

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



**April 13, 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.



THE EASTER EGG HUNT WILL BE DOWNSTAIRS  
FOLLOWING WORSHIP TODAY!

### 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.

**“Palm 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)*

**Prelude** “Triumphal Entry” Joel Raney

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Opening Prayer**

**Processional** “Come and See” Lenny LeBlanc

**Children’s Time with Pastor Leanne** (children are dismissed to Sunday School immediately after Children’s Time)

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

L: Sing for joy! The Master comes!

**P: Riding on a colt, he enters in victory!**

L: If all shouting stopped, the rocks would ring with joy.

**P: But there will be some who will not sing or shout.**

L: There will be some who will cling to their fear.

**P: Be ready, O Jerusalem, for your king truly is coming!**

**All: Hosanna in the highest! AMEN.**

**Gathering in God’s Name**

**\*Opening Hymn** “All Glory, Laud, and Honor” Hymnal #88

**Call to Confession** “Sanctuary” Thompson/Scruggs

**Lord Prepare me to be a sanctuary**

**Pure and holy, tried and true**

**With thanksgiving I’ll be a living**

**Sanctuary for you.**

**Prayer of Confession (in unison)**

**Lord, we confess that when we started this journey, walking the road with Jesus, seemed easy. But the journey has had many difficult times when our spirits have been challenged and tried. We have come to the time of entrance into the Holy City. We want everything to be wonderful; for you to conquer all those things that threaten** →

us and our peace. We want you to do what we direct. Forgive us, Lord, when we place our fears and ignorance before your love. Help us to look again at the many ways in which we can be a blessing to others, through serving them and you. Release us from our panic and mistrust and help us to place our lives solely in your hands. AMEN.

### Assurance of Pardon

\*Gloria Patri and Passing of the Peace of Christ Hymnal #579

\*Prayer of Gratitude for the Grace of Giving

\*Doxology and Dedication of Gifts Hymnal #592

### Proclamation of the Word of God

#### Prayer of Illumination

First Scripture Reading *Mark 11:1-11*

Anthem "Celebrate and Sing" Joel Raney

Second Scripture Reading *Mark 11:12-22*

Sermon "A House of Prayer for All Nations"

#### Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

### Responding to God's Word

\*Closing Hymn "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna" Hymnal #89

### Sending Forth in God's Name

#### Benediction and Blessing

Benediction Response "Lift Up Your Heads" Graham Kendrick

Postlude "Jesus Shall Reign" arr. Mark Hayes

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PLEASE FILL OUT YOUR "PINK PRAYER REQUEST CARDS"

AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, THE USHERS WILL COLLECT THEM DURING  
THE OPENING HYMN. THANK YOU!

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## First Scripture Reading

*Mark 11:1-11*

As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage and Bethany at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples,<sup>2</sup> saying to them, “Go to the village ahead of you, and just as you enter it, you will find a colt tied there, which no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here.<sup>3</sup> If anyone asks you, ‘Why are you doing this?’ say, ‘The Lord needs it and will send it back here shortly.’”

<sup>4</sup> They went and found a colt outside in the street, tied at a doorway. As they untied it,<sup>5</sup> some people standing there asked, “What are you doing, untying that colt?”<sup>6</sup> They answered as Jesus had told them to, and the people let them go.<sup>7</sup> When they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks over it, he sat on it.<sup>8</sup> Many people spread their cloaks on the road, while others spread branches they had cut in the fields.<sup>9</sup> Those who went ahead and those who followed shouted,

“Hosanna!”

“Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!”

<sup>10</sup> “Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David!”

“Hosanna in the highest heaven!”

<sup>11</sup> Jesus entered Jerusalem and went into the temple courts. He looked around at everything, but since it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the Twelve.

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### **Worship Participants:**

Rev. Dr. Leanne Simmons, Pastor

Debi Rogers, Chancel Choir dir.

