


WELCOME TO
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
OF BISMARCK, ND



**“There is a time for everything,
and a season for every activity
under the heavens.”**

— Ecclesiastes 3:1

June 29, 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 “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.

“3rd Sunday after Pentecost” 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 “Aria Dolce” arr. Gregg Sewell

Introit “In the Bulb There Is a Flower” Natalie Sleeth

***Call to Worship** (responsively)

L: You have called us to this time and place, O Lord.

P: Each one of us is unique, with differing gifts and talents.

L: Yet each talent represented here is valuable in God’s realm.

P: Lord, help us find ways in which to use our talents for healing and hope.

L: Come, let us praise the Lord who has called us here.

P: Let us open our hearts and spirits to God’s word for us.

AMEN.

Gathering in God’s Name

***Opening Hymn** “In the Bulb There Is a Flower” see attached

Choral Call to Confession “Come and Fill Our Hearts”

lyrics: Jacques Berthier

Come and fill our hearts with your peace.

You alone, O Lord, are holy.

Come and fill our hearts with your peace, Alleluia!

Prayer of Confession (unison)

Merciful God, we confess that we have not used our time well. We scroll mindlessly on our phones, we watch tv that we are not interested in. We follow patterns of daily life that do not consider our calling. We have not asked ourselves what you are wanting from us in these days. We have not been good stewards of the time given, often giving in to idleness and distractions instead of fulfilling Your purposes. We are sorry for all we have done to displease You and for all we have failed to do to honor you. We acknowledge our sin in wasting —→

the precious gift of time. Have mercy, O Lord, and forgive. We are sorry for our actions. Help to live in Your light and walk in Your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior. Transform our hearts to reflect Your goodness, wisdom, and justice. May the time given be invested in ways that honor You and serve others. (Silent, Individual Confession) In Jesus' name, Amen

Assurance of Pardon

***Gloria Patri and Passing of the Peace of Christ**

PH #579

Young Disciples Message

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

***Doxology and Dedication of Gifts**

PH #592

Proclamation of the Word of God

Prayer of Illumination

First Scripture Reading

Esther 4:6-14

Anthem

“Turn, Turn, Turn”

Pete Seeger

soloist: Debi Rogers

Second Scripture Reading

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

Sermon

“For Such a Time as This”

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

God has created the world of space and time to be the sphere of all divine dealings with humanity. In its beauty and vastness, sublimity and awfulness, order and disorder, the world reflects to the eye of faith the majesty and mystery of its Creator. God has created people in a personal relation with himself that humans may respond to the love of the Creator. God has endowed us with capacities to make the world serve our needs and to enjoy its good things. Life is a gift to be received with gratitude and a task to be pursued with courage. Humanity is free to seek the meaning of life within the purpose of God: to develop and protect the resources of nature for the common welfare, to work for justice and peace in society, and in other ways to use his creative powers for the fulfillment of human life.

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Responding to God's Word

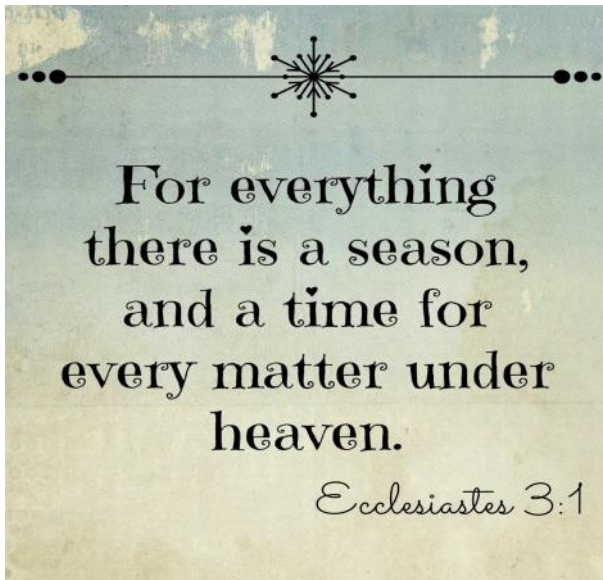
*Closing Hymn "God of Grace and God of Glory" PH#420

Sending Forth in God's Name

Benediction and Blessing

Benediction Response "May You Run and Not Be Weary"
Handt Hanson

Postlude "Now Thank We All Our God" arr. Lloyd Larson



Worship Participants:

Rev. Dr. Leanne Simmons, Pastor

Debi Rogers, Chancel Choir dir.

Gail Snustad, Keyboards

Mark Jensen, Youth Ministry dir.

Bev Patch-Larson, Lay Reader

Josh Stokka, Audio/Visual Specialist

Rose Trenbeath, Anita Fru, Jim Rambo, Ella Gutzke,

Larry Larson, and Shari Orser ~ Ushers

CCC Needs List for June:
laundry detergent, garbage bags (33 gal. & 13 gal.)



Munch & Mingle!

Lucky's 13 Pub (915 S 3rd St.)

Noon - Lucky's 13 Pub
3rd & Expressway

Wednesday, July 2, 2025!

MUNCH & MINGLE

Mark your calendar:

Vacation Bible School will be held July 21 - 24, 2025.

5:45 - 7:30pm

Children ages 4 through 5th grade are invited.
Registration forms available in the church office
or on our website: **www.fpcbismarck.com**

Registration deadline is **July 7th**

Hope to see you there!

