

# WELCOME TO FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF BISMARCK, ND



## February 1, 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.**



### **Souper Bowl Sunday, February 8th**

Our congregation is gearing up for the annual tradition of collecting donations in SOUP pots on Super Bowl Sunday. Youthful members of the church will be waiting with soup pots in hand to collect free-will offering for the Heavens' Helpers' Soup Café & the Dream Center!

All donations are greatly appreciated.

**So, get in the game! Help make "Souper" Bowl Sunday a real SUPER Bowl Sunday!**



**DREAMCENTER**  
BISMARCK

### **Munch & Mingle!**

Broadway Grill (100 W Broadway Ave.)

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

**Wednesday, February 4, 2026!**

**MUNCH & MINGLE**

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

# “4th Sunday after Epiphany” 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** “Holy Is the Lord (Schubert) with  
Lord, I Lift Your Name on High” arr. by Anna Laura Page

**Welcome and Announcements** Stephan Schroeder

**Introit** “Siyahamba” South African, trans. Gracia Grindal

**\*Call to Worship** (responsively)- written by Joan Stott Donna  
Leader: We come to share together to celebrate the God who is  
present amongst us.

**People:** **The Lord our God is our strength and song, and is  
even now our salvation.**

Leader: We come to share together to celebrate with all the  
world, that the Lord is God.

**People:** **With joy we gather around God’s fountain of grace  
to be refreshed and renewed.**

Leader: We come to share together to celebrate with songs of  
praise and joy for the Lord our God’s eternal presence is  
forever amongst and with us, and all peoples.

**People:** **We sing with joy: Thank the Lord, our Mighty God!  
Praise God’s holy name! Amen.**

### Gathering in God’s Name

**\*Opening Hymn** “Lord, When I Came Into This Life” PH #522

**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 tender mercies, we admit that sometimes we don’t  
know what to do with ourselves. We anger at the slightest  
insult and imagine great vengeance upon those who wronged  
us. We laze about in the good news of our faith and** →

**do not consider the deep commitment of faith. We care for ourselves but not for others. Forgive us, we pray. Forgive us, help us to repent, and make us whole. Amen.**

**Assurance of Pardon - Psalm 103:8-12**

Stephan

The LORD is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love. He will not always accuse, nor will he harbor his anger forever; He does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us.

Thanks be to God, we are forgiven. Amen.

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

(Due to the large number of influenza cases, we think it would be wise to pass the peace without handshakes)

**Young Disciples Message**

Kris Ronningen

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

Stephan

Thank you for your amazing power and work in our lives, thank you for your goodness and for your blessings over us. Thank you that you are able to bring hope through even the toughest of times, strengthening us for your purposes. Thank you for your great love and care. Thank you for your mercy and grace. Thank you that you are always with us and will never leave us. Thank you for your incredible sacrifice so that we might have freedom and life.

Forgive us for when we don't thank you enough, for who you are, for all that you do, for all that you've given. Help us to set our eyes and our hearts on you afresh. Renew our spirits, fill us with your peace and joy. We love you and we need you, this day and every day. We give you praise and thanks, for You alone are worthy! In Jesus' Name, Amen.

**\*Doxology and Dedication of Gifts**

**Heavenly Father, as we present these offerings before You, we do so with prayerful hearts. May our presentation be more than a physical act but a spiritual one, where our prayers accompany these gifts. So we consecrate these offerings in faith, trusting that You will use them for Your glory. May our faith in Your promises grow as we give, knowing that You are faithful in all things. Amen**

## Proclamation of the Word of God

### **Prayer of Illumination**

Donna

Almighty God, in you are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. Open our eyes that we may see the wonders of your Word; and give us grace that we may clearly understand and freely choose the way of your wisdom. Open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as the Scriptures are read and your Word is proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.

### **First Scripture Reading - *Isaiah 49:1-7***

Donna

Listen to me, O coastlands,

pay attention, you peoples from far away!

The Lord called me before I was born,

while I was in my mother's womb he named me.

2 He made my mouth like a sharp sword,

in the shadow of his hand he hid me;

he made me a polished arrow,

in his quiver he hid me away.