Lael Hoerauf, Westminster Chimes dir.

Andrea Nguyen, Keyboards

Mark Jensen, Youth Ministry dir.

Josh Stokka, Audio/Visual Specialist

Donna Richter, Lay Reader

Vic Sonneman, Dale Hoerauf, Karmen & Darin Svihovec,

Connor Svihovec, and Donna Richter ~ Ushers

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## Second Scripture Reading

*Mark 11:12-22*

<sup>12</sup> The next day as they were leaving Bethany, Jesus was hungry. <sup>13</sup> Seeing in the distance a fig tree in leaf, he went to find out if it had any fruit. When he reached it, he found nothing but leaves, because it was not the season for figs. <sup>14</sup> Then he said to the tree, “May no one ever eat fruit from you again.” And his disciples heard him say it.

<sup>15</sup> On reaching Jerusalem, Jesus entered the temple courts and began driving out those who were buying and selling there. He overturned the tables of the money changers and the benches of those selling doves, <sup>16</sup> and would not allow anyone to carry merchandise through the temple courts. <sup>17</sup> And as he taught them, he said, “Is it not written: ‘My house will be called a house of prayer for all nations’? But you have made it ‘a den of robbers.’”

<sup>18</sup> The chief priests and the teachers of the law heard this and began looking for a way to kill him, for they feared him, because the whole crowd was amazed at his teaching.

<sup>19</sup> When evening came, Jesus and his disciples went out of the city.

<sup>20</sup> In the morning, as they went along, they saw the fig tree withered from the roots. <sup>21</sup> Peter remembered and said to Jesus, “Rabbi, look! The fig tree you cursed has withered!”

<sup>22</sup> “Have faith in God,” Jesus answered.

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**You can view our church's worship services  
on public access television, Sundays at noon!**

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

## LAY READERS NEEDED:



Please sign up to be a **Lay Reader** on the bulletin board.

PLEASE FILL OUT YOUR **“LENTEN PRAYER CARDS”**  
AND LEAVE THEM IN THE BASKET,  
THESE PRAYERS WILL BE LIFTED UP TO THE LORD AT THE  
GREAT PRAYER VIGIL - SAT., APRIL 19. THANK YOU!



CELEBRATE THE LORD!  
**HAPPY EASTER!**

### **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 May edition is 4/28/25**

[firstpresbyterian@fpcbismarck.com](mailto:firstpresbyterian@fpcbismarck.com)

## FREE-HOME FIRE SAFETY VISIT

At no cost, or teams will:



**American Red Cross**  
Western North Dakota

- \*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:



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.

## CCC Needs List for April: dishwasher soap (powder ONLY) & bleach



**APRIL DONATION OPPORTUNITY** - During April, your Hospitality Committee is supporting Heaven's Helpers Soup Café. This is an opportunity for our congregation to help defray the costs to the Soup Café in providing a warm meal to the neediest and most marginalized in our community.

We would like to provide the Soup Café with the materials and ingredients for "to-go" snack bags (i.e., square 5"x 5") snack Ziplock bags, peanuts [without shells], M&Ms, raisins, dried cranberries, chocolate chips, Reece's pieces, crackers, Chex mix, sunflower seeds, quick bulk oatmeal [no packets]. For more gift ideas see [www.soupcafe.org](http://www.soupcafe.org) website and go to "Wish List". Your gifts will be much appreciated by the good people at the Soup Café and the needy people they serve. God's Blessings...

