

WELCOME TO
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
OF BISMARCK, ND



November 16, 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.



thoughts & prayers for the family of

Stuart Libby

September 28, 1944 - November 10, 2025

**1:00pm service at Parkway Funeral Home
(2330 Tyler Pkwy., Bismarck)**

Monday, November 17, 2025

**(visitation 2:00-3:00pm with prayer service at 3:00pm tonight
Sunday, November 16 - at Parkway Funeral Home)**

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

“Hunger & Homelessness 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

“Rejoice and Be Glad”

Michael Helman

Welcome and Announcements

Introit

“Lord, I Want To Be a Christian”

African-American spiritual

***Call to Worship (responsively)**

L: The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and
abounding in steadfast love.

**P: We speak of the glory of God’s kingdom; we tell of
God’s power**

L: God’s kingdom is everlasting; the Lord is faithful.

**P: The Lord upholds all who are falling and raises up all
who are bowed down.**

L: Let us worship our great and glorious God, whose presence
and power, forgiveness and love endure forever!

Gathering in God’s Name

***Opening Hymn**

“Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty”

Joachim Neander, Stralund

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)

**We bow before you, O Lord, confessing: that we are slow to
step up to the tasks for which you have chosen us. We fail to
share the joy of faith. We have neglected to hunger and thirst
for righteousness. You do not always receive our fullest
attention, or loyalty or devotion. We serve ourselves before we
serve others. Our loving God, help us to refocus our energies
and our spirits, and reclaim the mission to which you have
called us... *(quiet prayer)*. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon (responsively)

Sisters and brothers, God heals us; Christ Jesus forgives us; and the Holy Spirit empowers us to live in new ways.

We rejoice in the amazing and undeniable good news that in Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Let us also, always, forgive one another. Amen.

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

Young Disciples Message

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

***Doxology and Dedication of Gifts**

Proclamation of the Word of God

Prayer of Illumination

First Scripture Reading

John 8:2-11

Choir Anthem

“Better Than a Hallelujah”

Chaplin Hartford & Sarah Hart, arr. Nate Gustafson

Scripture Readings: John 3:17 (non-Condensation)

John 8:15

John 10:14-15 and John 10:16 (the sheep of Jesus)

John 13:12-15 (washing the disciples' feet)

John 13:34-35 (a New Commandment)

Sermon

“Words of Jesus”

Rev. David Reiter

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

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human and fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:

**preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives,
teaching by word and deed and blessing the children,
healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted,
eating with outcasts,
forgiving sinners, and
calling all to repent and believe the gospel.**

Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world.

God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his →

**sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil,
delivering us from death to life eternal. Amen.**

(from "A Brief Statement of Faith" – *Book of Confessions*, PCUSA)

Handbell Anthem "Emmanuel, El Shaddai" arr. Sondra K. Tucker

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Responding to God's Word

***Closing Hymn** "Come Sing, O Church, in Joy"

Brian Dill

Sending Forth in God's Name

Benediction and Blessing

Benediction Response "We Are Called"

David Haas

Postlude "Amazing Grace with I Could Sing of Your Love Forever"
arr. by Carol Tornquist

**The handbell anthem today was purchased by
Alice and Dave Nix in celebration of
Westminster Chimes' 50th year of music ministry!**



Flowers this week are in memory of:

James C. Taylor

A gift from: the Taylor family



First Scripture Reading

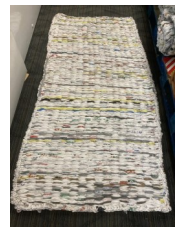
John 8:2-11

“Early in the morning Jesus came again to the temple. All the people came to him, and he sat down and began to teach them. The scribes and the Pharisees brought a woman who had been caught in adultery, and, making her stand before all of them, they said to him, “Teacher, this woman was caught in the very act of committing adultery. Now in the law Moses commanded us to stone such women. Now what do you say?” They said this to test Jesus, so that they might have some charge to bring against him. Jesus bent down and wrote with his finger on the ground. When they kept on questioning him, he straightened up and said to them, “Let anyone among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her.” And once again he bent down and wrote on the ground. When they heard it, they went away, one by one, beginning with the elders, and Jesus was left alone with the woman standing before him. Jesus straightened up and said to her, “Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?” She said, “No one, sir.”

“Jesus said, “Neither do I condemn you. Go your way, and from now on do not sin again.””

Collecting plastic grocery bags for a good cause!

Our Hospitality Committee is collecting used plastic grocery bags for a project to make mats to give to homeless people. The bags must NOT have any holes. The committee is working with a woman who creates the mats, like the one pictured here, by hand-weaving the plastic bags. It takes about 500 bags to make one mat. The committee decided to test whether the congregation would support this effort, hoping this could be a long-term outreach (and environmentally friendly) project for our congregation. The mats will be given to groups who work with the homeless in our area! THANK YOU



Scripture Readings

“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*)

“You judge by human standards; I judge no one.” (*John 8:15*)

“I am the good shepherd. I know my own, and my own know me, just as the Father knows me, and I know my Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep.” (*John 10:14-15*)

“I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd.” (*John 10:16*)

“After Jesus had washed their feet...he said to them, “Do you know what I have done to you? You call me Teacher and Lord, and you are right, for that is what I am. So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another’s feet. For I have set you an example, that you should do as I have done to you.”” (*John 13:12-15*)