3 And he said to me, 'You are my servant,

Israel, in whom I will be glorified.'

4 But I said, 'I have laboured in vain,

I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity;

yet surely my cause is with the Lord,

and my reward with my God.'

5 And now the Lord says,

who formed me in the womb to be his servant,

to bring Jacob back to him,

and that Israel might be gathered to him,

for I am honoured in the sight of the Lord,

and my God has become my strength—

6 he says,

'It is too light a thing that you should be my servant

to raise up the tribes of Jacob

and to restore the survivors of Israel;

I will give you as a light to the nations,

that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.'



7 Thus says the Lord,  
the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One,  
to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations,  
the slave of rulers,  
'Kings shall see and stand up,  
princes, and they shall prostrate themselves,  
because of the Lord, who is faithful,  
the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you.'

## Second Scripture Reading- *John 1:29-42* Stephan

<sup>29</sup> The next day he saw Jesus coming towards him and declared, 'Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!

<sup>30</sup> This is he of whom I said, “After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.” <sup>31</sup> I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.’ <sup>32</sup> And John testified, ‘I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. <sup>33</sup> I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, “He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.”’ <sup>34</sup> And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God.’

<sup>35</sup> The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples,<sup>36</sup> and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, 'Look, here is the Lamb of God!' <sup>37</sup> The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. <sup>38</sup> When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, 'What are you looking for?' They said to him, 'Rabbi' (which translated means Teacher), 'where are you staying?' <sup>39</sup> He said to them, 'Come and see.' They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. <sup>40</sup> One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. <sup>41</sup> He first found his brother Simon and said to him, 'We have found the Messiah' (which is translated Anointed). <sup>42</sup> He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, 'You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas' (which is translated Peter).

## Sermon "Jumping for Joy" Stephan

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

Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we stand. And we rejoice in the hope of the glory of God.

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

## **Responding to God's Word**

## **Sending Forth in God's Name**

## Benediction and Blessing

**Benediction Response**      “How Majestic Is Your Name”      Michael W. Smith  
**Postlude**      “Praise Him! Praise Him!”      arr. by Mark Hayes

## **Worship Participants:**

Stephan Schroeder, Lay Pastor  
Debi Rogers, Chancel Choir dir.

## Gail Snustad, Keyboards

Mark Jensen, Youth Ministry dir.

Donna Richter, Lay Reader

Josh Stokka, Audio/Visual Specialist

Neva & Ron Carlisle, Jody & Joe Bachmeier, Vic Sonneman,  
and Jan Gilchrist ~ Ushers



## *More February Sweets!*

Westminster Chimes is extending

Valentine's Day to Sunday, February 15th!

Yes, Caramel Rolls will be for sale in the parlor that day!

If anyone would like to place orders for 6 or more to guarantee availability, a sign-up sheet will be on the bulletin board in the narthex. Proceeds from the sale will help with their festival travel fund.

## Calendar

Mon., Feb. 2 -	<b>1:30pm</b> Prayer Shawl Ministry <b>5:30pm</b> Worship & Music <b>6:00pm</b> <i>Joint CE &amp; WM meeting</i> <b>6:30pm</b> Christian Ed <b>6:30pm</b> Scouts
Tue., Feb. 3 -	<b>11:00am</b> Strength & Balance Class <b>2:00pm</b> Yoga for Life <b>5:30pm</b> AA meeting (room #201) <b>5:45pm</b> Property & Equipment
Wed., Feb. 4 -	<b>Noon</b> <i>Munch &amp; Mingle at Broadway Grill</i> <b>5:45pm</b> PAC/Teens <b>6:30pm</b> <i>Lay Pastors</i> <b>6:30pm</b> Bells <b>7:30pm</b> Choir
Thu., Feb. 5 -	<b>11:00am</b> Strength & Balance Class
Fri., Feb. 6 -	<i>No Activities Scheduled</i>
Sat., Feb. 7 -	<i>No Activities Scheduled</i>
Sun., Feb. 8 -	<b>10:00am</b> "Souper Bowl Sunday" 9-10am & 11am-12pm Blood Pressure Clinic



**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!