*Heaven's Helpers*

*Soup Cafe*

**SOUP**  
CAFE



## Calendar

- Mon., April 14 - **5:30pm** Worship & Music  
**6:30pm** Scouts
- Tues., April 15 - **11:00am** Balance & Strength Class
- Wed., April 16 - **5:45pm** PAC/Teens  
**NO** Bells  
**7:30pm** Choir
- Thu., April 17 - **11:00am** Balance & Strength Class  
**NO** Yoga  
**NO** Deacons  
**7:30pm** Maundy Thursday Service! (communion)
- Fri., April 18- **OFFICES CLOSED**  
**5:00pm** Good Friday Service at Glencoe Sloan  
followed by sandwiches & salads
- Sat., April 19 - **11AM-12PM** "The Great Vigil" in Chapel
- Sun., April 20 - **10:00am** Easter Sunday - He Is Risen!  
(communion) **NO** Sunday School



**We are planning a Father's Day slide show  
to honor our fathers!**

**Please email your picture along with names  
a brief message to: [firstpresbyterian@fpcbismarck.com](mailto:firstpresbyterian@fpcbismarck.com)  
or bring into the office to be scanned  
by Monday, June 9th**



## Maundy Thursday Communion Servers:

Ella Gutzke

Pastor Leanne

Tedd Gutzke

## Easter Sunday Communion Servers:

John Bjornson

Rick Lee

Jody Bachmeier

Lori Lee

Amy Kinnischtzke

Audrey Simmons

Cathy Kinnischtzke

Karmen Svihovec

Allen Hoberg

Vic Sonneman

Signe Snortland

Kimball Banks



## Easter Memorials

Each Easter we offer the opportunity to give donations in memory of loved ones. Monies from these memorials are directed to the Deacon's *Gift of Giving* program which supports the work of the Deacons and provides assistance to people in need. If you would like to make such a donation, please provide the following information **by Monday, April 14** to the church office: 223-6091 or email at [firstpresbyterian@fpcbismarck.com](mailto:firstpresbyterian@fpcbismarck.com)

In Memory of

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Given by

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Donations can be made in cash or a check payable to 'First Presbyterian Church' with *Gift of Giving* indicated in the memo line. All memorials will be listed in the Easter Sunday bulletin (without amounts).



## **\*Lenten Schedule\***

**Sunday, April 13- Palm Sunday at 10:00am  
followed by Easter Egg Hunt for the kids!**

**Thursday, April 17 - Maundy Thursday at 7:30pm  
(communion)**

**Friday, April 18 - Good Friday at Glencoe Sloan  
5:00pm - followed by sandwiches & salads**

**Saturday, April 19 - Prayer Vigil in Chapel - 11am-Noon**

**Sunday, April 20 - Easter Sunday at 10:00am (communion)  
(NO Sunday School)**

**The First Presbyterian Church Scholarship Committee** is pleased to announce the availability of a limited number of scholarships for our church community. To be eligible for consideration to receive a scholarship, a student must be an active member of First Presbyterian Church of Bismarck or must have been an active participant in the life of the church for at least three years. Students at any level of study beyond high school are eligible to receive a scholarship award.

Students are eligible to receive a scholarship for a maximum of four years: the years do not need to be consecutive.

Graduate students may apply for scholarships, providing they are within the four-year maximum. Applications are available in the Narthex, in the church office, and for download from the front page of the church website at

[www.fcpbismarck.com](http://www.fcpbismarck.com) The deadline to apply is Friday, May 16, 2025.



## **STAFF**

Rev. Dr. Leanne Simmons, Pastor

Maureen Chrest, Administrative Assistant

Carol Thompson, Financial Assistant

Carmen Bryhn, Parish Nurse

Erik Hein Sr., Maintenance

Arvy Smith, Pianist/Organist

Gail Snustad, Pianist/Organist

Debi Rogers, Chancel Choir Director

Lael Hoerauf, Westminster Chimes Director

Josh Stokka, Audio/Visual Specialist

Judy Lentz, Membership Services Coordinator

Shawn Stettner, Child Care Center Director

Vanessa Hein, Assistant Child Care Director

Mary Jones, and Laci Rauser, Nursery

Mark Jensen, Youth Ministry Director

Erik Hein Jr., Sunday Security

Ruth Jensen, Christian Ed. Intern



**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!