“I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.” (*John 13:34-35*)

Worship Participants:

Rev. David Reiter, Pastor
Debi Rogers, Chancel Choir dir.
Lael Hoerauf, Westminster Chimes dir.
Arvy Smith, Keyboards
Mark Jensen, Youth Ministry dir.
Barb Satran, Lay Reader
Josh Stokka, Audio/Visual Specialist
Ella & Tedd Gutzke, Vic Sonneman, and
Karmen Svihovec~ Ushers

Calendar

- Mon., Nov., 17 - **Noon** Resource Management
1:30pm Prayer Shawl Ministry
4:30pm Admin & Personnel
6:30pm Scouts
- Tue., Nov., 18 - **11am** Strength & Balance Class
5:30pm AA meeting (room #201)
- Wed., Nov., 19 - **5:45pm** PAC/Teens
NO Westminster Chimes
7:00pm choirs-rehearsal at FPC Mandan
and all participants in St Andrew's Service
- Thu., Nov., 20 - **11am** Strength & Balance Class
NO Yoga
7:00pm Deacons
- Fri., Nov., 21- *No Activities Scheduled*
- Sat., Nov., 22 - **9:30am Circle Meeting - FPC Parlor**
- Sun., Nov., 23 - **10:30am "St. Andrew's Service"**
at First Presbyterian Church of Mandan!!

Circle Group Meeting:

Saturday, November 22 at 9:30am

First Presbyterian Church Parlor

If you are interested in supporting Pastor Leanne during her extended stay in Rochester - though not associated with the church gifts can be made by: picking up an informational card in the church office or ask the ushers!

Please let me know if you would like access to Leanne's Caring Bridge site -

call 223-6091 or email firstpresbyterian@fpcbismarck.com

Thank you for your support, Maureen

November Session Meeting date changed!
Next Session Meeting - December 9, 2025
6:00pm in the Church Parlor

NO Session Meeting in late December

THANK YOU FOR ALL THE PORT PILLOWS

Keep them coming!! The Sanford Cancer Center is in need of chemo port pillows for their patients. If you are interested in helping, there is a simple sewing pattern available in the church office. For more information, please reach out to Cathy Kinnischtzke. 527-3393.

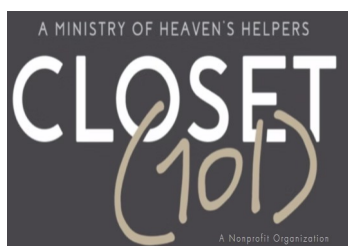


Hospitality Committee: Supporting Heaven's Helpers Closet (701)

The Hospitality Committee's November donation opportunity is a request for clean gently used or pre-washed new jeans for Heaven's Helpers Closet (701).

Heaven's Helpers Closet is a non-profit ministry that operates under the umbrella of Heaven's Helpers Soup Café by providing free clothing to individuals and families who are struggling to meet their basic needs. They offer a wide variety of clothing and provide a dignified shopping experience for those in need to select essential items free of charge.

Jeans are always in high demand with men's and boy's jeans being the greatest need. Donations of clean gently used or pre-washed new jeans in any size for adults and children can be placed in the donation box in the church narthex. Every pair truly makes a difference! Thank you



St. Andrew's Day Service

First Presbyterian Church of Bismarck

First Presbyterian Church of Mandan

Glencoe Sloan Memorial Presbyterian Church



10:30am November 23, 2025

First Presbyterian Church of Mandan is hosting this year!
(310 3rd Ave NW - Mandan)



“The Thanksgiving Banquet”

Thursday, November 27, 2025 4:00pm

The Dream Center

Volunteers needed to serve on Thanksgiving Day
(2:30-7:30pm on November 27)
sign-up sheet is on the volunteer bulletin board!

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 30TH

Scout Troop #6 is delivering
Christmas Wreaths



DECORATING FOR ADVENT/CHRISTMAS

Please come & help decorate

Saturday, December 13 at 10:00am

if the Sanctuary repairs are complete!

PLEASE STAY TUNED...

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES:

- Nov. 16** **Sock-It-To-Me Sunday!**
- Nov. 23** **St. Andrew's Sunday at FPC Mandan**
10:30am (310 3rd Ave NW- Mandan)
- Nov. 27 & 28** **FPC OFFICES CLOSED**
Happy Thanksgiving!
- Nov. 30** **1st Sunday of Advent**
Scouts will deliver wreaths! 
- Dec. 6** **9:30-11:30am "Breakfast with Santa"**
- Dec. 14** **Joyous Music Sunday** 
- Dec. 16** **Noon- Blue Christmas Service**
- Dec. 21** **Children's Christmas Program**
"Red & Green Potluck" sign-up
sheet is on the volunteer bulletin board
- Dec. 24** **4:30pm Christmas Eve (early service)**
9:00pm Christmas Eve (late service)
Communion
- Dec. 24 & 25 FPC OFFICES CLOSED**
Merry Christmas!

LAY READERS NEEDED:



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

You can view our church's worship services
on public access television, Sundays at noon!
Midco channel #12 or #612 (Community Access TV)

STAFF

Rev. David Reiter, Fill-in 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!

