

WELCOME TO
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
OF BISMARCK, ND

New Life!
New Hope!
Isaiah 11:1-10



March 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.

PLEASE FILL OUT YOUR **“LENTEN PRAYER CARDS”**
AND LEAVE THEM IN THE BASKET,
THESE PRAYERS WILL BE LIFTED UP TO THE LORD AT THE
GREAT PRAYER VIGIL - SAT., APRIL 19. 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.

“2nd Sunday in Lent” 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 “Children’s Medley” arr. Mark Hayes

Welcome and Announcements

Introit “Make Me a Servant” Kelly Willard

***Call to Worship** (responsively)

Lenten travelers, the journey is long. Let us take a moment to rest and breathe. Only in God do we find our rest.

Sometimes the road is easy, and we bask in the warmth of the Light who guides us.

Other times the road is hard, and we hide from the Light, afraid for our actions to be made known in public.

Somedays we delight in the joy of journeying together on this road.

Other days we struggle with the temptation to judge and condemn one another as we travel this path.

Today, let us come into the Light together as we learn to love God and one another through the twists and turns of our Lenten journey.

Come, let us worship God together! Amen.

Gathering in God’s Name

***Opening Hymn** “O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee” PH#357

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 (in unison)

**Forgiving Lord,
we have fallen short time and time again.**



**You have given us your word, both in scripture and in Son,
you have promised us your presence, both in Spirit and in
community, and you have graced us with your kingdom,
both in teaching and in service.**

**Even so, we neglect, ignore, and reject your purposes for us.
We do not love what you love.**

We do not embrace what you embrace.

We do not defend what you have called us to defend.

**Have mercy on us, O God of all ages past and all hope for
years to come. Forgive us for what we do and what we fail to do.
And with your gifts, promises, and grace, continue working in
our lives that we might receive full life in Jesus Christ, now
and forevermore. 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 *Isaiah 11:1-10(NIV)*

Anthem “Whoever Would Be Great Among You” Ronald Nelson

Second Scripture Reading *Mark 9:30-37(NIV)*

Sermon “Always Going the Opposite Direction”

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

**To all those for whom Christ hath purchased redemption,
he doth certainly and effectually apply and communicate the
same; making intercession for them, and revealing unto them,
in and by the Word, the mysteries of salvation; effectually
persuading them by his Spirit to believe and obey; and
governing their hearts by his Word and Spirit; overcoming
all their enemies by his almighty power and wisdom, in such
manner and ways as are most consonant to his wonderful and
unsearchable dispensation.**

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Responding to God's Word

*Closing Hymn "These Treasured Children" see attached

Sending Forth in God's Name

Benediction and Blessing

Benediction Response "Take My Life" Havergal, Malan

Postlude "We Gather Together" arr. John Carter

Worship Participants:

Rev. Dr. Leanne Simmons, Pastor

Debi Rogers, Chancel Choir dir.

Arvy Smith, Keyboards

Mark Jensen, Youth Ministry dir.

Josh Stokka, Audio/Visual Specialist

Runick Fru, Lay Reader

Rose Trenbeath, Anita & Runick Fru, Dennis & Becky Rosenkranz,
and Vic Sonneman~ Ushers

**You can view our church's worship services
on public access television, Sundays at noon!
Midco channel #12 or #612 (Community Access TV)**

LAY READERS NEEDED:



Lay Readers

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

**PLEASE FILL OUT YOUR "PINK PRAYER REQUEST CARDS"
AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, THE USHERS WILL COLLECT THEM DURING
THE OPENING HYMN. THANK YOU!**



1 These trea - sured chil - dren pres - ent now are bound to
 2 Our an - cient sto - ry we shall tell, till these our
 3 We long to trust as chil - dren do and so en -
 4 Come, Ho - ly Spir - it, help us be a nur - tur -
 5 Then, ten - der God, each child em - brace; God give them



us by sa - cred vow: with love, we make a
 chil - dren know it well with - in their souls and
 trust our days to you; in their young lives we
 ing com - mu - ni - ty; em - pow - er us to
 bless - ings, grant them grace. Sur - prise them, God, with



heart - felt claim to wel - come them in Je - sus' name.
 minds and hearts, for this is where their jour - ney starts.
 clear - ly see a les - son in hu - mil - i - ty.
 re - a - lize God's king - dom through our chil - dren's eyes.
 won - ders still, and gent - ly guide them to your will.



This text emphasizes the covenantal dimensions of baptism, most obvious in the baptism of children (though also present in the baptism of adults), including the worshiping community's commitment to acquaint children with salvation history and to learn from their humble trust.

First Scripture Reading

Isaiah 11:1-10(NIV)

A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse;
from his roots a Branch will bear fruit.

- ² The Spirit of the Lord will rest on him—
the Spirit of wisdom and of understanding,
the Spirit of counsel and of might,
the Spirit of the knowledge and fear of the Lord—
³ and he will delight in the fear of the Lord.

