

WELCOME TO
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
OF MANDAN, ND



ST ANDREW'S DAY

November 23, 2025

10:30a.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.

PLEASE JOIN US FOR REFRESHMENTS,
FELLOWSHIP, “PRESBYTERIAN BARS”
AND THE PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN OF
FPC MANDAN ARE HAVING A SMALL
BAKE/CRAFT SALE AFTER WORSHIP!



St. Andrew's Sunday Participants:

Lay Pastors: Jim Skaret, Ray Wertz, Nancy Legerski,
Suzy Pfliiger, Stephan Schroeder

FPC Bismarck Music Director, Debi Rogers

FPC Mandan Music Director, Mark Gray

Bag Piper, Lisa McEvers

FPC Bismarck Youth Ministry dir., Mark Jensen

FPC Bismarck Audio/Visual Specialist, Josh Stokka

FPC Mandan Videographer, Mark Gray

FPC Bismarck Keyboards, Arvy Smith

Choirs: First Presbyterian Church Bismarck and Mandan

FPC Bismarck Beadle, Alice Nix

FPC Mandan Beadle, Marshall Reikow

Glencoe Sloan Beadle, Wyatt Hornbacher

Banner Carriers: FPC Bismarck, Jody Bachmeier

FPC Mandan, Dwane Egli &

Tom Kelsch

Glencoe Sloan, Richard Irvine

Offering:

FPC Bismarck, Ella Gutzke

FPC Mandan, Marsha Beylund

Glencoe Sloan, Nancy Laschkewitsch

St Andrews Day 2025

(explanation of the service)

“Kirk” is the Scottish word for “church.”

Tartans, with their distinctive plaid, represent specific Scottish clans, regions, or regiments.

The “Kirkin’ O’ The Tartans” is the presentation of a Scottish family’s symbol, its tartan, at church for blessing.

After Bonnie Prince Charlie’s Scottish forces were defeated by the English in 1746 in the Battle of Culloden, the wearing of tartans and the playing of bagpipes were forbidden in Scotland for many years.

Wearing or displaying of tartans was punishable by death in an attempt to wipe out their historical identities. They resisted.

During those years, some Scots wore concealed pieces of their tartan when they attended church.

At a particular point in the worship service, they would secretly touch their hidden tartan cloth, and the minister would offer a blessing.

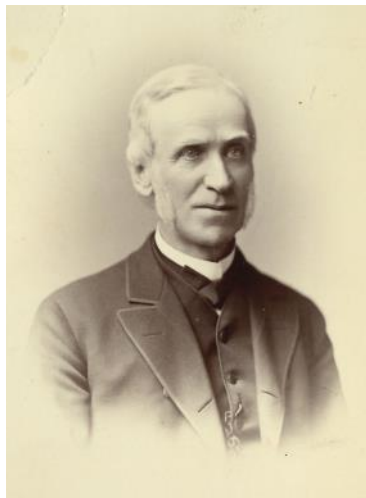
The first formal “Kirkin” in America was conducted at New York Avenue Presbyterian Church in Washington, D.C., in 1941. Their minister at the time was Presbyterian Dr. Peter Marshall, born in Scotland, who was also Chaplain of the United States Senate. Today, we adapt this tradition to our own North American setting.

Not only do we celebrate our Scottish theo-ethnic heritage by presenting fabrics and tokens for blessing, but we rejoice in the image of God in all the people of the world by bringing forward symbols of our diverse backgrounds for inclusion in this blessing.

**The three churches which gather here this morning share
in this Scottish theological heritage. However,
their bond is deeper than even that.**

**All three churches were founded by Pastor I. O. Sloan,
First Presbyterian Church of Bismarck in 1873,
First Presbyterian Church of Mandan in 1881,
and Glencoe Sloan Memorial Church in 1885.**

**Glencoe Sloan has the distinction of being the oldest church
in North Dakota, where they still hold worship services
in the original building!**



Meditation:

*O God, we pray for a broader vision of the needs of humanity,
and a deeper compassion to fill those needs;
for a planting of the seeds of concern for all humanity
in our hearts; for a tapping of the wells of generosity.
May we live together as people who have been forgiven a great debt.
May we be gentle, walking softly with one another.
May we be understanding, lest we shall add to the world's sorrow
or cause to flow needless tears. May we be as anxious
for the rights of others as we are for our own.
May we be as eager to forgive as we are to seek forgiveness.
May we know no barriers of creed or race or sex,
that our love may be like Yours—a love that sees all people
as Your children and our kin. May we be ministers of humanity.
Peter Marshall*

Peter Ostrushko

Ray Wertz, Lay Pastor

Lisa McEvers

is traditionally led by the Beadle - a lay official of a church, carrying the Holy Scriptures. Historically, especially in poor churches, the Bible was not only the churches most important religious item, it was often also the most valuable possession the church had. The Beadle was charged with keeping the Bible safe in and out of worship.

