

**WELCOME TO**  
**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
*OF BISMARCK, ND*



**November 30, 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.



## DECORATING FOR ADVENT/CHRISTMAS

Please stay & help decorate  
**TODAY** following worship  
the Sanctuary repairs are complete!  
**AMEN!!**

Flowers this week are in memory of:

***Jon Rygg***

A gift from: Susan & Lyle Johnsen



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

**“1st Sunday of Advent” 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** “Advent Suite” (Creator of the Stars of Night, My Soul in  
Stillness Waits and O Come, O Come, Emmanuel) arr. Paul A. Tate

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Introit** “Lift Up Your Heads” Graham Kendrick

**Lighting of the Advent Candle-Hope** Jim Skaret

**-Responsive Litany-** “Light of Hope”

Advent is a time of reflection and renewal.

**God of light, shine in our hearts and renew our hope.**

Advent is a time of self-examination.

**God of light, shine in our hearts and strengthen our resolve.**

Advent is a time of joyful expectation.

**God of light, shine in our hearts and renew our faith.**

Advent is a time of service and searching.

**God of light, shine in our hearts and ignite our compassion.**

**\*Call to Worship** (responsively)

Leader: Make us to know your ways, O Lord: teach us your paths.

**People: Lead us in your truth, and teach us, for you are the**

**God of our salvation; for you we wait all day long.**

**Unison: Worship God for whom we wait.**

**Gathering in God’s Name**

**\*Opening Hymn** “Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates”  
George Weissel

**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)

**God of the future, you are coming in power to bring all  
nations under your rule. We confess that we have not —→**

**expected your kingdom, for we live casual lives, ignoring your promised judgment. We accept lives as truth, exploit neighbors, abuse the earth, and refuse your justice and peace. In your mercy, forgive us. Grant us wisdom to welcome your way, and to seek things that will endure when Christ comes to judge the world. Amen.**

**Assurance of Pardon**

**\*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**

*Jeremiah 33:14-16*

**Anthem**

**“Blessed Savior”**

**Paul Marino and  
Greg Nelson, Phillip Keveren**

**Second Scripture Reading**

*Luke 21:25-36*

**Sermon**

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

**Apostles Creed**

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ his only son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right had of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer**

**Responding to God’s Word**

**\*Closing Hymn**

**“While We Are Waiting, Come”**

**Claire Cloninger, Don Cason**



## Sending Forth in God's Name

### Benediction and Blessing

### Benediction Response

“King of Kings”

Naomi Batya,  
and Sophie Conty

### Postlude

“Canticle of the Sun”

arr. Paul A. Tate

### Calendar

- Mon., Dec. 1 - **1:30pm** Prayer Shawl Ministry  
**6:30pm** Scouts  
**7:00pm** Christian Ed
- Tue., Dec. 2 - **11am** Strength & Balance Class  
**5:30pm** AA meeting (room #201)  
**5:45pm** Property & Equipment  
**6:30pm** Lay Pastors
- Wed., Dec. 3 - ***Munch & Mingle - Broadway Grill***  
**5:45pm** PAC/Teens  
**6:30pm** Westminster Chimes  
**7:30pm** Chancel Choir
- Thu., Dec. 4 - **11am** Strength & Balance Class  
**NO** Yoga
- Fri., Dec. 5 - *No Activities Scheduled*
- Sat., Dec. 6 - ***9:30-11:30am Breakfast with Santa!***
- Sun., Dec. 7 - **10:30am** “2nd Sunday of Advent”  
communion



### Munch & Mingle!

Broadway Grill (100 W Broadway Ave.)

**12:00pm - Broadway Grill & Tavern**

**Wed., December 3, 2025!**

**MUNCH  
&  
MINGLE**

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## First Scripture Reading

*Jeremiah 33:14-16*

<sup>14</sup> The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfil the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. <sup>15</sup> In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. <sup>16</sup> In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: ‘The Lord is our righteousness.’

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## Second Scripture Reading

*Luke 21:25-36*

### The Coming of the Son of Man

<sup>25</sup> ‘There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. <sup>26</sup> People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. <sup>27</sup> Then they will see “the Son of Man coming in a cloud” with power and great glory. <sup>28</sup> Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.’

### The Lesson of the Fig Tree

<sup>29</sup> Then he told them a parable: ‘Look at the fig tree and all the trees; <sup>30</sup> as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. <sup>31</sup> So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. <sup>32</sup> Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. <sup>33</sup> Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.’

### Exhortation to Watch

<sup>34</sup> ‘Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, <sup>35</sup> like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. <sup>36</sup> Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.’

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November Session Meeting date changed!  
Next Session Meeting - **December 9, 2025**  
6:00pm in the Church Parlor  
NO Session Meeting in late December

**Worship Participants:**

Jim Skaret, Lay Pastor  
Debi Rogers, Chancel Choir dir.  
Arvy Smith, Keyboards  
Mark Jensen, Youth Ministry dir.  
Alice Nix, Lay Reader  
Josh Stokka, Audio/Visual Specialist  
Alice Nix, Don & Cindy Cross, Ron & Neva Carlisle,  
and Vic Sonneman ~ Ushers



Devotionals are now available on the book shelf in the Narthex!

**This year's Tree of Love is for students in transition (SIT)**

Bismarck students who are experiencing homelessness will be the recipients of this year's Tree of Love presents. Your Hospitality Committee has asked the Bismarck Students in Transition Program to choose three or four families who could use a little help making this Christmas merry. Paper "ornaments" for items requested by the families will be on a small Christmas tree in the Narthex soon! Congregation members may choose an ornament or two and buy the requested gifts, so families can be assured of some presents under the tree. Please wrap each gift, attach the ornament and put it under the tree. Attaching a gift receipt would also be appreciated by the families. Gifts should be under the tree by Friday, **December 19th**. Thank you in advance for your generosity!



## UPCOMING ACTIVITIES:

- 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!**



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**OFFICE HOURS:**  
**MONDAY-FRIDAY 8-4:30**

**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](http://fpcbismarck.com) and click on the DONATE button. Thank you!

