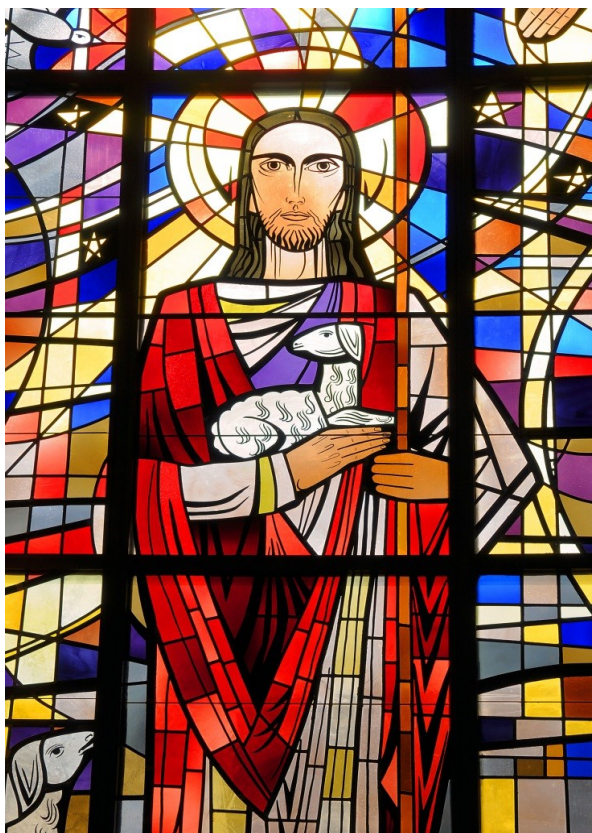


WELCOME TO
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
OF BISMARCK, ND



November 2, 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:

Debi Rogers, Chancel Choir dir.
Andrea Nguyen, Keyboards
Mark Jensen, Youth Ministry dir.
Josh Stokka, Audio/Visual Specialist
Jody & Joe Bachmeier, Barb & Winston Satran,
Linda Strandemo, and Cathy Kinnischtzke ~ Ushers

continued prayers for the families of

LeRoy Bollinger

June 16, 1934 - October 5, 2025

Etta Schue

October 3, 1929 - October 7, 2025

Memorial Service 11:00am November 8th-Bismarck Funeral Home

Shelly Bailey

March 25, 1960 - October 25, 2025

Memorial Service 10:30am November 4th-Bismarck Funeral Home

Jane M. Murray

April 16, 1931 - October 20, 2025

“All Saints 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)*

Hebrews 12:1-4

“Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, ² fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. ³ Consider him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart. ⁴ In your struggle against sin, you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding your blood.”

Prelude

“How Great Thou Art”

Stuart K. Hine

Welcome and Announcements

Dale Hoerauf

To a church weary of struggle, the writer of Hebrews speaks words of encouragement and comfort. The people to whom he writes have been thrown out of their homes, places of worship and community. For many, their earthly goods have been confiscated. They have watched as loved ones passed away, and they are discouraged and tired, thinking that their struggle has cost them too much. In this epistle, the writer reminds them that their struggles are not new to the human experience, and lifts up examples of believers who model the way through conflicts – the way of faith.

He tells them: *“Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at* →

the right hand of the throne of God. ³ Consider him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart. In your struggle against sin, you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding your blood.”

Today, we too recognize those who have gone before us, whose examples by faith leave us with inspiration and instruction for the living of our days.

Introit

“May You Run and Not Be Weary”

Handt Hanson, arr. Henry Wiens

***Call to Worship (responsively)**

Dale Hoerauf

In our time, and in our place, we are here Lord, ready to walk by faith and not by sight.

Come as we worship and renew our courage for the living of faith in our days.

As those who have gone before us, we have no guarantees that we will see immediate results.

Come as we worship – fill us with the big picture of your redemption – help us look beyond time into the promises of eternity.

All: We choose to believe when we cannot see – we choose to hope when we are not sure. We choose to worship and rejoice in the God who never fails.

Gathering in God’s Name

***Opening Hymn**

“Guide My Feet” African American spiritual

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)

Allen Hoberg

Amazing God, we confess that we grow tired of struggles and sometimes, we fail to see the point. Our hearts begin to waver under heavy loads, the every-dayness of responsibilities can often undermine our faith. We grieve those we have lost heavily – we look around at injustice and see no help →

coming. Have pity on our limited resources and build us up in the hope of eternal righteousness. Comfort our losses with reassurances that we will be united again with the saints that have gone before. Help us see help and strength all around us, and lead us forward in confidence that our life and times are in your hands. (Silent Individual Confession) Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Allen Hoberg

***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

Lynne Bigwood

Reading One

Lynne Bigwood

In order to encourage the weakening church, the writer of Hebrews reminds them of the great victories that have been won by those who believe. These victories are their foundation, and the church walks on the stones worn smooth by those who have travelled ahead. God has been faithful – and God always will be.

