

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



BECAUSE GOD LOVES ME, I REFUSE TO  
LIVE REJECTED!

**July 13, 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.



*There will be No Livestream of our Worship Service this week.*

*We apologize for any inconvenience!*

*If you or someone you know would like an audio CD of the  
service please contact the church office 223-6091*

**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.

# **“5th 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**

“Come, Now Is The Time To Worship”

Brian Doerksen

### **Welcome and Announcements**

### **Introit**

“Bind Us Together”

Bob Gillman

### **\*Call to Worship (responsively)**

One: Creator, parent of the human family,

**People: we gather to worship you.**

One: In baptism, we are called beloved children of God, as such,

**People: we gather to worship you.**

One: Friends, neighbors, siblings in faith,

**People: we gather to worship in song, in prayer, in readings  
from your story/our story, in thoughts and reflections.**

One: God, creator of us all, we gather to worship you.

We come as individuals, we come in family units, we come as neighbors and friends. We come here where we are known by name, welcomed with all our fragilities and strengths. We gather with kindred spirits who long to live faithful to your calling.

Guide us, inspire us, challenge us, comfort us, and nurture us in this time of worship so that we might be enabled to return to our daily lives ready to engage fully with all of your creation. Amen.

### **Gathering in God’s Name**

### **\*Opening Hymn**

“Children of the Heavenly Father” Trad. Swedish

*lyrics: (4 verses)*

Sandwell-Berg

**1. Children of the heav'nly Father,**

**Safely in his bosom gather;**

**Nesting bird nor star in Heaven**

**Such a refuge e'er was given.**



**2. God his own does tend and nourish;  
In his holy courts they flourish.  
From all evil things he spares them;  
In his mighty arms he bears them.**

**3. Neither life nor death shall ever  
from the Lord his children sever;  
Unto them his grace is showing,  
And their sorrows all is knowing.**

**4. Praise the Lord in joyful numbers;  
Your protector never slumbers;  
At the will of your Defender,  
Every rival must surrender.**

**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)**

**O God, you know how hard it is to live in relationships, and yet you call us to do so. At times it is hard to be fully present to our siblings and others in our nuclear family and within this Christian family. Our patience may be short, we sometimes don't really listen, we may be tired, or angry, or hungry, or lonely, or... whatever it is that keeps us from loving and caring for one another, help us to know that you are always with us, loving us so that we may love others. Open our hearts to the voices of those around us, grant us grace the we may show grace to others. (Silent Individual Confession) Amen.**

**Assurance of Pardon**

**\*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**

*Genesis 29:16-30*

**Anthem**

“Any Dream Will Do” Andrew Lloyd Webber  
(from Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat)

**Second Scripture Reading**

*Genesis 37:1-4, 18-27*

**Sermon**

“Putting the ‘Fun’ in Dysfunctional”

**\*Confession of Our Faith** - from the Confession of 1967

**God has created peoples of the earth to be one universal family. In reconciling love, God overcomes the barriers between brothers and breaks down every form of discrimination based on racial or ethnic difference, real or imaginary. The church is called to bring all of humanity to receive and uphold one another as persons in all relationships of life: in employment, housing, education, leisure, marriage, family, church, and 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 their fellow humans, however subtly, resist the Spirit of God and bring contempt on the faith which they profess.**

**Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer**

### Responding to God’s Word

**\*Closing Hymn**

“Blest Be the Tie That Binds”

PH#438

### Sending Forth in God’s Name

**Benediction and Blessing**

**Benediction Response**

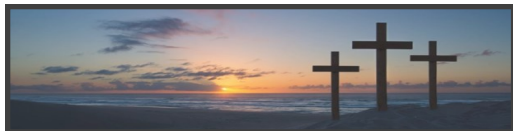
“God Be With You Till We Meet Again”

R. Vaughan Williams

**Postlude**

“Shine, Jesus, Shine”

Graham Kendrick



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## First Scripture Reading

*Genesis 29:16-30*

<sup>16</sup> Now Laban had two daughters; the name of the older was Leah, and the name of the younger was Rachel. <sup>17</sup> Leah had weak eyes, but Rachel had a lovely figure and was beautiful. <sup>18</sup> Jacob was in love with Rachel and said, "I'll work for you seven years in return for your younger daughter Rachel."

<sup>19</sup> Laban said, "It's better that I give her to you than to some other man. Stay here with me." <sup>20</sup> So Jacob served seven years to get Rachel, but they seemed like only a few days to him because of his love for her.

