

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



*HE IS*  
**RISEN**

**April 5, 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.

**Worship Participants:**

Nancy Legerski, Commissioned Minister  
Debi Rogers, Chancel Choir dir.  
Arvy Smith, Keyboards  
Mark Jensen, Youth Ministry dir.  
Shari Orser, Lay Reader  
Josh Stokka, Audio/Visual Specialist  
Vic Sonneman, Tedd & Ella Gutzke, Becky Liedtke,  
Ron Carlisle and Kimball Banks ~ Ushers



**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.

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

# “Easter 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*)

**Processional Hymn** “Jesus Christ Is Risen Today” PH#123  
Chancel Choir procession singing verse 1  
Congregation joining on verses 2-4 Trumpets: Jim Rambo and Erik Hein Jr.

**Welcome and Announcements** Nancy

**Introit** “Come and See the Glory of the Lord” Lenny LeBlanc

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

The stone has been rolled away.

**The grave clothes are lying in a heap.**

The body is gone.

**Mary’s weeping is halted by the man’s questions:**

Why are you crying?

**Who is it you are looking for?**

Let us proclaim with Mary:

**We have seen the risen Lord!**

Christ is Risen!

**Christ is Risen Indeed!**

***Hallelujah! Amen.***

### Gathering in God’s Name

**\*Opening Hymn** “The Strife Is O’er” PH #119

**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** (responsively) Nancy

One: Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave, you shattered the power of sin and death, raising Jesus from the grave and →

giving us eternal life. Glory to you, O Christ for us and for our salvation you overcame death and opened the gate to everlasting life. Glory to you, O Holy Spirit, you lead us into truth. Glory to you, O Blessed Trinity, now and forever. Forgive us, God of mercy. Help us to trust your power to change our lives and make us new, that we may know the joy of life abundant given to us in Jesus Christ, the risen Lord.

**Many: We give you thanks, great God, for the hope we have in Jesus, who died but is risen and rules overall. We praise you for his presence with us. Because he lives, we look for eternal life, knowing that nothing past, present, or yet to come can separate us from your great love made known in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

**Assurance of Pardon**

Nancy

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

**Young Disciples Message**

Mark Jensen

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

Nancy

**\*Doxology and Dedication of Gifts**

Nancy

### **Proclamation of the Word of God**

**Prayer of Illumination**

Shari

O risen Christ,  
open us to the power of your resurrection  
as we hear it proclaimed anew this day,  
that we too might rise to new life in you. Amen.

**First Scripture Reading** *Acts 10:34-43*

Shari

34 Then Peter began to speak: "I now realize how true it is that God does not show favoritism 35 but accepts from every nation the one who fears him and does what is right. 36 You know the message God sent to the people of Israel, announcing the good news of peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all. 37 You know what has happened throughout the province of Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached - 38 how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power, and how he went around doing good and healing all ———>

who were under the power of the devil, because God was with him. 39 “We are witnesses of everything he did in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They killed him by hanging him on a cross, 40 but God raised him from the dead on the third day and caused him to be seen. 41 He was not seen by all the people, but by witnesses whom God had already chosen—by us who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. 42 He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one whom God appointed as judge of the living and the dead. 43 All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

**Anthem** “Forever” (We Sing Hallelujah) Brian Johnson,  
Christa Black Gifford, Gabriel Wilson, Jenn Johnson, Joel Taylor  
and Kari Jobe arr. Heather Sorenson

**Second Scripture Reading** *The Gospel of John 20:1-18* Nancy

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. 2 So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, ‘They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.’ 3 Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went towards the tomb. 4 The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. 5 He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. 6 Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, 7 and the cloth that had been on Jesus’ head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. 8 Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; 9 for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. 10 Then the disciples returned to their homes.

11 But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; 12 and she saw two angels ———→

in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. 13 They said to her, ‘Woman, why are you weeping?’ She said to them, ‘They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.’ 14 When she had said this, she turned round and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. 15 Jesus said to her, ‘Woman, why are you weeping? For whom are you looking?’ Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, ‘Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.’ 16 Jesus said to her, ‘Mary!’ She turned and said to him in Hebrew, ‘Rabbouni!’ (which means Teacher). 17 Jesus said to her, ‘Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, “I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.”’ 18 Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, ‘I have seen the Lord’; and she told them that he had said these things to her. Thanks Be to God

**Anthem**

“Shepherd, Savior, Lord”

Douglas Nolan,

*Soloist: Erin Horn*

Michael E. Showalter

**Sermon**

“Medication: The Rock”

**Communion Hymn** “Just as I Am, Without One Plea” PH #370

**Celebration of the Lord’s Supper**

Saying what we believe with the Apostles Creed

Invitation to the Table

Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer

Words of Institution

Distribution of the Elements

Sharing of 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

"The Day of Resurrection!"

PH #118

## Sending Forth in God's Name

### **Benediction and Blessing:**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord in the power of his resurrection. Alleluia! The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**Amen**

Christ has risen!

**Christ has risen!**

Christ has risen!

**Christ has risen!**

Christ has risen!

**Christ has risen, indeed!**

**Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Benediction Response**

"Christ the Lord Is Risen Today!"

Charles Wesley, Robert Williams

**Recessional**

"Rejoice, the Lord is King"

arr. Mark Hayes

### **Calendar**

- Mon., April 6 - **1:30pm** Prayer Shawl Ministry  
**6:30pm** Scouts  
**7:00pm** Christian Ed
- Tue., April 7 - **11:00am** Strength & Balance Class  
**2:00pm** Yoga for Life  
**5:30pm** AA (room #201)  
**5:45pm** Property & Equipment
- Wed., April 8 - **5:45pm** PAC/Teens  
**6:30pm** *Lay Pastors*  
**6:30pm** Bells  
**7:30pm** Choir
- Thu., April 9 - **11:00am** Strength & Balance Class  
**6:30pm** Hospitality
- Fri., April 10 - *No Activities Scheduled*
- Sat., April 11 - **10am-4pm** *Pinochle Card Party!*
- Sun., April 12 - **10:00am** - 2nd Sunday of Easter

**HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE:** During April, the Hospitality Committee is asking for ingredients to fill snack bags. Heaven's Helpers' Soup Café volunteers will use the donated items to put together snack bags for their guests.

**Peanuts** (Without the shell)

**M&M's**

**Dried Cranberries**

**Reece's Pieces**

**Crackers**

**Chex Mix**

**Sunflower Seeds**

**Cereal** (Larger, non-crumbly cereal such as Cheerios, Kix)

**Snack Size Baggies**

Items can be dropped off at the donation box in the Narthex.

Thanks for your generosity.

Heaven's Helpers



### CALLING ALL PINOCHLE PLAYERS



The Hospitality Committee is sponsoring a pinochle card party on **Sat., April 11, 2026 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.** in the church parlor. This party is for all those who know how to play pinochle and those who wish to learn to play or to play better. Lunch and refreshments will be served. Come and bring friends and family! Have a good time socializing and playing pinochle! A sign-up sheet for attending and bringing something to share for lunch is on the bulletin board in the Narthex. For more particulars about the party see the March newsletter!

**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!