Hebrews 11:1-3, 5- 12 says:

Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see. ² This is what the ancients were commended for. ³ By faith we understand that the universe was formed at God's command, so that what is seen was not made out of what was visible.

⁵ By faith Enoch was taken from this life, so that he did not experience death: "He could not be found, because God had taken him away." For before he was taken, he was commended as one who pleased God. ⁶ And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him.

⁷ By faith Noah, when warned about things not yet seen, in holy fear built an ark to save his family. By his faith he condemned the world and became heir of the righteousness that is in keeping with faith. ⁸ By faith Abraham, when called to go to a —→

place he would later receive as his inheritance, obeyed and went, even though he did not know where he was going.⁹ By faith he made his home in the promised land like a stranger in a foreign country; he lived in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise.¹⁰ For he was looking forward to the city with foundations, whose architect and builder is God.¹¹ And by faith even Sarah, who was past childbearing age, was enabled to bear children because she considered him faithful who had made the promise.¹² And so from this one man, and he as good as dead, came descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as countless as the sand on the seashore.

Musical Selection

“I Sing a Song of the Saints of God”

Lesbia Scott, John Henry Hopkins

Reading Two

Alice Nix

The writer of Hebrews reminds the church that, even those who lived stellar lives of faith and won great victories for Christ did not live to see everything they dreamed of, but the dream is not over. To encourage them he lists the familiar names of their heroes in the faith, so that they will see that their lives are part of a chain of promises kept and yet to be kept.

He says, Hebrews 11:13-19, 23-34

¹³ All these people were still living by faith when they died. They did not receive the things promised; they only saw them and welcomed them from a distance, admitting that they were foreigners and strangers on earth.¹⁴ People who say such things show that they are looking for a country of their own.¹⁵ If they had been thinking of the country they had left, they would have had opportunity to return.¹⁶ Instead, they were longing for a better country—a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared a city for them.¹⁷ By faith Abraham, when God tested him, offered Isaac as a sacrifice. He who had embraced the promises was about to sacrifice his one and only son,¹⁸ even though God had said to him, “It is through Isaac that your offspring will be reckoned.”

¹⁹ Abraham reasoned that God could even raise the dead, and so in a manner of speaking he did receive Isaac back from death. →

²³ By faith Moses' parents hid him for three months after he was born, because they saw he was no ordinary child, and they were not afraid of the king's edict.

²⁴ By faith Moses, when he had grown up, refused to be known as the son of Pharaoh's daughter. ²⁵ He chose to be mistreated along with the people of God rather than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin. ²⁶ He regarded disgrace for the sake of Christ as of greater value than the treasures of Egypt, because he was looking ahead to his reward. ²⁷ By faith he left Egypt, not fearing the king's anger; he persevered because he saw him who is invisible. ²⁸ By faith he kept the Passover and the application of blood, so that the destroyer of the firstborn would not touch the firstborn of Israel.

²⁹ By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as on dry land; but when the Egyptians tried to do so, they were drowned.

³⁰ By faith the walls of Jericho fell, after the army had marched around them for seven days.

³¹ By faith the prostitute Rahab, because she welcomed the spies, was not killed with those who were disobedient.

³² And what more shall I say? I do not have time to tell about Gideon, Barak, Samson and Jephthah, about David and Samuel and the prophets, ³³ who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, and gained what was promised; who shut the mouths of lions, ³⁴ quenched the fury of the flames, and escaped the edge of the sword; whose weakness was turned to strength; and who became powerful in battle and routed foreign armies.

Congregational Hymn

“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”

William Williams, John Hughes

Reading Three

Juanita Hocking

The writer of Hebrews is keenly realistic. He recognizes that not every life of faith comes to a happy ending; yet, the story of our value and purpose is not closed when we take our last breath.

To those who lost loved ones, he acknowledges the deep disappointment of what can seem like unanswered prayers and undeserved suffering. Still the dream of God's will being done on earth as it is in heaven is not defeated, for God's plan always holds something better. *He says, Hebrews 11:35-40* →

There were others who were tortured, refusing to be released so that they might gain an even better resurrection. ³⁶ Some faced jeers and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. ³⁷ They were put to death by stoning; they were sawed in two; they were killed by the sword. They went about in sheepskins and goatskins, destitute, persecuted and mistreated - ³⁸ the world was not worthy of them. They wandered in deserts and mountains, living in caves and in holes in the ground.

