

WELCOME TO
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
OF BISMARCK, ND



March 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.



PLEASE FILL OUT YOUR **“LENTEN PRAYER CARDS”**
AND LEAVE THEM IN THE BASKET,
THESE PRAYERS WILL BE LIFTED UP TO THE LORD AT THE
GREAT PRAYER VIGIL - SAT., APRIL 4TH. THANK YOU!



Munch & Mingle!

Broadway Grill (100 W Broadway Ave.)

12:00pm - Broadway Grill & Tavern

Wednesday, March 4, 2026!



PLEASE JOIN US TODAY, MARCH 1ST

IN THE CHURCH PARLOR

1:00PM - 3:00PM TO CELEBRATE

Eleanor Sand's

95TH BIRTHDAY!



“2nd Sunday in Lent” 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 “As On the Cross the Savior Hung” Gilbert M. Martin

Welcome and Announcements Nancy Legerski

Introit “Like the Murmur of the Dove’s Song” Carl Daw Jr.,
Peter Cutts

***Call to Worship** (responsively) Donna

One: Friends of God, believe this –
God loves the world and we are his beloved!

**Many: May the truth of this great love story,
shine through our worship today,
and renew God’s calling.**

One: We come, in friendship to God
to each other, and in friendship to the world.
We come to listen for God’s Word and offer our prayers.
It is God who renews our calling.

Many: Let us worship our glorious God.

Gathering in God’s Name

***Opening Hymn** “How Great Thou Art” PH #467

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, you loved this world so much.

that you sent your own son, Jesus Christ

to live and die among us,

in order that we might have life.

Teach us what it means to live as children of the light,



**generously sharing our love
with our brothers and sisters in Christ.**

Assurance of Pardon (responsively)

Nancy

One: God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that through him the world might be saved. Though we were dead through our sins, in great mercy, God has spoken a word of healing and made us alive together with Christ.

Sisters and Brothers, your sins are forgiven; now be at peace.

Many: Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life is gone; a new life has begun. I know that God forgives me and I will live in peace.

***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

Mark Jensen

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

Nancy

***Doxology and Dedication of Gifts**

Proclamation of the Word of God

Prayer of Illumination

Donna

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of the Holy Spirit, that as the Scriptures are read and your Word is proclaimed, we hear with joy what you say today. Amen

First Scripture Reading *Psalms 121*

Donna

A song of ascents.

1 I lift up my eyes to the mountains—
where does my help come from?

2 My help comes from the Lord,
the Maker of heaven and earth.

3 He will not let your foot slip—
he who watches over you will not slumber;

4 indeed, he who watches over Israel
will neither slumber nor sleep.

5 The Lord watches over you—
the Lord is your shade at your right hand;



6 the sun will not harm you by day,
nor the moon by night.

7 The Lord will keep you from all harm—
he will watch over your life;

8 the Lord will watch over your coming and going
both now and forevermore.

Anthem

“You Are a Great God”

Zia’s Samuel Srouji
arr. Scheer

Second Scripture Reading *John 3: 1-17*

Nancy

Jesus Teaches Nicodemus

Now there was a Pharisee, a man named Nicodemus who was a member of the Jewish ruling council. 2 He came to Jesus at night and said, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God. For no one could perform the signs you are doing if God were not with him.”

3 Jesus replied, “Very truly I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God unless they are born again.”

4 “How can someone be born when they are old?” Nicodemus asked. “Surely they cannot enter a second time into their mother’s womb to be born!”

5 Jesus answered, “Very truly I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless they are born of water and the Spirit.

6 Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit.

7 You should not be surprised at my saying, ‘You must be born again.’ 8 The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit.”

9 “How can this be?” Nicodemus asked.

10 “You are Israel’s teacher,” said Jesus, “and do you not understand these things? 11 Very truly I tell you, we speak of what we know, and we testify to what we have seen, but still you people do not accept our testimony. 12 I have spoken to you of earthly things and you do not believe; how then will you believe if I speak of heavenly things? 13 No one has ever gone into heaven except the one who came from heaven—the Son of Man. 14 Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so the Son of Man —————>

must be lifted up, 15 that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him.”

16 For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. 17 For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks Be to God

Sermon

“Nicodemus”

Communion Hymn “Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart” PH # 326

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)**

God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation, you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people.

Now send us forth in the power of the Holy Spirit that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever to the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen

Responding to God’s Word

***Closing Hymn**

“Here I Am, Lord”

PH #525

Sending Forth in God’s Name

Benediction and Blessing

Benediction Response “To God Be the Glory”

William H. Diane

Postlude

“To God Be the Glory”

arr. Lloyd Larson



Calendar

- Mon., Mar. 2 - **1:30pm** Prayer Shawl Ministry
6:30pm Scouts
7:00pm Christian Ed
- Tue., Mar. 3 - **11:00am** Strength & Balance Class
2:00pm Yoga for Life
5:30pm AA meeting (room #201)
5:45pm Property & Equipment
- Wed., Mar. 4 - **Noon Munch & Mingle**
5:45pm PAC/Teens
6:30pm Bells
6:30pm Lay Pastors
7:30pm Choir
- Thu., Mar. 5 - **11:00am** Strength & Balance Class
- Fri., Mar. 6 - *No Activities Scheduled*
- Sat., Mar. 7 - *No Activities Scheduled*
- Sun., Mar. 8 - **10:00am** - 3rd Sunday in Lent



BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC

TODAY, MARCH 1ST

9:00AM - 10:00AM AND 11:00AM - 12:00PM

Worship Participants:

Nancy Legerski, Commissioned Minister

Debi Rogers, Chancel Choir dir.

