

WELCOME TO
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
OF BISMARCK, ND



March 29, 2026

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.



THE EASTER EGG HUNT WILL BE DOWNSTAIRS
FOLLOWING WORSHIP TODAY!

Worship Participants:

Rev. Dr. Leanne Simmons, Pastor

Debi Rogers, Chancel Choir dir.

Lael Hoerauf, Westminster Chimes dir.

Arvy Smith, Keyboards

Mark Jensen, Youth Ministry dir.

Josh Stokka, Audio/Visual Specialist

Sue Johnsen, Lay Reader

Clyde Johnson, Neva & Ron Carlisle, Anita Fru,
Ella Gutzke, and Mary & Keith Magnusson ~ Ushers

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.

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

“Palm Sunday” 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 “Eternal Father, Strong to Save” arr. Mark Hayes

Beckett Hedland “Allegro” Shinichi Suzuki

Grayson Hedland “Green Frog Hop” Nancy and Randell Farber

Ruby Pederson “Hosanna” (praise is rising) Paul Baloché

Welcome and Announcements

Minute for Missions Ella G. & Ron C. & Kathy W.

***Call to Worship** (responsively)

What will we lay down as Christ passes by?

We have no cloaks today,

but we will lay down

our hearts, our hopes, and our lives.

As the crowds in Jerusalem cried out long ago, we echo,

Hosanna! Save us! Blessed is the One

who comes in the name of the Lord!

Opening Hymn & Procession “All Glory, Laud, and Honor” PH #88

Children’s Time with Pastor Leanne

Special Music: “Let’s Get a Little Crazy” Group Publishing
FPC Youth

(children are dismissed to Sunday School following their special music)

Opening Prayer

Gathering in God’s Name

***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 (responsively)

Christ comes to the center of our busy, conflicted lives.
He comes in triumph and humility.
He comes in glory and in mercy.
He comes knowing the best of who we are,
and he comes knowing our worst.
Trusting in God's grace,
let us make our confession.

**Christ our Redeemer, try as we might,
we do not follow your example.**

**We do not empty ourselves,
we do not humble ourselves,
we are not obedient.**

**You simply ask us to care about
this world you created,
but we fail to do even that.**

Forgive us.

**You have given us the greatest,
clearest example of love.**

Heal us, and help us to follow.

Assurance of Pardon

***Gloria Patri and Passing of the Peace of Christ** Hymnal #579

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

***Doxology and Dedication of Gifts** Hymnal #592

Proclamation of the Word of God

Prayer of Illumination

Gracious God, our way in the wilderness,
guide us by your Word through this holy week ,
and minister to us with your Holy Spirit,
so that we may be reformed,
restored, and renewed;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Scripture Reading

Matthew 21:1-11, 14-16

As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage on the
Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, ² saying to **—————>**

them, “Go to the village ahead of you, and at once you will find a donkey tied there, with her colt by her. Untie them and bring them to me. ³ If anyone says anything to you, say that the Lord needs them, and he will send them right away.” ⁴ This took place to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet:

⁵ “Say to Daughter Zion,

“See, your king comes to you, gentle and riding on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.””

⁶ The disciples went and did as Jesus had instructed them. ⁷ They brought the donkey and the colt and placed their cloaks on them for Jesus to sit on. ⁸ A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. ⁹ The crowds that went ahead of him and those that followed shouted,

“Hosanna to the Son of David!”

“Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!”

“Hosanna in the highest heaven!”

¹⁰ When Jesus entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred and asked, “Who is this?” ¹¹ The crowds answered, “This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee.”

¹⁴ The blind and the lame came to him at the temple, and he healed them. ¹⁵ But when the chief priests and the teachers of the law saw the wonderful things he did and the children shouting in the temple courts, “Hosanna to the Son of David,” they were indignant.

¹⁶ “Do you hear what these children are saying?” they asked him.

“Yes,” replied Jesus, “have you never read,

“‘From the lips of children and infants you, Lord, have called forth your praise’?”

Anthem

“Everyone, Sing to the King!”

