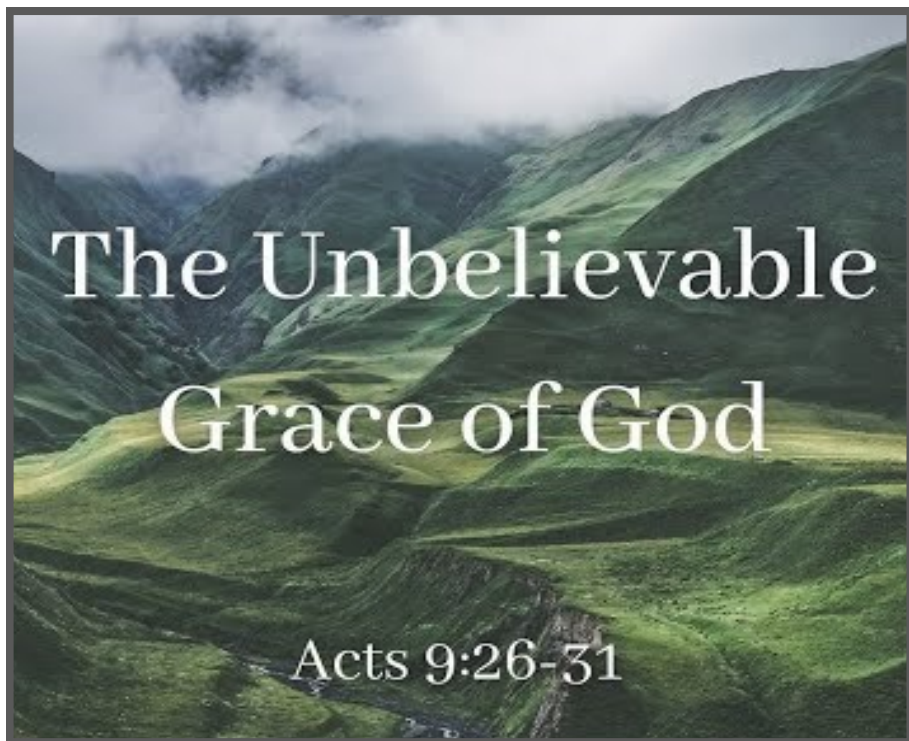


WELCOME TO
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
OF BISMARCK, ND



August 10, 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.

Please join us in the Parlor after worship to celebrate the engagement of Amy Kinnischtzke & William "Billy" Woodworth.



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.

“9th Sunday after Pentecost” 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, Holy, Holy”

arr. Mark Hayes

Welcome and Announcements

Introit

“A Prayer for Healing”

Joseph Martin

Karen Ehrens, flute—Debi Rogers, vocal

***Call to Worship (responsively)**

Leader: In the image of God

People: God makes us

L: With the sound of God's voice

P: God calls us

L: With the touch of God's hand

P: God forms us

Leader: From different nations, races, and cultures

People: God gathers us

Leader: Of all abilities and genders

People: God creates us

Leader: Children of God.

People: God makes us. God blesses us. God loves us.

All: Amen.

Gathering in God's Name

***Opening Hymn “** There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit In This Place”

see attached

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)

Loving God, too often, we forget that you formed us as your children- beautiful and complete. Unified through our diversity each with gifts to share, yet each in need of support. Loving God, forgive us. Let us see your face in each person that we see, hear your voice in all of creation, and feel your touch in every embrace. Help us to see your face in our own, and hear your voice in our song. Amen.

Assurance of Grace

***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

First Scripture Reading

Acts 15:22-29

Anthem

“Amazing Grace”

**Virginia Harmony
Taylor Skaret, clarinet**

Second Scripture Reading

Acts 9:26-31

Sermon

“You Can’t Add to Grace”

Confession of Our Faith– from A Brief Statement of Faith

We believe in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.

Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer

Responding to God's Word

***Closing Hymn**

“Go, My Children, With My Blessing”

see attached

Sending Forth in God's Name

Benediction and Blessing

Benediction Response

“Let All Things Now Living”

Karen Ehrens, flute—Debi Rogers, guitar

Postlude

“Praise Him! Praise Him!”

arr. Mark Hayes

Worship Participants:

Rev. Dr. Leanne Simmons, Pastor

Debi Rogers, Chancel Choir dir.

Gail Snustad, Keyboards

Mark Jensen, Youth Ministry dir.

