

WELCOME TO FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF BISMARCK, ND



There is neither Jew nor Greek
slave nor free, male nor female

You are all one

in Christ Jesus

January 25, 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.

TODAY

**Please stay for the Annual Meeting
following worship in Ramstad Hall
including a catered lunch!**



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

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!

“3rd 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)

Welcome and Announcements

Introit “Hashivenu” Israeli Folk song - arr. Doreen Rao

*Call to Worship (responsively) (Psalm 100)

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.

Serve the Lord with gladness; come into God's presence with singing.

Know that the Lord is God.

It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise. Give thanks to him; bless his name.

For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever and his faithfulness to all generations.

Let us worship God...

Gathering in God's Name

***Opening Hymn** “Come, Christians, Join to Sing” PH #150

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)

Our glorious God,

You are known for your wonderful deeds—your mercy, forgiveness and love. You have shown us the power of your works time and time again. Yet we are slow to comprehend; we act as if we are self-sufficient. We imagine that we →

always know better. Forgive us, we pray. As we confess our sins in thought, word, or deed, may your redemptive presence fill our lives so that we may praise your name forevermore, through Christ our Lord... (quiet prayer) Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

*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

SERVICE OF INSTALLATION

VIC SONNEMAN

Congregational Hymn “Take My Life” PH #391-verse 1 only

Prayer of Gratitude for the Grace of Giving

*Doxology and Dedication of Gifts

Proclamation of the Word of God

Prayer of Illumination

Prepare our hearts, O God, to accept your Word. Silence in us any voices but your own, so that we may hear your Word and also do it; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

First Scripture Reading

Genesis 1:26-31 (selected verses)

²⁶ Then God said, “Let us make humans in our image, according to our likeness, and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over the cattle and over all the wild animals of the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.”

²⁷ So God created humans in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.

²⁸ God blessed them, and God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply...

And it was so. ³¹ God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

Anthem

Hashivenu – “Rise Up and Sing” *a song of resilience*
trad. Israeli folk song arr. Brenda E. Austin

Second Scripture Reading

Galatians 3:26-28

²⁶ For in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. ²⁷ As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. ²⁸ There is no longer Jew or Greek; there is no longer slave or free; there is no longer male and female, for all of you are one in Christ Jesus.

Sermon **“You Are One in Christ Jesus”**

***Confession of Our Faith** “from the Confession of 1967” (9.44)

God has created the peoples of the earth to be one universal family. In reconciling love, God overcomes the barriers between sisters and brothers, and breaks down every form of discrimination based on racial or ethnic difference, real or imaginary.

The church is called to bring all people to receive and uphold one another as persons in all relationships of life: in employment, housing, education, leisure, marriage, family, church, and in the exercise of political rights. Therefore, the church labors for the abolition of all racial discrimination and ministers to those injured by it. Congregations, individuals, or groups of Christians who exclude, dominate, or patronize others, however subtly, resist the Spirit of God and bring contempt on the faith which they profess. Amen.

Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer

Responding to God’s Word

***Closing Hymn** “We Are One in the Spirit” see print-out

Sending Forth in God’s Name

Benediction and Blessing

Benediction Response “One Bread, One Body” John B. Foley

Postlude “Rejoice, the Lord Is King” Mark Hayes

LAY READERS NEEDED:



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

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 February edition is 1/26/26**

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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.



Calendar

Mon., Jan. 26 -	6:30pm Scouts
Tue., Jan. 27 -	11:00am Strength & Balance Class
	2:00pm Yoga for Life
	2:00pm Presby Friends
	5:30pm AA meeting (room #201)
	6:00pm Session
Wed., Jan. 28 -	5:45pm PAC/Teens
	6:30pm Bells
	7:30pm Choir
Thu., Jan. 29 -	11:00am Strength & Balance Class
	6:30pm Hospitality Committee Planning/Brainstorming
Fri., Jan. 30 -	<i>Youth Retreat in Grand Forks (1/30-2/1)</i>
Sat., Jan. 31 -	9:30am <i>Circle meeting in Parlor</i>
Sun., Feb., 1 -	10:00am worship– 4th Sunday of Epiphany

Worship Participants:

Rev. David Reiter, Pastor

Debi Rogers, Chancel Choir dir.

Lael Hoerauf, Westminster Chimes dir.

Arvy Smith, Keyboards

Mark Jensen, Youth Ministry dir.

Dale Hoerauf, Lay Reader

Josh Stokka, Audio/Visual Specialist

Jody & Joe Bachmeier, Mary & Keith Magnusson,
and Dave Nix ~ Ushers

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

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

Collecting plastic grocery bags for a good cause!

Our Hospitality Committee is collecting used plastic grocery bags for a project to make mats to give to homeless people. The bags must NOT have any holes. The committee is working with a woman who creates the mats, like the one pictured here, by hand-weaving the plastic bags. It takes about 500 bags to make one mat. The committee decided to test whether the congregation would support this effort, hoping this could be a long-term outreach (and environmentally friendly) project for our church. The mats will be given to groups who work with the homeless in our area! THANK YOU



THINK ABOUT THE WORD RACE:

Now, think about how you would express your thoughts about RACE or cultural identity in just SIX WORDS. That's right. Your experiences, thoughts, triumphs, laments, anthem, or memories expressed in six words. It's your turn to add your voice to the narrative around this important chapter in American History.

<https://theracecardproject.com>



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!

