to her parents as they entered a church building: “we call this place God’s house. So how come, whenever we come here, God is not home?” The parents answered wisely: “God is here in many ways. God is as near as the breath that whispers of life as it moves through our lips.”

**All:**

**God is as present as the people around us in the pews, the strangers and friends who make up our human family.**

Leader:

God is as beautiful as organ sounds and vibrant voices, bold good words, and light streaming through windows.

**All:**

**God is as active as the imagination of loving hearts and the service of willing hands.**

Leader:

After that explanation, the child came to church and found God at home.

**All:**

**We come with that child into the worship of our near and present, beautiful, and active, God.**

**Special Music** “Made for This” All Youth

**Choral Call to Confession** “Sanctuary” Thompson/Scruggs

**Prayer of Confession** (in unison) Peyton Kalanek

**O God, we turn toward you in worship to be strengthened in our faith. By your grace, mold us into a people who enjoy a common life, proclaim a shared source of good news, practice a united and uniting love.**

**Encourage us in our constant efforts to be a caring church, a community of persons who support one another’s strengths and strengthen one another’s weaknesses. Nurture in us both a tenderness that accepts feelings without judgement and a toughness that enables action to follow commitment.**



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**Make us disciples, God, eager to learn your word through study, to hear it in dialogue with our sister and brothers. Grant that we mature in faith by practicing the ways of Jesus and by developing the communication of prayer. For your presence and sustenance we offer thanks as we turn toward you in worship. Amen.**

**Assurance of Pardon**

Pastor Leanne

**\*Gloria Patri**

Hymnal #579

**Passing of the Peace of Christ**

Marete Farver

**Young Disciples Message**

Jade Fox & Taylor Hutchinson & Sophie Svihovec

**\*Prayer of Gratitude for the Grace of Giving**

Pastor Leanne

**\*Doxology and Dedication of Gifts**

Hymnal #592

### **Proclamation of the Word of God**

**Prayer of Illumination**

Amelia Knudson

God of mercy, you promised never to break your covenant with us. Amid all the changing words of our generation, speak your eternal word that does not change. Then may we respond to your gracious promises with faithful and obedient lives; through our lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

**First Scripture Reading**

*Isaiah 42:5-7 (NIV)*

Connor Svihovec

5 This is what God the lord says- he who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and all that comes out of it, who gives breath to it's people, and life to those who walk on it: 6 "I, the lord, have called you in righteousness; I will take hold of your hand. I will keep you and will make you to be a covenant for the people and a light for the Gentiles, 7 to open eyes that are blind, to free captives from prison and to release from the dungeon those who sit in darkness.

**Second Scripture Reading**

*Romans 8:14-17 (NIV)*

Andrew Davis

14 Because those who are led by the spirit of God. 15 For you did not receive a spirit that makes you a slave again to fear, but you received the spirit of sonship. And by him we cry, "Abba, Father." 16 The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children. 17 Now if we are children, then we are heirs-heirs to God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory.

**Special Music**

"God is Good"

All Youth

**Gospel Lesson**

*John 14:15-21 (NIV)*

Annabelle Wohl

15 "If you love me, you will obey what I command. 16 And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another counselor to be with you forever- 17 the spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you. 18 I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. 19 Before long, the world will not see me anymore, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. 20 On that day you will realize that I am in my Father, and you are in me, and I am in you. 21 Whoever has my commands and obeys them, he is the one who loves me. He who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love him and show myself to him."

**Sermon**

"Our God Is an Awesome God"

**BAPTISM -**

TAYLOR HUTCHINSON

see insert

**CONFIRMATION**

Confirmands Statements of Faith

Pastor Leanne & Alice Nix

**CLASS OF 2023**

**Amelia Knudson  
Andrew Davis  
Annabelle Wohl  
Connor Svihovec  
Jade Fox  
Peyton Kalanek  
Sydney Henriksen  
Taylor Hutchinson**

**MENTORS**

**Maren Stokka  
Rusty Bender  
Letha Lewis  
Bill Jensen  
Kris Ronningen  
Maren Stokka  
Juanita Hocking  
Alice Nix**

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

Pastor Leanne

**Responding to God’s Word**

**\*Closing Hymn**

“My Faith Looks Up To Thee”

Hymnal #383

**Sending Forth in God’s Name**

**Benediction and Blessing**

Led by Marete Farver & Mark Jensen

**Benediction Response**

“He Leadeth Me/It is Well”

Amelia Knudson & Jade Fox  
violin/cello duet

**Postlude**

“Majesty”

Rusty Bender

**Calendar**

Monday, May 15 -

**Noon** Resource Management  
**NO** Prayer Shawl Ministry  
**1:30PM LUELLA DUNN MEMORIAL SERVICE**  
**4:30pm** Admin. & Personnel  
6:30pm Boy Scouts

Tuesday, May 16 -

*No Activities Scheduled*

Wednesday, May 17 -

6:30pm Westminster Chimes  
7:30pm Chancel Choir - (last night)

Thursday, May 18 -

**11:00AM STAN HALLING MEMORIAL SERVICE**  
5:30pm Yoga  
**7:00pm** Deacons

Friday, May 19 -

*No activities scheduled*

Saturday, May 20 -

*No activities scheduled*

Sunday, May 21 -

10:00am Worship “CCC Recognition”  
Cookies & Fellowship following worship

**Following worship- meeting in Sanctuary for 150th Celebration volunteers**

**Worship Participants:**

Rev. Dr. Leanne Simmons, Pastor

Marete Farver & Mark Jensen - Youth Ministry Co-Directors

Josh Stokka, Audio/Visual Specialist

Anita Fru, Peyton Kalanek, Connor Svihovec, Jade Fox, Sydney Henriksen, and Lael Hoerauf ~ Ushers

FPC Youth ~ Readers

## **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 (boys and girls) and new and gently used clothing for teens (boys and girls) for their annual back-to-school clothing giveaway. Please place your donated items in the donation box in the narthex. Thank you for your generosity!



**OUR THOUGHTS & PRAYERS ARE WITH THE FAMILIES OF:**

**Luella "Lu" Dunn**

**Memorial Service Monday, May 15 at 1:30pm**

**Stan Halling**

**Memorial Service Thursday, May 18 at 11:00am**

## **Family History Story:**

**Thank you for all the stories that have been submitted!!**

The Anniversary Committee is eager to receive members stories of their family history at First Presbyterian Church. These do not need to be elaborate or lengthy.

**Please email to: [firstpresbyterian@fpcbismarck.com](mailto:firstpresbyterian@fpcbismarck.com)  
or bring into the front office!**

**150th Anniversary Committee is having a meeting with all  
volunteers for the Celebration.**

**Please, meet following worship service on Sunday, May 21  
in the Sanctuary!**

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED - 150TH CELEBRATION**

**JUNE 17, 2023**

**THERE IS A SIGN-UP SHEET ON THE BULLETIN BOARD.  
HELP US MAKE THIS A CELEBRATION TO REMEMBER!!**