***Order of Procession (People Rise)**

(carrying the original Sloan Bible now in the care of Glencoe)

Marshall Reikow

Alice Nix

Banners:

Bismarck: Jody Bachmeier

Mandan: Dwane Egli

Glencoe: Richard Irvine

Tom Kelsch

Bagpiper, Lisa McEvers

First Presbyterian Church Choirs of Bismarck and Mandan

“Grant Us Your Peace (Ar Hyd Y Nos)”

William Mercer, Richard Whately arr. Robert Lau

Bismarck and Mandan Choirs

Nancy Legerski, Lay Pastor

L: From there to here, every step of the way, God has led us.

P: Around every obstacle, through every barrier, God has made a way.

L: When we knew where we were going, and when we only thought we knew –

P: God has cast light upon our path so that each footstep would fall on solid ground.

L: T'was grace that brought us safe thus far

P: And grace shall lead us home.

All: Let us praise our unfailing God!

***Opening Hymn**

“This Is My Song”

(tune of Be Still My Soul)

Lyrics: *Lyrics by Lloyd Stone (To the melody of Finlandia)

This is my song, O God of all the nations,
A song of peace for lands afar and mine.
This is my home, the country where my heart is;
Here are my hopes, my dreams, my holy shrine;
But other hearts in other lands are beating
With hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.

My country's skies are bluer than the ocean,
And sunlight beams on cloverleaf and pine.
But other lands have sunlight too and clover,
And skies are everywhere as blue as mine.
Oh, hear my song, O God of all the nations,
A song of peace for their land and for mine.

Invitation to Confession

Jim Skaret, Lay Pastor

For over a century, we three churches have freely offered forgiveness in the name of Christ. Come, let us once again approach God in confession, that we might once again experience God's grace together.

Prayer of Confession (unison)

Jim Skaret, Lay Pastor

Holy God, we confess that we forget our own history and the lessons of faith passed on to us by our forebearers. We forget that our arrival on this day was built on endurance through many eras of struggle. We forget the importance of your victory over sin and death, and still live as those with no hope. We forget the obstacles laid before our forebearers, the depth of their struggles, and the miracle of your intervention for their good. We forget that we are built on the good you did for them, we often fail to appreciate the good to which you have brought us. We forget their mistakes and sins, we gloss over the histories they left for us, thus failing to learn the lessons they could teach us. Forgive us for disrespecting our own pasts and your role in bringing us to this day. Through →

recognition of your faithful help through all days, help us to see our own future with faith and strength (Silent, Individual, Confession.) In the beautiful name of Jesus we pray, Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

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

Young Disciples Message **Mark Jensen, Youth Ministry dir.**
of First Presbyterian Church Bismarck

***Gratitude for the Grace of Giving, Doxology and Prayer**
Nancy Legerski, Lay Pastor

Prayer of Illumination (from the Scottish Book of Prayer)

Allen Hoberg

O GOD, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed: Give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give; that both our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments. Amen

Reading of Scripture *Hebrews 12:1b-3* **Allen Hoberg**

“Let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, ² fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. ³ Consider him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.”

Choir Anthem “Creator of the Stars of Night”
7th Century Latin Hymn, translated by J.M. Neale, Heather Sorenson
soloist: Danette Pengilly

Reader: **Signe Snortland**

All of us have come to this day because of endurance – either our own, or that of a generation before us. Our paths have been marked by many joys and loves, by family harmony and peace through good days. But we have also encountered pain, persecution, loss and discouragement. It is faith that brought us safe thus far, faith and obedience to the call of God which gave us and our ancestors the ability to endure through dark days until the sun shone again.

Reading of Scripture *Romans 5:1-5* **Signe Snortland**

Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ² through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we boast in the hope of the glory of God. ³ Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; ⁴ perseverance, character; and character, hope. ⁵ And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.

Reader: **Alice Nix**

And this is our assurance – that the God who kept our ancestors through famine and war, persecution and pain, trial and hard work, is still keeping us safe and strong today. God makes a good purpose out of everything, and we will never be disappointed if we place our lives in God's hands.

People: Thanks be to God whose word is always true.

