


WELCOME TO
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
OF BISMARCK, ND



**AND MOSES BUILT AN
ALTAR AND NAMED IT THE
LORD IS MY BANNER.
- EXODUS 17:15**

January 11, 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.



Souper Bowl Sunday, February 8th

Our congregation is gearing up for the annual tradition of collecting donations in SOUP pots on Super Bowl Sunday. Youthful members of the church will be waiting with soup pots in hand to collect free-will offering for the Heavens' Helpers' Soup Café & the Dream Center!

All donations are greatly appreciated.

**So, get in the game! Help make "Souper" Bowl Sunday
a real SUPER Bowl Sunday!**



DREAMCENTER
BISMARCK



**Please stay after Worship today if you are able to
help take down Christmas decorations!**

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

“Baptism of the Lord” 10:00am

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*(*Asterisks indicate that all who are able are requested to stand,
bold texts are to be read in unison)*

Prelude “We Three Kings” arr. Lloyd Larson

Welcome and Announcements Ray Wertz

Introit “Coventry Carol” arr. J. Julius Baird

***Call to Worship (responsively)** Alice

Leader: Christ abides in us,

All: And we abide in him.

Leader: Christ has the words of eternal life:

All: We believe and trust that he is the Holy One of God.

Leader: As we hear the gospel of peace today,

All: Let us choose again who we will serve.

Leader: We will serve the God of liberation and new life.

All: The God who hears and answers when we call.

Leader: We bring our praises and our prayers to God.

All: Trusting God to meet us as we gather.

Let us worship our God together.

Praise be to Christ our savior! Amen.

Gathering in God’s Name

***Opening Hymn** “Lo, How a Rose E’er Blooming” see print-out

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)

Loving God, through Christ you abide in us, and you invite us to abide in you. But so often we are restless and unsatisfied. Instead of resting in the fullness of life Christ offers to us, —→

we chase after money and fame, recognition and power, status and control. Instead of honoring the image of God in all our neighbors, we push others down in the pursuit of our own desires. Forgive us for forgetting that you call us to a different way of being in the world, to lives grounded in the self-giving love of Christ. Lead us out of self-interest and into communal care for one another and the world you have made. In Christ's name we pray; Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Ray

Leader: John's Gospel tells us: "God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him" (John 3:17). Christ forgives us and makes us whole. Christ fills us with life and sets us free for love. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace. Thanks be to God!

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

Young Disciples Message

Mark Jensen

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

Ray

Heavenly Father,

I thank You for the privilege and grace to give.

Every good thing I have comes from Your loving hand,
and today I return a portion to You with joy and humility.

Thank You for teaching me that giving is not a loss,
but a seed sown into Your kingdom's work.

Bless this offering, Lord, that it may bring hope to the needy,
strength to Your church, and glory to Your name.

May my heart always remain generous,
my hands always open, and my life always a reflection of Your
love. In Jesus' name, Amen.

***Doxology and Dedication of Gifts**

Proclamation of the Word of God

Prayer of Illumination

Alice

Eternal God,

you promise to give wisdom and insight to all who ask.

As your Word is read, open our eyes,

that we might behold wondrous things out of your law.



May the Spirit guide us into all truth, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

First Scripture Reading

Exodus 17:8-15

Anthem

“Refugee King” (Away From the Manger)

Benedict, Reagan, Ruth, Scheer and Vice arr. Edwin Wilmington

Second Scripture Reading

Matthew 16:15-23

Sermon

“Get With The Program, Pete!”

***Confession of Our Faith (unison)**

Holy God, we thank you that we have heard your words of eternal life today. As a sign of our gratitude, we offer you these gifts. Take what we have given and multiply it for the good: the good of our faith community, the good of our neighbors, and the good of the world you so love. Shape and mold us so that our whole lives become a loving response to your goodness. In the name of the one whose life gives life to the world, Jesus Christ, Amen.

Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer

Responding to God’s Word

***Closing Hymn**

“Once In Royal David’s City”

PH #49

Sending Forth in God’s Name

Benediction and Blessing

Benediction Response

“A Story for All People”

Dori Collins,

arr. Daniel Kalimantan

Postlude

Trumpet Tune on "March of the Kings"

arr. Gordon Young

Worship Participants:

Ray Wertz, Lay Pastor

Debi Rogers, Chancel Choir dir.

Gail Snustad, Keyboards

Mark Jensen, Youth Ministry dir.

Alice Nix, Lay Reader

Josh Stokka, Audio/Visual Specialist

Ella Gutzke, Anita Fru, Neva & Ron Carlisle, Vic Sonneman,
and Karmen Svihovec ~ Ushers

First Scripture Readings

Exodus 17:8-15

⁸ Then Amalek came and fought with Israel at Rephidim. ⁹ Moses said to Joshua, 'Choose some men for us and go out; fight with Amalek. Tomorrow I will stand on the top of the hill with the staff of God in my hand.' ¹⁰ So Joshua did as Moses told him, and fought with Amalek, while Moses, Aaron, and Hur went up to the top of the hill. ¹¹ Whenever Moses held up his hand, Israel prevailed; and whenever he lowered his hand, Amalek prevailed. ¹² But Moses' hands grew weary; so they took a stone and put it under him, and he sat on it. Aaron and Hur held up his hands, one on one side, and the other on the other side; so his hands were steady until the sun set. ¹³ And Joshua defeated Amalek and his people with the sword.

¹⁴ Then the LORD said to Moses, 'Write this as a reminder in a book and recite it in the hearing of Joshua: I will utterly blot out the remembrance of Amalek from under heaven.' ¹⁵ And Moses built an altar and called it, The LORD is my banner.

Calendar

Mon., Jan. 12 -	5:30pm Worship & Music 6:30pm Scouts
Tue., Jan. 13 -	11:00am Strength & Balance Class 2:00pm <i>Yoga for Life</i> 5:30pm AA meeting (room #201)
Wed., Jan. 14 -	5:45pm PAC/Teens 6:30pm Bells 7:30pm Choir
Thu., Jan. 15 -	11:00am Strength & Balance Class 7:00pm Deacons
Fri., Jan. 16 -	<i>No Activities Scheduled</i>
Sat., Jan. 17 -	Memorial Service - Jae Reile - 2:00pm (visitation 1:00-2:00pm)
Sun., Jan. 18 -	10:00am Communion Sunday Class of 2027 Officer Installation

Second Scripture Reading

Matthew 16:15-23

¹⁵ He said to them, ‘But who do you say that I am?’ ¹⁶ Simon Peter answered, ‘You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.’ ¹⁷ And Jesus answered him, ‘Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. ¹⁸ And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. ¹⁹ I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.’ ²⁰ Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

Jesus Foretells His Death and Resurrection

²¹ From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. ²² And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, ‘God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you.’ ²³ But he turned and said to Peter, ‘Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling-block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.’

Flowers this week are in honor of:

Dorothy “Dot” Glaser

(April 18, 1932-January 2, 2026)

A gift from: Dot’s family



CHRISTIAN ED:

Thanks to everyone who bought ornaments this holiday season, and special thanks to Calista and Alisha Wohl for contributing ornaments. We are happy to announce the sale of ornaments raised \$380.00. We purchased 7 families of chickens, 5 piglets and a \$5 donation to the Grain bank!



PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR THOUGHTS & PRAYERS THE FAMILY OF

Janet "Jae" Reile

Memorial Service - First Presbyterian Church

Saturday, January 17, 2026 at 2:00pm

(1:00 - 2:00pm visitation)

Transportation Drivers:

If you are willing to be a driver or sub driver bringing members to or from church on Sundays please contact the church office 223-6091



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!

