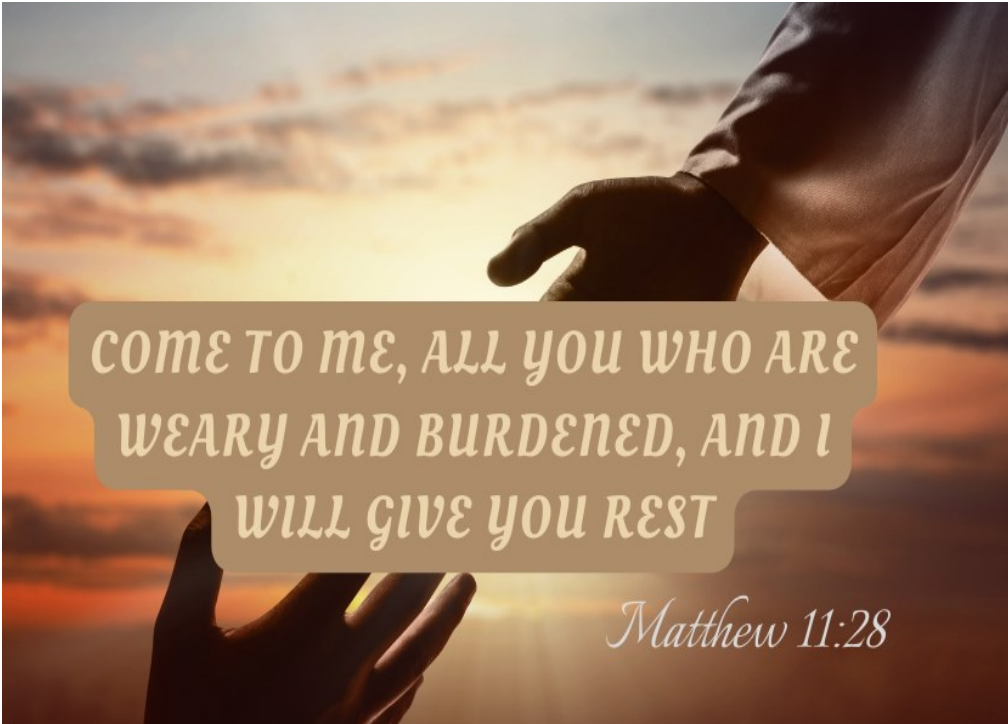


WELCOME TO
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
OF BISMARCK, ND



*COME TO ME, ALL YOU WHO ARE
WEARY AND BURDENED, AND I
WILL GIVE YOU REST*

Matthew 11:28

July 20, 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.

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 August edition is 7/28/25**

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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!**

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.

“6th 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

“Bridge Over Troubled Water”

Paul Simon

Welcome and Announcements

Introit

“Care Chorus”

Kelly Willard

***Call to Worship (responsively)**

Leader: We are people longing for comfort.

People: Longing for the stones of anxiety to be cleared from our hearts.

Leader: We don’t know when or how,

People: God’s comfort is patient with our uneasiness.

Leader: So we wait with the promise,

People: God’s glory revealed for all creation.

Gathering in God’s Name

***Opening Hymn**

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

PH#376

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)

Comforter of the lost, you call out to us but we are too busy right now to listen. We lose our way and fool ourselves into believing that many of our rough ways and crooked paths are justified. We tell ourselves that we don’t have enough time to get everything done, but can’t ever say “no.” We scoff at people who can’t seem to control themselves, but indulge to fill the emptiness we feel. Lead us back to the level plains of your comfort that provides us the space and time to change and be the people you call us to be. Silent Prayers of Confession

Assurance of Grace

Leader: “Comfort, O comfort my people,” says our God.
In Jesus Christ the good news of God’s promises proclaim
“Here is your God.”

All: Our sins are forgiven! Thanks be to God. Amen.

***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 *Psalm 69:1-17*

Anthem “Come To Me” Priory, Norbert

Second Scripture Reading *Matthew 11:28-30*

Sermon “The Bible Doesn’t Talk About It”

***Confession of Our Faith** - from the Heidelberg Catechism

Q: What is your only comfort in life and death?