**VBS
2025**

Opening Hymn In the Bulb There Is a Flower

Hymn of Promise

Capo 3: (D)

(Em)



1 In the bulb there is a flow - er; in the seed, an ap - ple tree;
2 There's a song in ev - ery si - lence, seek - ing word and mel - o - dy;
3 In our end is our be - gin - ning; in our time, in - fin - i - ty;

(A7)

(D)



in co - coons, a hid - den prom - ise: but - ter - flies will soon be free!
there's a dawn in ev - ery dark - ness, bring - ing hope to you and me.
in our doubt there is be - liev - ing; in our life, e - ter - ni - ty.

(D7)

(G)

(Em)

(D)

(Bm)

(Em)

(F#)

(Bm)



In the cold and snow of win - ter there's a spring that waits to be,
From the past will come the fu - ture; what it holds, a mys - ter - y,
In our death, a res - ur - rec - tion; at the last, a vic - to - ry,

(G)

(Em)

(D)

(Bm)

(Em)

(A7)

(D)



un - re - vealed un - til its sea - son, some - thing God a - lone can see.

The writing of this hymn was spurred by a line from the poet T. S. Eliot: "In my end is my beginning."
Shortly after this piece was completed, the author/composer's husband was diagnosed with what proved to be a terminal malignancy, and the original anthem version of this hymn was sung at his funeral.

⁶ So Hathak went out to Mordecai in the open square of the city in front of the king's gate. ⁷ Mordecai told him everything that had happened to him, including the exact amount of money Haman had promised to pay into the royal treasury for the destruction of the Jews. ⁸ He also gave him a copy of the text of the edict for their annihilation, which had been published in Susa, to show to Esther and explain it to her, and he told him to instruct her to go into the king's presence to beg for mercy and plead with him for her people.

⁹ Hathak went back and reported to Esther what Mordecai had said. ¹⁰ Then she instructed him to say to Mordecai, ¹¹ "All the king's officials and the people of the royal provinces know that for any man or woman who approaches the king in the inner court without being summoned the king has but one law: that they be put to death unless the king extends the gold scepter to them and spares their lives. But thirty days have passed since I was called to go to the king."

¹² When Esther's words were reported to Mordecai, ¹³ he sent back this answer: "Do not think that because you are in the king's house you alone of all the Jews will escape. ¹⁴ For if you remain silent at this time, relief and deliverance for the Jews will arise from another place, but you and your father's family will perish. And who knows but that you have come to your royal position for such a time as this?"

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

Second Scripture Reading

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

- ¹ There is a time for everything,
and a season for every activity under the heavens:
- ² a time to be born and a time to die,
a time to plant and a time to uproot,
- ³ a time to kill and a time to heal,
a time to tear down and a time to build,
- ⁴ a time to weep and a time to laugh,
a time to mourn and a time to dance,
- ⁵ a time to scatter stones and a time to gather them,
a time to embrace and a time to refrain from embracing,
- ⁶ a time to search and a time to give up,
a time to keep and a time to throw away,
- ⁷ a time to tear and a time to mend,
a time to be silent and a time to speak,
- ⁸ a time to love and a time to hate,
a time for war and a time for peace.
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Calendar

- Mon., June 30 - **6:30pm** Scouts
- Tues., July 1 - **NO** Property & Equipment
NO Lay Pastors
- Wed., July 2 - *Noon Munch & Mingle at
Luckys 13 Pub (3rd & Expressway)*
- Thu., July 3 - **NO** Yoga
- Fri., July 4 - **OFFICES CLOSED— 4th of July**
- Sat., July 5 - *No Activities Scheduled*
- Sun., July 6 - 10:00am Worship
communion

LAY READERS NEEDED:



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



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!



THANK YOU FOR ALL THE PORT PILLOWS

Keep them coming!! The Sanford Cancer Center is in need of chemo port pillows for their patients. If you are interested in helping, there is a simple sewing pattern available in the church office. For more information, please reach out to Cathy Kinnischtzke. 527-3393.



DONATION OPPORTUNITY:

North Dakotans 4 Ukraine along with Global Neighbors will welcome the Zadorozhnia family to Bismarck on July 1st. The family members are Vira and daughters, Veronika 21 and Eva 12.

Edward, the father, is not allowed to leave Ukraine at this time.

Furniture and kitchen supplies are being taken care of by the other congregations, but we have been asked to stock the kitchen. A list of kitchen supplies/spices is posted on the volunteer bulletin board, and donated items can be dropped off at our church. Gift cards to local grocery stores are also welcome. Little Odessa, a small grocery store that specializes in foods from Central Europe is worth checking out for some of the items on the donation list. (231 W Broadway Ave. - they also have gift cards available.) Please help provide the Zadorozhnias with a warm welcome and a good start on their life in our community! Bring your items to the church by **JUNE 30th**



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. 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. Thank you.

STAFF

Rev. Dr. Leanne Simmons, Pastor

Maureen Chrest, Administrative Assistant

Carol Thompson, Financial Assistant

Carmen Bryhn, Parish Nurse

Erik Hein Sr., Maintenance

Arvy Smith, Pianist/Organist

Gail Snustad, Pianist/Organist

Debi Rogers, Chancel Choir Director

Lael Hoerauf, Westminster Chimes Director

Josh Stokka, Audio/Visual Specialist

Judy Lentz, Membership Services Coordinator

Mary Jones, and Laci Rauser, Nursery

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!

