

WELCOME TO
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
OF BISMARCK, ND



May 3, 2026
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.



Flowers this week are in memory of:
Howard & Adeline Snortland
A gift from: Kris & Paul Ronningen and
Signe & Kimball Banks



Please come to the Suzuki Spring Recital!

*Here at First Presbyterian Church
Monday, May 4th at 6:00pm*



Munch & Mingle!

Broadway Grill (100 W Broadway Ave.)

12:00pm - Broadway Grill & Tavern

Wednesday, May 6, 2026!



P: Show me Jesus.

L: When life comes our way...

P: Show us the Spirit.

L: Today, here in this place,

P: May we see God.

All: Amen.

Assurance of Pardon (responsively)

Nancy

L: Hear the good news! Who is in a position to condemn?

P: Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us.

L: Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation, the old life has gone; a new life has begun. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace. Amen.

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

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

Nancy

Baskets by the back door...

(2 Corinthians 9:7) Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

***Doxology and Dedication of Gifts**

People: Prayer

Generous Father, you have given to me freely, and I desire to reflect Your heart through generosity. Remove every trace of selfishness and fear from my heart. As I give my tithe and offering, let it flow from love and compassion. Teach me to give willingly and joyfully, trusting that You will refresh and provide for me as I seek to bless others through faithful generosity. Amen.

Proclamation of the Word of God

Prayer of Illumination

Donna

Draw us close, Holy Spirit,

as the Scriptures are read and the Word is proclaimed.

Let the word of faith be on our lips and in our hearts, and let all other words slip away.

May there be one voice we hear today — the voice of truth and grace. Amen.

First Scripture Reading *1 Peter 2:2-10 (NIV)*

Donna

Like newborn babies, crave pure spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow up in your salvation, 3 now that you have tasted that the Lord is good.

(The Living Stone and a Chosen People)

4 As you come to him, the living Stone—rejected by humans but chosen by God and precious to him— 5 you also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. 6 For in Scripture it says:

“See, I lay a stone in Zion,
a chosen and precious cornerstone,
and the one who trusts in him
will never be put to shame.”

7 Now to you who believe, this stone is precious. But to those who do not believe,

“The stone the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone,”

8 and,

“A stone that causes people to stumble
and a rock that makes them fall.”

They stumble because they disobey the message—which is also what they were destined for.

9 But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. 10 Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

Thanks Be to God

Anthem

“Amani Utupe”

Patsy Ford Simms

Second Scripture Reading *John 14: 1-14 (NIV)*

Nancy

(Jesus Comforts His Disciples)

14 “Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me. 2 My Father’s house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going →

there to prepare a place for you? 3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. 4 You know the way to the place where I am going.”

(Jesus the Way to the Father)

5 Thomas said to him, “Lord, we don’t know where you are going, so how can we know the way?”

6 Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. 7 If you really know me, you will know my Father as well. From now on, you do know him and have seen him.”

8 Philip said, “Lord, show us the Father and that will be enough for us.”

9 Jesus answered: “Don’t you know me, Philip, even after I have been among you such a long time? Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’?”

10 Don’t you believe that I am in the Father, and that the Father is in me? The words I say to you I do not speak on my own authority. Rather, it is the Father, living in me, who is doing his work. 11 Believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; or at least believe on the evidence of the works themselves. 12 Very truly I tell you, whoever believes in me will do the works I have been doing, and they will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father. 13 And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. 14 You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it.

Thanks Be to God.

Sermon “I Am the Way”

Communion Hymn “Drawn To You” see insert

Celebration of the Lord’s Supper

Saying what we believe with the Apostles Creed PH #14

Invitation to the Table

Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer →

Words of Institution

Distribution of the Elements

Sharing the Feast Together



***Prayer after Communion (unison)**

**Holy God, we thank you for this feast of grace and life.
As we have been served, help us to serve our neighbors.
As we have been fed, help us defeat all who are hungry.
As we have been loved, help us to love the world,
because in Christ Jesus you have loved us. Amen.**

Responding to God's Word

***Closing Hymn**

“Come, Thou Almighty King”

PH #139

Sending Forth in God's Name

Benediction and Blessing (responsively)

Nancy

Leader: Go in peace, and may the peace of God, which shines brightly and vanquishes our darkness, always be with you. Go, knowing that God is your rock and your refuge. You are not alone. God is always with you.

All: Now go in peace and serve the Lord... Amen.

Benediction Response

“I Will Call Upon the Lord”

see insert

Postlude

“Joyful Day”

Mark Hayes

Worship Participants:

Nancy Legerski, Commissioned Minister

Debi Rogers, Chancel Choir dir.

Andrea Nguyen, Keyboards

Mark Jensen, Youth Ministry dir.

Donna Richter, Lay Reader

Josh Stokka, Audio/Visual Specialist

Alice & Dave Nix, Becky Liedtke, Audre Goll,

Linda Strandemo, and Vic Sonneman ~ Ushers

Calendar

- Mon., May 4 - **1:30pm** Prayer Shawl Ministry
6:00pm *Suzuki Spring Recital*
6:30pm Scouts
7:00pm Christian Ed
- Tue., May 5 - **11:00am** Strength & Balance Class
2:00pm Yoga for Life
5:30pm AA meeting (room #201)
5:45pm Property & Equipment
- Wed., May 6 - **Noon** *Munch & Mingle*
5:45pm PAC/Teens
6:30pm Bells
6:30pm Lay Pastors
7:30pm Choir
- Thu., May 7 - **11:00am** Strength & Balance Class
- Fri., May 8 - *No Activities Scheduled*
- Sat., May 9 - *No Activities Scheduled*
- Sun., May 10 - **10:00am** - Youth Service
"Mother's Day"



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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 and click on the DONATE button. Thank you!

