

WELCOME TO
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
OF BISMARCK, ND

"The Lord
announces the
word, and the
WOMEN who
proclaim it are a
MIGHTY THRONG."

Psalm 68:11

May 11, 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.



Our youth will be handing out single carnations to each woman (whether a mother, or not) right after the church service today! Please join us in the Parlor for a Cheesecake bite or two, to celebrate Mother's Day!



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.

“4th Sunday of Easter” 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

“Ave Maria”

arr. Lorie Line

Welcome and Announcements

Introit

“He Has Made Me Glad”

Leona von Brethorst

***Call to Worship (responsively)**

We gather together to worship our loving, nurturing God,
**who, like a mother, knows us intimately, loves us
unconditionally,**

teaches us the way we should go, and comforts us in
times of need.

Praise God, the Source and Sustainer of life!

Gathering in God’s Name

***Opening Hymn**

“Open My Eyes That I May See”

PH#324

Call to Confession

“Open Our Eyes, Lord”

Open our eyes Lord,

Open our ears Lord,

We want to see Jesus,

and help us to listen

to reach out and touch him

Open our eyes Lord,

to say that we love him.

We want to see Jesus.

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

**Loving God, you have called us to become one family, a
spiritual house where there is room for all people. Yet, we
realize that we have not made our own homes the dwelling
place for your love that we would like. Too often, we act like
individuals who happen to share the same building, rather
than family members who care for one another. Help us to
renew our commitments to the growth and development of
those who share our homes with us. Help us to communicate
openly with one another and to show our love in** —→

**the homes where we live, and then share that love with all your children, wherever they may be. (Silent, Individual confession)
In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

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

Young Disciples Message

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

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

Proclamation of the Word of God

Prayer of Illumination

First Scripture Reading *Psalm 68:3-11*

Anthem "Daughters of Promise, Women of Faith"
Joseph Martin

Second Scripture Reading *Luke 10:38-42*

Anthem "In the Garden" C.A. Miles/arr. C. Dobrinski

Sermon

Confession of Our Faith - from the Confession of 1967

The reconciling work of Jesus was the supreme crisis in the life of humankind. His cross and resurrection become personal crisis and present hope for all people when the gospel is proclaimed and believed. In this experience the Spirit brings God's forgiveness to men and women, moves them to respond in faith, repentance, and obedience, and initiates the new life in Christ. The new life takes shape in a community in which believers know that God loves and accepts them in spite of what they are. They therefore accept themselves and love others, knowing that no person has any ground on which to stand, except God's grace.

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Responding to God's Word

***Closing Hymn** "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" PH#403

Sending Forth in God's Name

Benediction and Blessing

Benediction Response “Blessing” R.V. Williams/arr. A. Sherman

Postlude “Jubilation” arr. Jason Payne

**Today's ringers with Westminster Chimes
are Kara Richter, Juanita Hocking, Linda Tonolli,
Alice Nix, Kris Ronningen, Judy Tschider,
Iris Giedd, Tammy Lem, Rosey Sand,
Sue Howard, Kathy Wachter, and Jim Rambo.**

**Thanks go to these joyful volunteers for
their many hours of rehearsal and
their sincere contributions to worship.**

Lael Hoerauf, dir.



Calendar

Monday, May 12 - 5:30pm Worship & Music

6:30pm Scouts

NO Christian Ed- cancelled

Tues., May 13 - 11:00am Balance & Strength Class

5:30pm CCC Board

Wed., May 14 - 5:45pm PAC/Teens- last night of PAC

6:00pm Bells- Polish Potluck Party!

7:30pm Choir- last night of both choirs

Thu., May 15 - 11:00am Balance & Strength Class

last day of class until fall!

2:00pm Yoga

7:00pm Deacons

Fri., May 16 - No Activities (Scholarship Deadline)

Sat., May 17 - No Activities Scheduled

Sun., May 18 - 10:00am Worship “5th Sunday of Easter”

Youth Sunday!

First Scripture Reading

Psalms 68:3-11

- ³ But may the righteous be glad
and rejoice before God;
may they be happy and joyful.
- ⁴ Sing to God, sing in praise of his name,
extol him who rides on the clouds;
rejoice before him—his name is the Lord.
- ⁵ A father to the fatherless, a defender of widows,
is God in his holy dwelling.
- ⁶ God sets the lonely in families,
he leads out the prisoners with singing;
but the rebellious live in a sun-scorched land.
- ⁷ When you, God, went out before your people,
when you marched through the wilderness,
- ⁸ the earth shook, the heavens poured down rain,
before God, the One of Sinai,
before God, the God of Israel.
- ⁹ You gave abundant showers, O God;
you refreshed your weary inheritance.
- ¹⁰ Your people settled in it,
and from your bounty, God, you provided for the poor.
- ¹¹ The Lord announces the word,
and the women who proclaim it are a mighty throng
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Worship Participants:

Rev. Dr. Leanne Simmons, Pastor
Debi Rogers, Chancel Choir dir.
Lael Hoerauf, Westminster Chimes dir.

Gail Snustad, Keyboards
Keith Magnusson, Lay Reader
Mark Jensen, Youth Ministry dir.
Josh Stokka, Audio/Visual Specialist

Ella & Tedd Gutzke, Priscilla & Jerry Wilson, Vic Sonneman,
and Karmen Svihovec ~ Ushers

CCC Needs List for May: paper towels



Second Scripture Reading

Luke 10:38-42

³⁸ As Jesus and his disciples were on their way, he came to a village where a woman named Martha opened her home to him. ³⁹ She had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet listening to what he said. ⁴⁰ But Martha was distracted by all the preparations that had to be made. She came to him and asked, "Lord, don't you care that my sister has left me to do the work by myself? Tell her to help me!"

⁴¹ "Martha, Martha," the Lord answered, "you are worried and upset about many things, ⁴² but few things are needed—or indeed only one. Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her."

The church garden is need of grass clippings that have **NOT** yet been treated with chemicals. The clippings help preserve moisture which will be very helpful during what promises to be a dry summer. Call Gail Christianson at **471-0969** for pickup!

The First Presbyterian Church Scholarship Committee

is pleased to announce the availability of a limited number of scholarships for our church community. To be eligible for consideration to receive a scholarship, a student must be an active member of First Presbyterian Church of Bismarck or must 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 16, 2025.**



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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!