Gail Snustad, Keyboards

Mark Jensen, Youth Ministry dir.

Donna Richter, Lay Reader

Josh Stokka, Audio/Visual Specialist

Alice & Dave Nix, Becky & Pat Liedtke, Linda Strandemo,
and Donna Richter ~ Ushers

**Check out the “1950’s Fun Chat” on YouTube
with Karen Macdonald about the history of
Glencoe Sloan Memorial Presbyterian Church!**

use the link: <https://www.youtube.com/live/pnsrSLIvTuo>

Walk the Palm Sunday Path

In Matthew 25, Jesus laid out these values for Christians: feed the hungry, heal the sick and welcome the stranger. First Presbyterian Church of Bismarck is a Matthew 25 church. We have an opportunity to individually demonstrate that we believe in these values by joining The Palm Sunday Path. The first step in this movement is participating in the Palm Sunday procession from Trinity Lutheran Church to the steps of the state capitol grounds where a communal worship and prayer service will be held reflecting the Matthew 25 values. More information about this opportunity is on the bulletin board in the narthex. Please consider participating in the procession and worship service on March 29th.



TEST: WE PLAN TO TEST THE ONE CALL SYSTEM

THURSDAY, MARCH 5TH AT 3:00PM

I will send out a message-to test our One Call automated messaging

Hospitality Committee-

“IRISH SODA BREAD AND TEA SUNDAY”

This annual event is back **Sunday, March 15th**, we invite you to gather in the Parlor following the worship service to enjoy conversation, Irish Soda Bread with jams, coffee, and Irish tea!



Westminster Chimes would like to thank everyone for their support of the February caramel rolls sale. The proceeds will help alleviate our trip expenses to Bellfest in Minneapolis March 6-8.



LAY READERS NEEDED:



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

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!





Lenten Schedule

**Sunday, March 29 - Palm Sunday at 10:00am
followed by Easter Egg Hunt for the kids!**

***NO MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE IN BISMARCK*
Thur., April 2 - Maundy Thursday at FPC Mandan - 7:00pm
(choir will rehearse at 6:30pm)**

**Friday, April 3 - Good Friday at Glencoe Sloan
5:00pm - followed by a meal**

Saturday, April 4 - Prayer Vigil in Chapel - 11am-Noon

Sunday, April 5 - Easter Sunday at 10:00am (communion)

Christian Ed Committee:

Christian Ed is asking for donations of Easter (individually wrapped) candy and plastic eggs for the Easter Egg Hunt on Palm Sunday! Please drop off in the church office by **Monday, March 23**. Thank you!



**Scout Troop #6 is having a "Fill the Canoe" event:
March 28 & March 29 at
South Cash Wise (Bismarck Expressway)
Starting at 10:00am each day!**

They will be collecting food items for donation to -
The Dream Center in the name of Troop #6 & FPC

Scouting  America

CALLING ALL PINOCHLE PLAYERS



The Hospitality Committee is sponsoring a pinochle card party on **Sat., April 11, 2026 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.** in the church parlor. This party is for all those who know how to play pinochle and those who wish to learn to play or to play better. Lunch and refreshments will be served. Come and bring friends and family! Have a good time socializing and playing pinochle! A sign-up sheet for attending and bringing something to share for lunch is on the bulletin board in the Narthex. For more particulars about the party see the March newsletter!



PER CAPITA

Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

The Per Capita Special Offering is a special offering of our church that extends the entire year. We start to talk about it in January of each year and provide added information throughout the year in the form of periodic minutes for mission, special articles in the newsletter and church bulletins. Per Capita is the amount that the church must pay to the larger church for each member of the church. This year that amount is \$50 per member. We request that each member consider giving a gift to the church of \$50 to cover their share of the church's financial obligation to the larger church. If you are a member that pledges income each year to the church, and would like to be able to help support other members who might find it financially unfeasible to pledge or to make the separate per capita donation, your separate gift of \$50 will help cover the cost of membership for that less fortunate member of the church. Thank you.



Easter Memorials

Each Easter we offer the opportunity to give donations in memory of loved ones. Monies from these memorials are directed to the Deacon's *Gift of Giving* program which supports the work of the Deacons and provides assistance to people in need. If you would like to make such a donation, please provide the following information **by Monday, March 30** to the church office: 223-6091 or email at firstpresbyterian@fpcbismarck.com

In Memory of

Given by

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Donations can be made in cash or a check payable to 'First Presbyterian Church' with *Gift of Giving* indicated in the memo line. All memorials will be listed in the Easter Sunday bulletin (without amounts).



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