Bev Patch-Larson, Lay Reader

Josh Stokka, Audio/Visual Specialist

Clyde Johnson, Alice & Dave Nix, Ella Gutzke,

Lynne & Don Bigwood ~ Ushers

First Scripture Reading

Acts 15:22-29

²²Then the apostles and elders, with the whole church, decided to choose some of their own men and send them to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas. They chose Judas (called Barsabbas) and Silas, men who were leaders among the believers. ²³With them they sent the following letter:

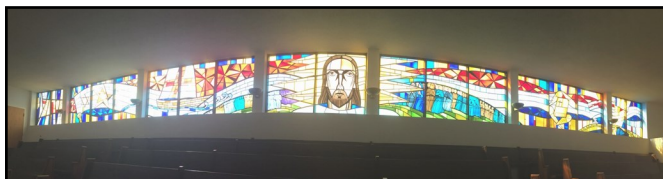
The apostles and elders, your brothers,

To the Gentile believers in Antioch, Syria and Cilicia:

Greetings,

²⁴We have heard that some went out from us without our authorization and disturbed you, troubling your minds by what they said. ²⁵So we all agreed to choose some men and send —→

them to you with our dear friends Barnabas and Paul—²⁶ men who have risked their lives for the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. ²⁷ Therefore we are sending Judas and Silas to confirm by word of mouth what we are writing. ²⁸ It seemed good to the Holy Spirit and to us not to burden you with anything beyond the following requirements: ²⁹ You are to abstain from food sacrificed to idols, from blood, from the meat of strangled animals and from sexual immorality. You will do well to avoid these things. Farewell.



Second Scripture Reading

Acts 9:26-31

²⁶ When he came to Jerusalem, he tried to join the disciples, but they were all afraid of him, not believing that he really was a disciple. ²⁷ But Barnabas took him and brought him to the apostles. He told them how Saul on his journey had seen the Lord and that the Lord had spoken to him, and how in Damascus he had preached fearlessly in the name of Jesus. ²⁸ So Saul stayed with them and moved about freely in Jerusalem, speaking boldly in the name of the Lord. ²⁹ He talked and debated with the Hellenistic Jews, but they tried to kill him. ³⁰ When the believers learned of this, they took him down to Caesarea and sent him off to Tarsus. ³¹ Then the church throughout Judea, Galilee and Samaria enjoyed a time of peace and was strengthened. Living in the fear of the Lord and encouraged by the Holy Spirit, it increased in numbers.

Supporting the AARC

The Hospitality Committee donation opportunity in August is a request for personal hygiene products for the Abused Adult Resource Center (AARC) of Bismarck.

The Abused Adult Resource Center (AARC) has been helping survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault for more than 40 years. Serving south central North Dakota, they provide emergency support, crisis intervention, temporary shelter, food, counseling, and advocacy to survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, and human trafficking in a non-discriminatory way.

AARC provides all their services to survivors free of charge. Personal gifts are essential to meeting these needs! None of their funding is secure, so they depend on community support to continue as a vital service in our community. This is our congregation's chance to provide some of that support. Donations can be placed in the donation box in the narthex.



Calendar

Mon., Aug., 11	5:30pm Worship & Music 6:30pm Scouts
Tues., Aug., 12 -	5:30pm AA meeting (room#201) 5:30pm CCC Board Meeting
Wed., Aug., 13 -	<i>No Activities Scheduled</i>
Thu., Aug., 14 -	2:00pm Yoga 6:00pm Hospitality
Fri., Aug., 15 -	<i>No Activities Scheduled</i>
Sat., Aug., 16 -	<i>No Activities Scheduled</i>
Sun., Aug., 17 -	10:00am Worship 10th Sunday after Pentecost

Opening Hymn

There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit

1 There's a sweet, sweet Spir - it in this place, and I
2 There are bless - ings you can - not re - ceive till you

know that it's the Spir - it of the Lord; there are
know him in his full - ness and be - lieve; you're the

sweet ex - pres-sions on each face, and I
one to prof - it when you say, "I am

know they feel the pres - ence of the Lord.
going to walk with Je - sus all the way."

Refrain

Sweet Ho - ly Spir - it, sweet heav - en - ly Dove, stay right here

with us, fill - ing us with your love; and for these bless - ings we

lift our hearts in praise; with - out a doubt we'll know that we have

been re - vived when we shall leave this place.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHILDCARE CENTER

With great disappointment, we are announcing the suspension of the Childcare Center. July 23, 2025 was our last day of services.

We've had a wonderful 30 year run!

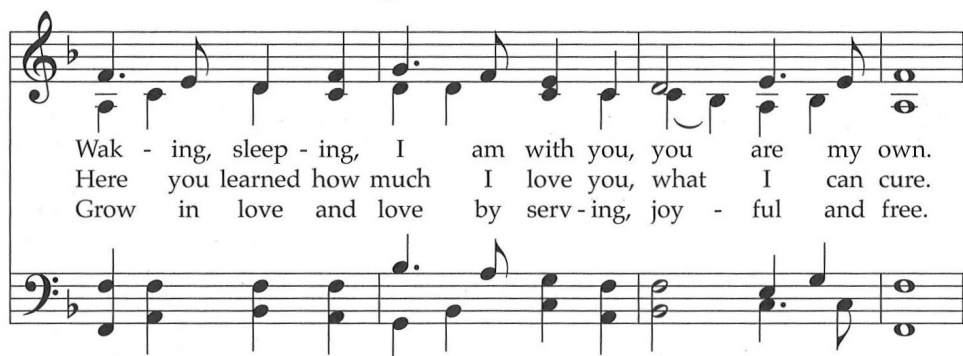
Please enjoy the CCC Slide Show running in the Narthex...