<sup>21</sup> Then Jacob said to Laban, "Give me my wife. My time is completed, and I want to make love to her."

<sup>22</sup> So Laban brought together all the people of the place and gave a feast. <sup>23</sup> But when evening came, he took his daughter Leah and brought her to Jacob, and Jacob made love to her. <sup>24</sup> And Laban gave his servant Zilpah to his daughter as her attendant.

<sup>25</sup> When morning came, there was Leah! So Jacob said to Laban, "What is this you have done to me? I served you for Rachel, didn't I? Why have you deceived me?"

<sup>26</sup> Laban replied, "It is not our custom here to give the younger daughter in marriage before the older one. <sup>27</sup> Finish this daughter's bridal week; then we will give you the younger one also, in return for another seven years of work."

<sup>28</sup> And Jacob did so. He finished the week with Leah, and then Laban gave him his daughter Rachel to be his wife. <sup>29</sup> Laban gave his servant Bilhah to his daughter Rachel as her attendant.

<sup>30</sup> Jacob made love to Rachel also, and his love for Rachel was greater than his love for Leah. And he worked for Laban another seven years.

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**You can view our church's worship services  
on public access television, Sundays at noon!  
Midco channel #12 or #612 (Community Access TV)**

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## Second Scripture Reading

*Genesis 37:1-4, 18-27*

Jacob lived in the land where his father had stayed, the land of Canaan. <sup>2</sup> This is the account of Jacob's family line.

Joseph, a young man of seventeen, was tending the flocks with his brothers, the sons of Bilhah and the sons of Zilpah, his father's wives, and he brought their father a bad report about them.

<sup>3</sup> Now Israel loved Joseph more than any of his other sons, because he had been born to him in his old age; and he made an ornate robe for him. <sup>4</sup> When his brothers saw that their father loved him more than any of them, they hated him and could not speak a kind word to him.

<sup>18</sup> But they saw him in the distance, and before he reached them, they plotted to kill him. <sup>19</sup> "Here comes that dreamer!" they said to each other. <sup>20</sup> "Come now, let's kill him and throw him into one of these cisterns and say that a ferocious animal devoured him. Then we'll see what comes of his dreams."

<sup>21</sup> When Reuben heard this, he tried to rescue him from their hands. "Let's not take his life," he said. <sup>22</sup> "Don't shed any blood. Throw him into this cistern here in the wilderness, but don't lay a hand on him." Reuben said this to rescue him from them and take him back to his father.

<sup>23</sup> So when Joseph came to his brothers, they stripped him of his robe—the ornate robe he was wearing—<sup>24</sup> and they took him and threw him into the cistern. The cistern was empty; there was no water in it.

<sup>25</sup> As they sat down to eat their meal, they looked up and saw a caravan of Ishmaelites coming from Gilead. Their camels were loaded with spices, balm and myrrh, and they were on their way to take them down to Egypt.

<sup>26</sup> Judah said to his brothers, "What will we gain if we kill our brother and cover up his blood? <sup>27</sup> Come, let's sell him to the Ishmaelites and not lay our hands on him; after all, he is our brother, our own flesh and blood." His brothers agreed.

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## **Worship Participants:**

Rev. Dr. Leanne Simmons, Pastor

Debi Rogers, Chancel Choir dir.

Andrea Nguyen, Keyboards

Mark Jensen, Youth Ministry dir.

Debi Rogers, Lay Reader

Josh Stokka, Audio/Visual Specialist

Allen Hoberg, Tedd & Ella Gutzke, Lori Lee,  
Karmen Svihovec, and Connor Svihovec ~ Ushers

### **Calendar**

Mon., July 14	<b>NO</b> Worship & Music 6:30pm Scouts <b>7:00pm</b> Christian Ed
Tues., July 15 -	<i>No Activities Scheduled</i>
Wed., July 16 -	<i>No Activities Scheduled</i>
Thu., July 17 -	<b>2:00pm</b> Yoga <b>NO</b> Deacons
Fri., July 18 -	<i>No Activities Scheduled</i>
Sat., July 19 -	<i>No Activities Scheduled</i>
Sun., July 20 -	10:00am Worship 6th Sunday after Pentecost

## **Mark your calendar:**

**Vacation Bible School will be held July 21 - 24, 2025.**

**5:45 - 7:30pm**

Children ages 4 through 5th grade are invited.  
Registration forms available in the church office  
or on our website: **[www.fpcbismarck.com](http://www.fpcbismarck.com)**

There is a sign-up sheet for volunteers on the  
bulletin board! Hope to see you there!

