

*WELCOME TO*  
**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
*OF BISMARCK, ND*



**PENTECOST**  
**SUNDAY**

**June 8, 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.

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

- \*Sat., June 14- 11:00am-4:00pm “Capitol Pride”
- \*Wed., June 18- 6:30-8:00pm Family Fun Night at  
Super Slide Amusement Park
- \*Sun., June 22- 10:30am “3 Church Outdoor Worship &  
Potluck Picnic at Sertoma Park (Shelter #10)
- \*Sat., June 28- 4:00-8:00pm “Juneteenth Celebration”  
at Kiwanis Park

**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.

# **“Pentecost 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**                      “Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God”                      Lloyd Larson

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Introit**                                      “Holy Ground”                                      Geron Davis

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

L: When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. <sup>2</sup> Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. <sup>3</sup> They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. <sup>4</sup> All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them. Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. <sup>6</sup> When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard their own language being spoken. <sup>7</sup> Utterly amazed, they asked: “Aren’t all these who are speaking Galileans?” <sup>8</sup> Then how is it that each of us hears them in our native language —we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!

**All: All your works praise you, Lord; your faithful people extol you! They tell of the glory of your kingdom and speak of your might!**

Debi Rogers: (Gaelic)

“Buiochas le Dia a /alainn obair”

(Thanks be to God for his wonderful works)

Mary Hoberg: (French)

“Louez Dieu pour ses œuvres merveilleuses”

(Thanks be to God for his wonderful works)



Pastor Leanne: (Koine Greek)

“Δοξάστε τον Θεό για τα θαυμαστά Του έργα”

(Thanks be to God for his wonderful works)

**All: My mouth will speak in praise of the Lord.**

**Let every creature praise his holy name for ever and ever!**

**Gathering in God's Name**

**\*Opening Hymn**

“Spirit”

PH#319

**Choral Call to Confession**

“Create In Me a Clean Heart”

**Create in me a clean heart, O God,**

**And renew a right spirit within me.**

**Create in me a clean heart, O God,**

**And renew a right spirit within me.**

**Cast me not away from your presence, O Lord,**

**And take not your Holy Spirit from me.**

**Restore unto me the joy of your salvation,**

**And renew a right spirit within me.**

**Prayer of Confession (unison)**

**Spirit of Truth, we confess that we have not loved one another as you have loved us. We are quick to find fault and speak ill of others, sins that undermine the fellowship of believers.**

**We have let strangers and seekers among us feel like outsiders.**

**We have not done our best to carry the Good News of Jesus Christ beyond the walls of the church.**

**Forgive our casual disregard of Jesus' command to go and make disciples. Forgive us for not using faithfully the powerful gifts of love and service you gave the church at Pentecost.**

**Renew a right spirit within us, that we may carry the love and mercy of Christ from this place into our weekday community and to the world beyond.**

**We pray in the name of Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Father, one God now and forever. 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**

*Acts 2:1-4, 14-18, 22-24, 31-33*

**Anthem**

“Spirit Of God”

Steve Garnaas-Holmes  
soloist: Debi Rogers

**Second Scripture Reading**

*1 Corinthians 1:18-30*

**Sermon**

“How Church Works”

**\*Confession of Our Faith - The Great Ends of the Church**

Q: What are the Great Ends of the Church?

- **The proclamation of the gospel for the salvation of humankind.**
- **The shelter, nurture and spiritual fellowship of the children of God.**
- **The maintenance of divine worship.**
- **The preservation of the truth.**
- **The promotion of social righteousness.**
- **The exhibition of the kingdom of heaven to the world.**

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

### Responding to God’s Word

**\*Closing Hymn**

“We Are One in the Spirit”

see attached

### Sending Forth in God’s Name

**Benediction and Blessing**

**Benediction Response**

“Spirit Song”

John Wimber

**Postlude**

“Every Time I Feel the Spirit”

Ken Barker

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### Worship Participants:

Rev. Dr. Leanne Simmons, Pastor

Debi Rogers, Chancel Choir dir.

Andrea Nguyen, Keyboards

Mark Jensen, Youth Ministry dir.

Carole Watrel, Lay Reader

Josh Stokka, Audio/Visual Specialist

Allen Hoberg, Tedd & Ella Gutzke, Karmen Svihovec,

Bev Patch-Larson, and Alice Nix ~ Ushers

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## First Scripture Reading

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<sup>3</sup> They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. <sup>4</sup> All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

<sup>14</sup> Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: “Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say. <sup>15</sup> These people are not drunk, as you suppose. It’s only nine in the morning! <sup>16</sup> No, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel:

<sup>17</sup> “In the last days, God says,

I will pour out my Spirit on all people.

Your sons and daughters will prophesy,

your young men will see visions,

your old men will dream dreams.

<sup>18</sup> Even on my servants, both men and women,

I will pour out my Spirit in those days,

and they will prophesy.

<sup>22</sup> “Fellow Israelites, listen to this: Jesus of Nazareth was a man accredited by God to you by miracles, wonders and signs, which God did among you through him, as you yourselves know.

