

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

YOU WILL SEEK ME
AND FIND ME
WHEN YOU SEEK ME
WITH ALL YOUR HEART.

JEREMIAH 29:13

January 18, 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

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!

“Communion Sunday” 10:00am

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(*Asterisks indicate that all who are able are requested to stand,
bold texts are to be read in unison)

Prelude "In the Bleak Midwinter" arr. Mark Hayes

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Welcome and Announcements

Introit “I Will Call Upon the Lord” Michael O’Shields

***Call to Worship (responsively)**

One: Ascribe to the Lord the glory due God's name.

Many: We worship the Lord in holy splendor.

One: The voice of the Lord is over the waters;

Many: The God of glory thunders, the Lord, over mighty waters.

One: The voice of the Lord is powerful,

Many: The voice of the Lord is full of majesty. We come worshiping God—lifting our voices in praise, and bowing humbly in submission and devotion.

One: Let us worship our glorious God!

Gathering in God's Name

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 loving God, you call each of us to faith, to your church, and to serving you in particular ministries with our variety of gifts. Yet, too often we fail to hear your call—we are distracted or self-consumed, we don't seem to have time, or don't feel qualified. Forgive us, Lord. Break through our barriers and excuses, so that we can see you more clearly, love you more dearly, and follow you more nearly—day after day after day, serving Christ our Lord... (quiet prayer) Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

One: For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is God's steadfast love; as far as the east is from the west, so far God removes our transgression from us.

Many: **We are overjoyed in the good news that in Jesus Christ we are forgiven—no matter what! Let us also, always, forgive one another. Amen.**

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

Young Disciples Message

SERVICE OF INSTALLATION

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

***Doxology and Dedication of Gifts**

Proclamation of the Word of God

Prayer of Illumination

O God of mercy and hope, of truth and understanding, open our hearts and minds we humbly pray, by the power of your Spirit—so that we might hear the particular word you intend for each of us—and then live it faithfully, in joy and thanksgiving. This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

First Scripture Reading

Jeremiah 29:11-14a

¹¹ For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope. ¹² Then when you call upon me and come and pray to me, I will hear you. ¹³ When you search for me, you will find me; if you seek me with all your heart, ¹⁴ I will let you find me, says the Lord, and I will restore your fortunes and gather you from all the nations and all the places where I have driven you, says the Lord, and I will bring you back to the place from which I sent you into exile.

Anthem

“Mary’s Little Boy Child”

Jester Hairston,
arr. Ed Lojeski

Sermon

“Christian Calls to Prayer”

Communion Hymn

“I Come with Joy”

PH #507

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 the Feast Together



Prayer after Communion (unison)

Eternal God, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his body and blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and as peacemakers—with strength and courage, with a passion for right and for the well-being of others. For we serve you with gladness and singleness of heart, and in love; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Responding to God's Word

***Closing Hymn** “What a Friend We Have in Jesus” PH #403

Sending Forth in God's Name

Benediction and Blessing

Benediction Response “Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ”
Jamaican folk melody, Fred Kaan

Postlude “Go, Tell it on the Mountain” arr. Mark Hayes

Worship Participants:

Rev. David Reiter, Pastor

Debi Rogers, Chancel Choir dir.

Arvy Smith, Keyboards

Mark Jensen, Youth Ministry dir.

Signe Snortland, Lay Reader

Josh Stokka, Audio/Visual Specialist

Rose & Tom Trenbeath, Alice & Dave Nix, Anita Fru,
and JoAnn Hodny ~ Ushers

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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LAY READERS NEEDED:



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

Calendar

Mon., Jan. 19 -	Noon Resource Management 1:30pm Prayer Shawl Ministry 4:30pm Admin. & Personnel 6:30pm Scouts
Tue., Jan. 20 -	11:00am Strength & Balance Class 2:00pm Yoga for Life 5:30pm AA meeting (room #201)
Wed., Jan. 21 -	5:45pm PAC/Teens 6:30pm Bells 7:30pm Choir
Thu., Jan. 22 -	11:00am Strength & Balance Class
Fri., Jan. 23 -	<i>No Activities Scheduled</i>
Sat., Jan. 24 -	9:30am <i>Circle meeting in Parlor</i>
Sun., Jan. 25 -	10:00am <i>worship</i> Blood Pressure Clinic 9-10AM ONLY following worship - Annual Meeting with catered lunch

REMINDER:

Sunday, January 25th

**Annual Meeting following worship in Ramstad Hall
including a catered lunch !**

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 Kinnischke. 527-3393.



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 congregation. The mats will be given to groups who work with the homeless in our area! THANK YOU



Circle Group Meeting:

Saturday, January 24 at 9:30am FPC Parlor

Any questions call Neva 426-6690

STAFF

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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!