He will not judge by what he sees with his eyes,
or decide by what he hears with his ears;
⁴ but with righteousness he will judge the needy,
with justice he will give decisions for the poor of the earth.
He will strike the earth with the rod of his mouth;
with the breath of his lips he will slay the wicked.
⁵ Righteousness will be his belt
and faithfulness the sash around his waist.

- ⁶ The wolf will live with the lamb,
the leopard will lie down with the goat,
the calf and the lion and the yearling together;
and a little child will lead them.
⁷ The cow will feed with the bear,
their young will lie down together,
and the lion will eat straw like the ox.
⁸ The infant will play near the cobra's den,
and the young child will put its hand into the viper's nest.
⁹ They will neither harm nor destroy
on all my holy mountain,
for the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the Lord
as the waters cover the sea.

- ¹⁰ In that day the Root of Jesse will stand as a banner for the peoples;
the nations will rally to him, and his resting place will be glorious.
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Second Scripture Reading

Mark 9:30-37(NIV)

³⁰ They left that place and passed through Galilee. Jesus did not want anyone to know where they were, ³¹ because he was teaching his disciples. He said to them, “The Son of Man is going to be delivered into the hands of men. They will kill him, and after three days he will rise.” ³² But they did not understand what he meant and were afraid to ask him about it.

³³ They came to Capernaum. When he was in the house, he asked them, “What were you arguing about on the road?” ³⁴ But they kept quiet because on the way they had argued about who was the greatest.

³⁵ Sitting down, Jesus called the Twelve and said, “Anyone who wants to be first must be the very last, and the servant of all.”

³⁶ He took a little child whom he placed among them. Taking the child in his arms, he said to them, ³⁷ “Whoever welcomes one of these little children in my name welcomes me; and whoever welcomes me does not welcome me but the one who sent me.”



CCC Needs List for March: kleenex

Collecting plastic grocery bags for a good cause!

Our Hospitality Committee is collecting used plastic grocery bags for a project to make mats to give to homeless people. The bags must NOT have any holes. The committee is working with a woman who creates the mats, like the one pictured here, by hand-weaving the plastic bags. It takes about 500 bags to make one mat. The committee decided to test whether the congregation would support this effort, hoping this could be a long-term outreach (and environmentally friendly) project for our congregation. The mats will be given to groups who work with the homeless in our area!



Calendar

Mon., March 17 -	Noon Resource Management 1:30pm Prayer Shawl Ministry 4:30pm Admin. & Personnel 6:30pm Scouts
Tues., March 18 -	11:00am Balance & Strength Class
Wed., March 19 -	5:45pm PAC/Teens 6:30pm Bells 7:30pm Choir
Thu., March 20 -	11:00am Balance & Strength Class 2:00pm Yoga 7:00pm Deacons
Fri., March 21 -	<i>No Activities Scheduled</i>
Sat., March 22 -	<i>No Activities Scheduled</i>
Sun., March 23 -	10:00am Worship—3rd Sunday in Lent



Hospitality Committee Donation Opportunity:

‘Tis the season of sniffles and bubbly noses, so during March, the Hospitality Committee is supporting the Child Care Center with boxes of facial tissues! Any that land in the Childcare pack and play in the narthex will be greatly appreciated! This is an opportunity for the congregation to help defray Child Care Center costs by donating tissues, the two most-used disposable item 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!





COMING SOON: PINOCHLE PARTY!

THE HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE IS SPONSORING ANOTHER

PINOCHLE PARTY - APRIL 12TH

SAVE THE DATE - MORE INFO TO COME!



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, April 14** to the church office: 223-6091 or email at firstpresbyterian@fpcbismarck.com

In Memory of

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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).



Christian Ed Committee:

Christian Ed is asking for donations of Easter (individually wrapped) candy and plastic eggs for the Easter Egg Hunt on Palm Sunday! Please drop off in the church office by **Sunday, April 6th**. Thank you!



Easter Week Schedule



**Sunday, April 13- Palm Sunday at 10:00am
followed by Easter Egg Hunt for the kids!
(NO Adult Sunday School)**

**Thursday, April 17 - Maundy Thursday at 7:30pm
(communion)**

**Friday, April 18 - Good Friday at Glencoe Sloan at
5:00pm - followed by soup & sandwiches**

Saturday, April 19 - Prayer Vigil in Chapel - 11am-Noon

**Sunday, April 20 - Easter Sunday at 10:00am (communion)
(NO Sunday School - kids or adults)**

**We are planning a Father's Day slide show
to honor our fathers!**

**Please email your picture along with names
a brief message to: firstpresbyterian@fpcbismarck.com
or bring into the office to be scanned**

by Monday, June 9th



STAFF

Rev. Dr. Leanne Simmons, Pastor

Maureen Chrest, Administrative Assistant

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Carmen Bryhn, Parish Nurse

Erik Hein Sr., Maintenance

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Judy Lentz, Membership Services Coordinator

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Mark Jensen, Youth Ministry Director

Erik Hein Jr., Sunday Security

Ruth Jensen, Christian Ed. Intern



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!

