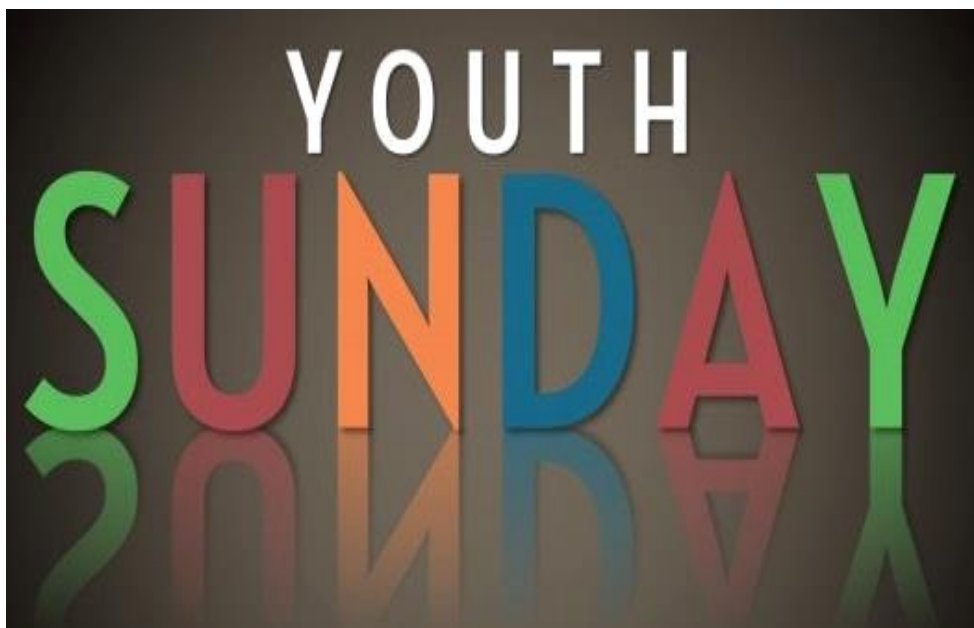


WELCOME TO
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
OF BISMARCK, ND



May 18, 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.

**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.

“Youth 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 “Joy in My Soul” Mark Hayes

Welcome and Announcements Mark/Pastor Leanne

***Call to Worship** (responsively) **Ruby Pederson**

We give you praise and honor, loving God, and seek to know you, Heavenly Father, Jesus Christ, Holy Spirit.

We place you in the highest place and worship you; for you alone are worthy of all honor.

Gathering in God’s Name

Call to Confession “Open Our Eyes, Lord” **Grayson Hedland**

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) **Calista Wohl**

Dear God, I come to ask for forgiveness and to be restored to your grace. You so loved us that you sent us your only son, and he is a shepherd willing to go searching after even one of his sheep. Guide me as I prepare to approach this sacrament, I would like to be free of guilt, to be pardoned, to have peace, and to be restored to You. Grant me all that is necessary for it to be so, Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

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

Young Disciples Message **Mark Jensen**

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

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

Proclamation of the Word of God

Prayer of Illumination

Annabelle Wohl

First Scripture Reading

Bella Rae Fru

Psalm 118:14-24

¹⁴ The LORD is my strength and my defense; he has become my salvation. ¹⁵ Shouts of joy and victory resound in the tents of the righteous: “The LORD’s right hand has done mighty things!

¹⁶ The LORD’s right hand is lifted high; the LORD’s right hand has done mighty things!” ¹⁷ I will not die but live, and will proclaim what the LORD has done.

¹⁸ The LORD has chastened me severely, but he has not given me over to death. ¹⁹ Open for me the gates of the righteous; I will enter and give thanks to the LORD.

²⁰ This is the gate of the LORD through which the righteous may enter. ²¹ I will give you thanks, for you answered me; you have become my salvation. ²² The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; ²³ the LORD has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes. ²⁴ The LORD has done it this very day; let us rejoice today and be glad.

Musical Selection

“This is the Day”

Les Garrett

Second Scripture Reading

Beckett Hedland

Psalm 16:5-11

⁵ The Lord is the portion of my inheritance and my cup; you maintain my lot. ⁶ The lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; indeed, I have a beautiful inheritance.

⁷ I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel; in the night also my heart instructs me.

⁸ I have set the Lord always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.

⁹ Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices; my flesh also dwells secure. ¹⁰ For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol, or let your holy one see corruption.

¹¹ You make known to me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

Musical Selection “(I’ve Got the Joy) Down in my Heart”
arr. Amy Potter

Sermon **5th Graders:**
Bryson Fru **Brianna Engel** **Parker Ronningen**
Iris Falcon **Ruby Pederson**

Confession of Our Faith - **Iris Falcon** *Psalm 139:13-16*

¹³ For you created my inmost being
you knit me together in my mother’s womb
¹⁴ I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made.
Your work is wonderful
I know that full well.
¹⁵ My frame was not hidden from you
when I was made in the secret place,
when I was woven together in the depths of the earth
¹⁶ Your eyes saw my unformed body.
all the days ordained for me were written in your book
before one of them came to be.

Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer Pastor Leanne

Musical Selections:
“Little Playmates” F.X. Chwatal **Beckett Hedland**
“Ode to Joy from the 9th Symphony” Beethoven **Grayson Hedland**

Sending Forth in God’s Name

Benediction and Blessing **Rylee Pederson** *Numbers 6:24-26*

The Lord bless you and keep you;
The lord make his face shine upon you
and be gracious to you;
The lord lift up his countenance upon
you and give you peace.

Benediction Response “O’ Lord” Lauren Daigle
Wohl Family Trio: Annabelle, Brady, and Calista

Postlude “All Things Bright and Beautiful” arr. Mark Hayes

Calendar

- Mon., May 19 - **Noon** Resource Management
1:30pm Prayer Shawl Ministry
4:30pm Admin. & Personnel
6:30pm Scouts
- Tues., May 20 - *No Activities Scheduled*
- Wed., May 21 - **5:45pm** PAC/Teens- last night of Teens
- Thu., May 22 - **2:00pm** Yoga
- Fri., May 23 - *No Activities Scheduled*
- Sat., May 24 - *No Activities Scheduled*
- Sun., May 25 - **10:00am** Worship “6th Sunday of Easter”
Memorial Weekend
- Mon., May 26 - OFFICES CLOSED - Memorial Day!**

CCC Needs List for May: paper towels



Worship Participants:

Rev. Dr. Leanne Simmons, Pastor
Debi Rogers, Chancel Choir dir.
Arvy Smith, Keyboards
Mark Jensen, Youth Ministry dir.
Josh Stokka, Audio/Visual Specialist
Cathy Kinnischtzke, Cindy & Don Cross, Ella & Tedd Gutzke,
and Audrey Simmons ~ Ushers

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!



FREE-HOME FIRE SAFETY VISIT

At no cost, our teams will:

- *check your existing smoke alarms
- *install new alarms with 10-year batteries as needed
- *help you plan emergency escape routes

To schedule an appointment or more information scan this QR code:



American Red Cross
Western North Dakota



We also have a sign up sheet on our volunteer bulletin board... we will get the information to the Red Cross contact person, to help you make an appointment.

Brag Box:

Parents and Grandparents: send us an email bragging about your child/grandkids accomplishments no matter how big or small!

(I would love pictures too)

We want to celebrate all the milestones by recognizing them in the monthly newsletter! **Deadline for June edition is 5/27/25**

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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.



You can view our church's worship services

on public access television, Sundays at noon!

Midco channel #12 or #612 (Community Access TV)

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