Closing Hymn:

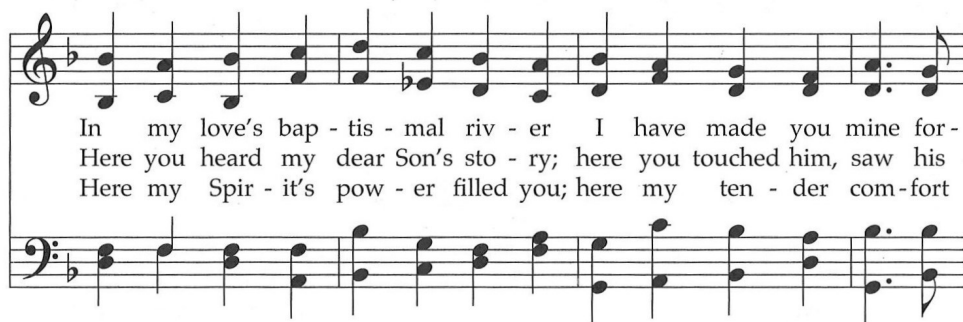
Go, My Children, with My Blessing



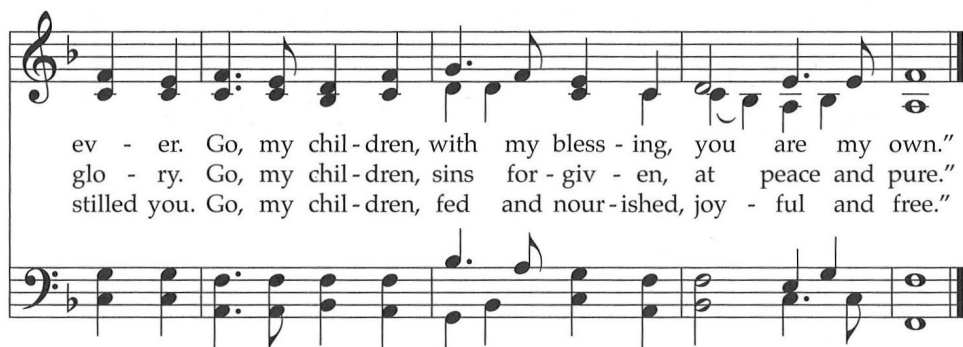
1 "Go, my chil-dren, with my bless-ing, nev-er a-lone.
2 "Go, my chil-dren, sins for-giv-en, at peace and pure.
3 "Go, my chil-dren, fed and nour-ished, clos-er to me.



Wak-ing, sleep-ing, I am with you, you are my own.
Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.
Grow in love and love by serv-ing, joy-ful and free.



In my love's bap-tis-mal riv-er I have made you mine for-
Here you heard my dear Son's sto-ry; here you touched him, saw his
Here my Spir-it's pow-er filled you; here my ten-der com-fort



ev-er. Go, my chil-dren, with my bless-ing, you are my own."
glo-ry. Go, my chil-dren, sins for-giv-en, at peace and pure."
stilled you. Go, my chil-dren, fed and nour-ished, joy-ful and free."

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES:

- Sept. 3: Noon-Munch & Mingle at Red Lobster**
- Sept. 7: 9-10am & 11-12pm Blood Pressure Clinic**
- Sept. 9: 11am Strength & Balance Class resumes**
- Sept. 10: 5:45pm PAC/Teens resumes**
- Sept. 14: Back to School Sunday**
- Sept. 21: 3rd graders receive Bibles**
- Sept. 28: All Staff Appreciation Sunday**

SAVE THE DATE

The Banquet

Thursday, October 9, 2025 4:00pm

The Dream Center



THANK YOU FOR ALL THE PORT PILLOWS

Keep them coming!! The Sanford Cancer Center is in need of chemo port pillows for their patients. If you are interested in helping, there is a simple sewing pattern available in the church office. For more information, please reach out to Cathy Kinnischtzke. 527-3393.



LAY READERS NEEDED:



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

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
Mary Jones, and Laci Rauser, Nursery
Mark Jensen, Youth Ministry Director
Erik Hein Jr., Sunday Security
Ruth Jensen & Connor Svihovec, C.E. Interns



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!