**A: That I am not my own, but belong with body and soul,
both in life and in death, to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ.**

**He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood,
and has set me free from all the power of the devil.**

**He also preserves me in such a way that without the will of my
heavenly Father not a hair can fall from my head;
indeed, all things must work together for my salvation.**

**Therefore, by his Holy Spirit he also assures me
of eternal life and makes me heartily willing and ready
from now on to live for him.**

Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer

Responding to God’s Word

***Closing Hymn** “I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say” see attached

Sending Forth in God’s Name

Benediction and Blessing

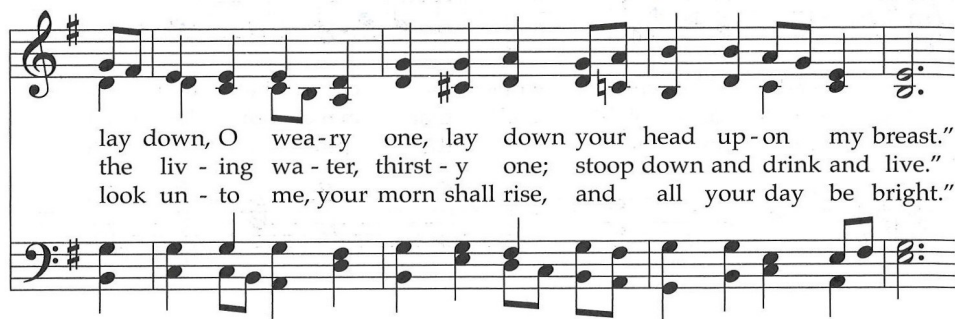
Benediction Response “There in God’s Garden” Imre, Scott

Postlude “Your Grace Is Enough” Matt Maher

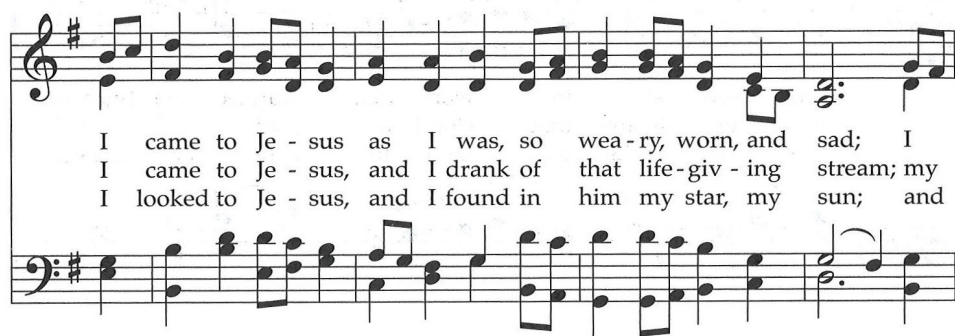
Closing Hymn: I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say



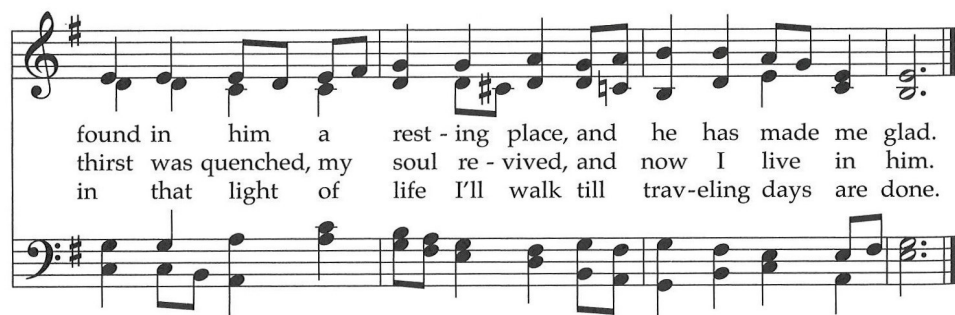
1 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Come un - to me and rest;
2 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Be - hold, I free - ly give
3 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "I am this dark world's light;



lay down, O wea-ry one, lay down your head up-on my breast."
the liv - ing wa - ter, thirst - y one; stoop down and drink and live."
look un - to me, your morn shall rise, and all your day be bright."