Susan Boersma,
David Lantz

Sermon

Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer

Responding to God’s Word



*Closing Hymn

“Come and See”

see attached

Sending Forth in God’s Name

Benediction and Blessing

Benediction Response “The King of Glory” Willard F. Jabusch

Postlude “Hosanna, Loud Hosanna” arr. Mark Hayes



Calendar

Mon., March 30 - **6:30pm** Scouts

Tue., March 31- **11:00am** Strength & Balance Class

NO Yoga for Life

5:30pm AA (room #201)

Wed., April 1 - *Noon Munch & Mingle*

5:45pm PAC/Teens

NO Bells

6:30pm *Lay Pastors*

6:00pm *Choir rehearsal in Mandan*

Thu., April 2 - **11:00am** Strength & Balance Class

6:00pm *Choir rehearsal in Mandan*

7:00pm **Maundy Thursday Service!**

at FPC Mandan (communion)

Fri., April 3- **OFFICES CLOSED**

5:00pm **Good Friday Service at Glencoe Sloan**
followed by a meal

Sat., April 4 - **11AM-12PM** *“The Great Vigil” in Chapel*

Sun., April 5 - **10:00am** **Easter Sunday - He Is Risen!**
(communion) **NO** Sunday School

Closing Hymn

Come and See



1 Come and see the glo - ry of the Lord. Come, be - hold the
2 Come and give thanks un - to the Lord. Come, be - hold the



Lamb. Come and see the mer - cy of the King,
Lamb. Come and sing the prais - es of the King,



bow - ing down be - fore him. him. For he is
bow - ing down be - fore him. For he is



Lord a - bove the heav - ens, Lord in all the earth,



Lord of all the an - gels, wor - thy to be served.



Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia, Lord.

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LAY READERS NEEDED:



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

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 4TH. THANK YOU!



Lenten Schedule

Sunday, March 29 - Palm Sunday at 10:00am
followed by Easter Egg Hunt for the kids!

NO MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE IN BISMARCK
Thur., April 2 - Maundy Thursday at FPC Mandan - 7:00pm
(choirs will rehearse at 6:00pm)

Friday, April 3 - Good Friday at Glencoe Sloan
5:00pm - followed by a meal

Saturday, April 4 - Prayer Vigil in Chapel - 11am-Noon

Sunday, April 5 - Easter Sunday at 10:00am (communion)

Easter Sunday Communion Servers:

Kris Ronningen

Vic Sonneman

Tom Trenbeath

Dale Hoerauf

Shari Orser

Allen Hoberg

Clyde Johnson

Alice Nix

Ella Gutzke

Mary Magnusson

Rose Trenbeath

Becky Liedtke



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, March 30** to the church office: 223-6091 or email at firstpresbyterian@fpcbismarck.com

In Memory of

Given by

Amt _____

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).

**Scout Troop #6 will have their
CANOE HERE TODAY AT FPC!
“Fill the Canoe”**

Before & after worship they will be collecting food items for donation to The Dream Center in the name of Troop #6 & FPC



The First Presbyterian Church Scholarship Committee is pleased to announce the availability of a limited number of scholarships for our church community. Applications are now being accepted from students within our Congregation who are enrolling or are already enrolled in higher education. The deadline for applications is **May 15, 2026**.

To be eligible for consideration, a student must be an active member of First Presbyterian Church of Bismarck or have been an active participant in the life of the church for at least three years. Students at any level of study beyond high school are eligible to receive a scholarship award. Students are eligible to receive a scholarship for a maximum of four years: the years do not need to be consecutive. Graduate students may apply for scholarships, providing they are within the four-year maximum. Applications are available in the Narthex, in the church office, and for download from the front page of the church website at www.fcpbismarck.com The deadline to apply is 4:30pm on Friday, **May 15, 2026**.





PINOCHLE CARD PARTY!

The Hospitality Committee is sponsoring a pinochle card party on **Sat., April 11, 2026 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. in the church parlor**. This party is for all those who know how to play pinochle and those who wish to learn to play or to play better.

We will break for lunch and socializing at approximately noon and resume playing pinochle at approximately 1:00 p.m. Playing until approximately 4:00 p.m. Please bring something to share for lunch. The Hospitality Committee will provide liquid refreshments. Some pinochle decks will be provided, but if you have a deck of pinochle cards, please bring it.

Come and bring friends and family. Have a good time socializing and playing pinochle! A sign-up sheet for attending and bringing something to share is on the bulletin board in the Narthex.

HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE: During April, the Hospitality Committee is asking for ingredients to fill snack bags. Heaven's Helpers' Soup Café volunteers will use the donated items to put together snack bags for their guests.

Peanuts (Without the shell)

M&M's

Dried Cranberries

Reece's Pieces

Crackers

Chex Mix

Sunflower Seeds

Cereal (Larger, non-crumblly cereal such as Cheerios, Kix)

Snack Size Baggies

Items can be dropped off at the donation box in the Narthex.

Thanks for your generosity.

Heaven's Helpers

Soup Cafe



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
Connor Svihovec, C.E. 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!