³⁹ These were all commended for their faith, yet none of them received what had been promised, ⁴⁰ since God had planned something better for us so that only together with us would they be made perfect.

Congregational Hymn

“For All the Saints”

William How, Ralph Vaughn Williams

Necrology Prayer:

Donna Richter

Living God, in whom there is no shadow or change, we thank you for the gift of life eternal, and for all those who having served you well, now rest from their labors. We thank you for all the saints remembered and forgotten, for those dear souls most precious to us. Today we give thanks for those who during the last twelve months have died and entered into glory. We bless you for their life and love, and rejoice for them “all is well, and all manner of things will be well.”

God of Jesus and our God, mindful of all those choice souls who have gone on ahead of us, teach us, and each twenty-first century disciple of every race and place,

- to follow their example to the best of our ability;
- to feed the poor in body or spirit,
- to support and comfort the mourners and the repentant,
- to encourage the meek and stand with them in crises,
- to affirm those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,
- to cherish and learn from the merciful,
- to be humbled by, and stand with, the peacemakers.

We remember:

Thomas Campbell

Merlin Rudrud



Bruce Bishop

LeRoy Bollinger

Wade Anderson

Etta Schue

Shelly Bailey

Jane Murray

Let us clearly recognize what it means to be called the children of God, and to know we are to be your saints neither by our own inclination nor in our own strength but simply by the call and the healing holiness of Christ Jesus our Savior. **Amen!**

Reading Four

Barb Satran

Scripture closes with the promise that God is not done bringing about the new creation and uniting the dead and living in one great hour of completed purpose and joyful celebration.

Revelation 7: 9-17 tells us:

After this I looked, and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and before the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands. ¹⁰ And they cried out in a loud voice: “Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb.”

¹¹ All the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures. They fell down on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹² saying: “Amen! Praise and glory and wisdom and thanks and honor and power and strength be to our God for ever and ever. Amen!”

¹³ Then one of the elders asked me, “These in white robes—who are they, and where did they come from?”

¹⁴ I answered, “Sir, you know.” And he said, “These are they who have come out of the great tribulation; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

¹⁵ Therefore, “they are before the throne of God and serve him day and night in his temple; and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence.

¹⁶ ‘Never again will they hunger; never again will they thirst.



The sun will not beat down on them,' nor any scorching heat.

¹⁷ For the Lamb at the center of the throne

will be their shepherd;

'he will lead them to springs of living water.'

'And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes

Anthem

"Heaven's Choir"

Pepper Choplin

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Donna Richter

Responding to God's Word

***Closing Hymn**

"Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun"

Issac Watts, arr. John Hatton

Sending Forth in God's Name

Benediction and Blessing

Dale Hoerauf

Benediction Response

"The Trumpet Sound, the Angels Sing"

Graham Kendrick

Postlude

"When the Saints Go Marching"

arr. Phillip Keveren

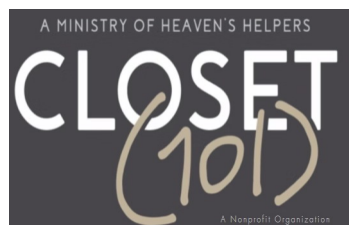
Hospitality Committee: Supporting Heaven's Helpers Closet (701)

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.



Calendar

- Mon., Nov., 3 - **1:30pm** Prayer Shawl Ministry
5:30pm Worship & Music
6:00pm CE & WM Joint Meeting
6:30pm Christian Ed
6:30pm Scouts
- Tue., Nov., 4 - ***Memorial Service for Shelly Bailey -
10:30am at Bismarck Funeral Home***
11am Strength & Balance Class
5:30pm AA meeting (room #201)
5:45pm Property & Equipment
6:30pm Lay Pastors
- Wed., Nov., 5 - **NOON-MUNCH & MINGLE AT BROADWAY GRILL**
5:45pm PAC/Teens
6:30pm Westminster Chimes
7:30pm Chancel Choir
- Thu., Nov., 6 - **11am** Strength & Balance Class
2:00pm Yoga
- Fri., Nov., 7 - *No Activities Scheduled*
- Sat., Nov., 8 - ***Memorial Service for Etta Schue -
11:00am at Bismarck Funeral Home***
- Sun., Nov., 9 - **10:00am** Worship - Communion Sunday
9-10am & 11am-12pm Blood Pressure Clinic
brief Session meeting to examine Class of 2027 officers

Munch & Mingle!

Broadway Grill & Tavern
(100 W Broadway Ave.)

Noon - Broadway Grill & Tavern
Wed., November 5, 2025!



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Breakfast

With

Santa

Saturday, December 6th

9:30 am - 11:30 am

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Free will offering - Scout Troop #6

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