I came to Je - sus as I was, so wea-ry, worn, and sad; I
I came to Je - sus, and I drank of that life-giv - ing stream; my
I looked to Je - sus, and I found in him my star, my sun; and




found in him a rest - ing place, and he has made me glad.
thirst was quenched, my soul re - vived, and now I live in him.
in that light of life I'll walk till trav-eling days are done.

Each stanza here pairs an invitation from Jesus with a response from the narrator. These three invitations recall how Jesus welcomed those who were heavy laden (Matthew 11:28), offered living water (John 4:10-14), and identified himself as the light of the world (John 8:12, 9:5).

First Scripture Reading

Psalms 69:1-17

- ¹ Save me, O God,
for the waters have come up to my neck.
- ² I sink in the miry depths,
where there is no foothold.
I have come into the deep waters;
the floods engulf me.
- ³ I am worn out calling for help;
my throat is parched. My eyes fail, looking for my God.
- ⁴ Those who hate me without reason
outnumber the hairs of my head;
many are my enemies without cause,
those who seek to destroy me.
I am forced to restore
what I did not steal.
- ⁵ You, God, know my folly;
my guilt is not hidden from you.
- ⁶ Lord, the Lord Almighty,
may those who hope in you
not be disgraced because of me;
God of Israel,
may those who seek you not be put to shame because of me.
- ⁷ For I endure scorn for your sake,
and shame covers my face.
- ⁸ I am a foreigner to my own family,
a stranger to my own mother's children;
- ⁹ for zeal for your house consumes me,
and the insults of those who insult you fall on me.
- ¹⁰ When I weep and fast,
I must endure scorn;
- ¹¹ when I put on sackcloth,
people make sport of me.
- ¹² Those who sit at the gate mock me,
and I am the song of the drunkards.
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- ¹³ But I pray to you, Lord,
in the time of your favor;
in your great love, O God,
answer me with your sure salvation.
- ¹⁴ Rescue me from the mire,
do not let me sink;
deliver me from those who hate me,
from the deep waters.
- ¹⁵ Do not let the floodwaters engulf me
or the depths swallow me up
or the pit close its mouth over me.
- ¹⁶ Answer me, Lord, out of the goodness of your love;
in your great mercy turn to me.
- ¹⁷ Do not hide your face from your servant;
answer me quickly, for I am in trouble.
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Second Scripture Reading

Matthew 11:28-30

²⁸ “Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. ²⁹ Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰ For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.”

Worship Participants:

Rev. Dr. Leanne Simmons, Pastor

Debi Rogers, Chancel Choir dir.

Arvy Smith, Keyboards

Mark Jensen, Youth Ministry dir.

Dale Hoerauf, Lay Reader

Josh Stokka, Audio/Visual Specialist

Audrey Simmons, Dennis & Becky Rosenkranz,

Rick Lee, Ella Gutzke, and Don Bigwood ~ Ushers

Next Week is VBS!

Vacation Bible School is July 21 - 24, 2025.

5:45 - 7:30pm



Children ages 4 through 5th grade are invited.

There is a sign-up sheet for volunteers on the bulletin board!

Hope to see you there!

Calendar

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| Mon., July 21 | Noon Resource Management 1:30pm Prayer Shawl Ministry 4:30pm Admin. & Personnel 6:30pm Scouts 5:45-7:30 Vacation Bible School |
| Tues., July 22 - | 2:00pm <i>Presby Friends</i> NO Session 5:45-7:30 Vacation Bible School |
| Wed., July 23 - | 5:45-7:30 Vacation Bible School |
| Thu., July 24 - | 2:00pm Yoga 5:45-7:30 Vacation Bible School |
| <i>Parish Nurse Carmen on vacation 7/24 - 8/6</i> | |
| Fri., July 25 - | <i>No Activities Scheduled</i> |
| Sat., July 26 - | <i>No Activities Scheduled</i> |
| Sun., July 27 - | 10:00am Worship 7th Sunday after Pentecost |

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!