Reading— explanation of the service **Donna Richter**

Kirken' O' the Tartans “Ashokan Farewell”

from “The Civil War” waltz composed in the style of a
Scottish lament by Jay Unger, Arvy Smith

Blessing God for Faithfulness in our Generations **Debi Rogers**

Special Hymn “Amazing Grace” **Lisa McEvers, bagpipes**

Closing Hymn “My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout”

see attached

Benediction Scottish Blessing Prayer **Suzy Pflieger, Lay Pastor**

May the blessing of light be on you, light without and light within. May the blessed sunlight shine on you like a great peat fire, so that stranger and friend may come and warm himself at it. And may light shine out of the two eyes of you, like a candle set in the window of a house, bidding the wanderer come in out of the storm. And may the blessing of the rain be on you, may it beat upon your Spirit and wash it fair and clean, and leave there a shining pool where the blue of Heaven shines, and sometimes a star. And may the blessing of the earth be on you, soft under your feet as you pass along the roads, soft under you as you lie →

out on it, tired at the end of day; and may it rest easy over you when, at last, you lie out under it. May it rest so lightly over you that your soul may be out from under it quickly; up and off and on its way to God. And now may the Lord bless you, and bless your kin.

Selkirk Grace- over food

Suzy Pfliiger, Lay Pastor

(first presented to the earl of Selkirk
by Robert Burns in 1794)

“Some hae meat an canna eat, And some wad eat that want it;
But we hae meat, and we can eat, And sae the Lord be thankit”

Recessional

“Ye Banks and Braes”

Lisa McEvers

NO POSTLUDE - PLEASE JOIN US FOR A RECEPTION AFTER WORSHIP

*Be ye our angel unawares
If after Kirk ye bide a wee
There's some would like to speak to ye
If after Kirk ye rise and flee
We' all seem could and still to ye
The one that's in the seat with ye
Is stranger here then ye, maybe
All here have got their fears and cares
Add ye your soul unto our prayers
Be ye our angel unaware.*



My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout

Canticle of the Turning



1 My soul cries out with a joy - ful shout that the
2 Though I am small, my God, my all, you
3 From the halls of power to the for - tress tower, not a
4 Though the na - tions rage from age to age, we re -



God of my heart is great, and my spir - it sings of the
work great things in me, and your mer - cy will last from the
stone will be left on stone. Let the king be - ware for your
mem - ber who holds us fast: God's mer - cy must de -



won - drous things that you bring to the ones who wait.
depths of the past to the end of the age to be.
jus - tice tears ev - ery ty - rant from his throne.
liv - er us from the con - quer - or's crush - ing grasp.



You fixed your sight on your ser - vant's plight, and my
Your ver - y name puts the proud to shame, and to
The hun - gry poor shall weep no more, for the
This sav - ing word that our fore - bears heard is the



weak - ness you did not spurn, so from east to west shall my
those who would for you yearn, you will show your might, put the
food they can nev - er earn; there are ta - bles spread; ev - ery
prom - ise which holds us bound, till the spear and rod can be



continued:



name be blest. Could the world be a - bout to turn?
strong to flight, for the world is a - bout to turn.
mouth be fed, for the world is a - bout to turn.
crushed by God, who is turn - ing the world a - round.

Refrain



My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the



fires of your jus - tice burn. Wipe a - way all tears, for the



dawn draws near, and the world is a - bout to turn.

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MUSIC: Irish melody; arr. Rory Cooney, 1990
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STAR OF THE COUNTY DOWN
Irregular

Thursday, November 27 - Thanksgiving Dinner !

4:00-7:00pm - Dream Center - 1805 Park Ave.

**Open to ALL - come and
enjoy a turkey dinner with
friends and neighbors!**





CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY/ADVENT WORSHIP SCHEDULES

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF BISMARCK - (214 E Thayer Ave.)

November 30 - 10:00am 1st Sunday of Advent

December 14 - 10:00am Joyous Music Sunday

December 16 - 12:00pm Blue Christmas Service-Chapel

December 21 - 10:00am Children's Christmas Program
followed by Red & Green Potluck

December 24 - Christmas Eve Services- 4:30pm

9:00pm (communion)

December 28 - 10:00am Worship Service

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF MANDAN - (310 3rd Ave NW)

December 21 - 10:30am Worship Service

December 24 - 5:30pm Christmas Eve Service

December 28 - 10:30am Worship Service

GLENCOE SLOAN MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (Hwy 1804 South about 23 miles)

December 21 - 9:00am Worship Service

December 28 - 9:00am Worship Service