<sup>23</sup> This man was handed over to you by God’s deliberate plan and foreknowledge; and you, with the help of wicked men, put him to death by nailing him to the cross. <sup>24</sup> But God raised him from the dead, freeing him from the agony of death, because it was impossible for death to keep its hold on him.

<sup>31</sup> Seeing what was to come, [the prophets] spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, that he was not abandoned to the realm of the dead, nor did his body see decay. —————→

<sup>32</sup> God has raised this Jesus to life, and we are all witnesses of it. <sup>33</sup> Exalted to the right hand of God, he has received from the Father the promised Holy Spirit and has poured out what you now see and hear.

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## **Second Scripture Reading**

*1 Corinthians 1:18-30*

<sup>18</sup> For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. <sup>19</sup> For it is written:

“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise;  
the intelligence of the intelligent I will frustrate.”

<sup>20</sup> Where is the wise person? Where is the teacher of the law? Where is the philosopher of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? <sup>21</sup> For since in the wisdom of God the world through its wisdom did not know him, God was pleased through the foolishness of what was preached to save those who believe. <sup>22</sup> Jews demand signs and Greeks look for wisdom, <sup>23</sup> but we preach Christ crucified: a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, <sup>24</sup> but to those whom God has called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. <sup>25</sup> For the foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than human strength.

<sup>26</sup> Brothers and sisters, think of what you were when you were called. Not many of you were wise by human standards; not many were influential; not many were of noble birth. <sup>27</sup> But God chose the foolish things of the world to shame the wise; God chose the weak things of the world to shame the strong. <sup>28</sup> God chose the lowly things of this world and the despised things - and the things that are not - to nullify the things that are, <sup>29</sup> so that no one may boast before him. <sup>30</sup> It is because of him that you are in Christ Jesus, who has become for us wisdom from God—that is, our righteousness, holiness and redemption.

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## Calendar

Mon., June 9 - **5:30pm** Worship & Music

**6:30pm** Scouts

Tues., June 10 - **5:30pm** CCC Board

Wed., June 11 - *No Activities Scheduled*

***Pastor Leanne on vacation—June 11-19th***

Thu., June 12 - **2:00pm** Yoga

**6:00pm** Hospitality

Fri., June 13 - *No Activities Scheduled*

Sat., June 14 - **11am-4pm Capitol Pride**

Sun., June 15 - **10:00am** Worship “Trinity Sunday”

### 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.

### CCC Needs List for June:

**laundry detergent, garbage bags (33 gal. & 13 gal.)**



# Closing Hymn: We Are One in the Spirit

## They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love



1 We are one in the Spir - it; we are one in the Lord;  
 2 We will walk with each oth - er; we will walk hand in hand;  
 3 We will work with each oth - er; we will work side by side;  
 4 All praise to the Fa - ther, from whom all things come,



we are one in the Spir - it; we are one in the Lord,  
 we will walk with each oth - er; we will walk hand in hand,  
 we will work with each oth - er; we will work side by side,  
 and all praise to Christ Je - sus, God's on - ly Son,



and we pray that all u - ni - ty may one day be re - stored:  
 and to - geth - er we'll spread the news that God is in our land:  
 and we'll guard hu - man dig - ni - ty and save hu - man pride:  
 and all praise to the Spir - it, who makes us one:



And they'll know we are Chris-tians by our love, by our



love; yes, they'll know we are Chris-tians by our love.

A parish priest at St. Brendan's on the South Side of Chicago in the 1960s was very involved in the local Civil Rights movement and needed something for his youth choir to sing at ecumenical, interracial events. Finding nothing, he wrote this song in a single day.

TEXT and MUSIC: Peter Scholtes, 1966

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THEY'LL KNOW WE ARE CHRISTIANS

7.6.7.6.8.6 with refrain

# Capital PRIDE

**SATURDAY, JUNE 14TH  
11AM - 4PM ON CAPITOL GROUNDS**



**YOUTH OF ALL AGES AND PARENTS  
ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND THE  
FPC FAMILY FUN NIGHT AT  
SUPER SLIDE AMUSEMENT PARK**

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 18TH, FROM 6:30 - 8:00 PM.**

Youth may bring a friend, however we are limiting friends to 1 or 2 only. Free Wristbands will be given to each child, plus a voucher for ONE free treat per youth for the concession stand.

Parents or adults who wish to go on the rides will need to purchase their own tickets and treat, if they desire.

Water will be provided for FREE to EVERYONE,  
please be sure to stay hydrated!

We hope to see you all there and enjoy!

3-Church Outdoor Service  
& Potluck Picnic  
is at

# Sertoma Park shelter #10

(Riverside Park Rd)  
Sunday, June 22, 2025



**10:30 AM**



Please Join Us for a Potluck Picnic  
After Worship!



**Please sign up on the volunteer bulletin board, how many attending and what side dish you can bring to share!**

A freewill-offering will be collected to offset the charges for the main dish. Please attend and bring your family and friends!

## 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](http://www.fpcbismarck.com)

Hope to see you there!



## **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

Shawn Stettner, Child Care Center Director

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](http://fpcbismarck.com) and click on the DONATE button. Thank you!

