

WELCOME TO
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
OF BISMARCK, ND



October 26, 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.

Worship Participants:

Rev. Dr. Leanne Simmons, Pastor

Debi Rogers, Chancel Choir dir.

Andrea Nguyen, Keyboards

Lael Hoerauf, Westminster Chimes dir.

Mark Jensen, Youth Ministry dir.

Bev Patch-Larson, Lay Reader

Josh Stokka, Audio/Visual Specialist

Rose & Tom Trenbeath, Cindy & Don Cross, Becky &

Dennis Rosenkranz ~ Ushers

continued prayers for the families of

LeRoy Bollinger

June 16, 1934 - October 5, 2025

Etta Schue

October 3, 1929 - October 7, 2025

Funeral Service: 11:00am Sat., November 8, 2025

Bismarck Funeral Home - 3723 Lockport St.

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

“Reformation Sunday” 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 “Mighty Fortress “ arr. Jim Brickman

Welcome and Announcements

Introit Variations on "Ein Feste Burg"
Martin Luther/arr. Michael Helman

***Call to Worship (responsively)**

Here we stand, Lord,
The people you have redeemed.
Here we stand, Lord,
giving thanks to you for you are good.

We give thanks that your love lasts forever.

We thank you that you free those who are oppressed.

Here we stand knowing that it is you
We all can cry out to for help in times of trouble.
We know that you will not only deliver us but
That you will lead our way to where we need to go.

Here we stand by the living water
That you set flowing for all.
We drink freely from your waters
That gratifies everyone who is thirsty.

And we thank you that you also

Give plenty to eat for those who are hungry.

**All: Here we stand with those who reformed the church
so long ago, and with those who still are reforming the church
today. Here we stand witnesses to your good news for all.
Here we stand your servants, your followers, your children.**

Gathering in God's Name

***Opening Hymn** “By Grace We Have Been Saved”
traditional, Rusty Edwards & Frederick Whitfield

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)

Forgive us, God, and change us that we may reflect your character:

May we speak each day according to Thy justice,

Each day may we show Thy chastening, O God,

May we speak each day according to Thy Wisdom,

Each day and night may we be at peace with Thee.

Each day may we count the causes of Thy mercy,

May we each day give heed to Thy laws;

Each day may we compose to Thee a song,

May we sing each day Thy praise, O God.

May we each day give love to Thee, Jesus,

Each night may we do the same,

Each day and night, dark and light,

May I laud Thy goodness to me, O God.

(Silent, Individual Confession) 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

Ephesians 2:1-10

Anthem

“Brethren, We Have Met to Worship”

Holy Manna/arr. Sandra Eithun

Second Scripture Reading

Galatians 3:1

Sermon

“Presbyterians ARE Thinkers”

Confession of Our Faith— a Summary of Reformation Confessions

The Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) strongly condemns idolatry and superstition, viewing them as sins that corrupt true faith by displacing God with lesser things. Both concepts are understood broadly, extending far beyond the literal worship of statues to encompass any misplaced trust or focus. The PC(USA) defines idolatry not only as the worship of statues or false gods but as the act of giving one's ultimate allegiance to anything other than the Creator. This can include both material and abstract things. The PC(USA) also rejects superstition as a deviation from genuine faith, seeing it as a corruption of worship. Superstitious practices obscure the recognition of God's true nature and divert focus from a direct relationship with the divine.

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Responding to God's Word

***Closing Hymn**

"Amazing Grace"

**Virginia Harmony,
John Newton**

Sending Forth in God's Name

Benediction and Blessing

Benediction Response

"Celtic Grace"

Slane/arr. Tammy Waldrop

Postlude

"Mighty Is Our God"

**by Eugene Greco,
Gerrit Gustafson, & Don Moen**

CHRISTIAN ED COMMITTEE

The committee is asking for a variety of candy,
individually wrapped for the **PAC Halloween Party on**

Wednesday, October 29th! Please drop off in
the Church Office by Monday, October, 27th!

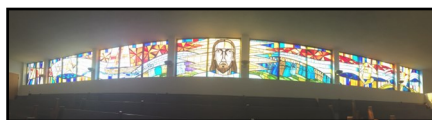
Thank You



First Scripture Reading

Ephesians 2:1-10

As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins,² in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient.³ All of us also lived among them at one time, gratifying the cravings of our flesh and following its desires and thoughts. Like the rest, we were by nature deserving of wrath.⁴ But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy,⁵ made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved.⁶ And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus,⁷ in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus.⁸ For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith - and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God -⁹ not by works, so that no one can boast.¹⁰ For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.



Second Scripture Reading

Galatians 3:1

You foolish Galatians! Who has bewitched you? Before your very eyes Jesus Christ was clearly portrayed as crucified.

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!



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

Calendar

- Mon., Oct., 27 - **6:30pm** Scouts
- Tue., Oct., 28 - **11am** Strength & Balance Class
2:00pm Presby Friends
5:30pm AA meeting (room #201)
6:00pm Session
- Wed., Oct., 29 - **5:45pm** PAC/Teens
(Halloween Party!)
6:30pm Westminster Chimes
7:30pm Chancel Choir
- Thu., Oct., 30 - **11am** Strength & Balance Class
2:00pm Yoga
6:00pm Hospitality
- Fri., Oct., 31 - *No Activities Scheduled*
- Sat., Nov., 1 - *No Activities Scheduled*
- Sun., Nov., 2 - **10:00am** Worship
"All Saints Sunday" (NO communion)
(time change - fall back an hour!)

During October, the Hospitality Committee's donation opportunity is focused on the Bismarck Emergency Food Pantry. The food pantry, a non-profit, volunteer organization, has served this community since 1979. As the food prices continue to rise and the number of people facing food insecurity increases, donations are needed more than ever to support the work of the Pantry. **Please consider donating non-perishable food items during October. Items may be placed in the donation box in the church narthex.**



COMING

SOON!



Breakfast

With

Santa

Saturday, December 6th

9:30 am - 11:30 am

First Presbyterian Church of Bismarck

Free will offering - Scout Troop #6

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MONDAY-FRIDAY 8-4:30