



JANUARY SERMON SERIES



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LESSONS FROM THE SERMON ON THE MOUNT



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3 Communion 9am Contemporary 10:15am Traditional 2pm Korean 4pm Praise Team Ordination/Installation 	4 1pm Community Quilters 6pm Officer Training (Session Elders)	5 1pm Community Quilters 7pm Cub Scouts	6 6pm Deacon Mtg. 7pm Comm. Mtg.	7 7pm Christian Education Mtg.	8 9am Bulletin Folding 6:30pm Korean Prayer 2020 Annual Reports Due	9
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2021 Members of our Session and the Committees

If you would like to join a committee please contact the Session member of that committee.

Building & Grounds (Evan Andrist) in charge of maintenance, new building projects, emergency repairs, etc. (Meeting time 2nd Thursday of the month at 7 pm)

Christian Education (Chris Douthit) in charge of all education for each of the different age levels. (Meeting time 1st Thursday of the month at 7 pm)

Communications (Audrey Knutson) focused on advertising for the church. (Meeting time 1st Wednesday of the month at 7 pm)

Hospitality (Amber Miller) all fellowship activities of the congregation. (Meeting time 3rd Thursday of the month at 7 pm)

Mission (Mike Swanson) responsible for organizing mission efforts both local and abroad. (Meeting time 3rd Wednesday of the month at 6 pm)

Ministry & Administration (Scott Halstead) guides pastor/congregation relations, the overall ministry of the church, and provides human resource oversight. (Meeting time 4th Wednesday of the month at 7 pm)

Finance (Jake Franklin) tracks the budget and bookkeeping. (Meeting time 2nd Wednesday of the month at 7 pm)

Nominating Committee (Ginger Smith) seeks those called by God to serve as elders, deacons, etc. (Meeting time will vary)

Worship (Kelly Faller) all matters pertaining to public worship. (Meeting time 3rd Wednesday of the month at 7 pm)



Paul Linderman	January 1
Jack Gregoire	January 1
Janel Johnson	January 6
LaVern Grossman	January 9
Ronald Thaden	January 9
Dorrell Felton	January 11
Bonnie Jacob-Forseth	January 12
Tanner Faller	January 13
Kenneth Henry	January 13
Bruce Helgerud	January 15
Corey Leith	January 21
Daniel W. Kaai	January 27
Judy Helgerud	January 27
Babs Brenner	January 29
John Altepeter	January 31



To the Deacons from Shirley Amundson

To my dear Friends of the First Presbyterian Church, Thanks for the box of goodies you sent. The tasty chippers and the oranges are so good. I do word searches a lot so I will enjoy that and the pens. I like the lotion too. Thanks also for our cards and prayers. Merry Christmas wishes and Happy New Year.

To the Deacons from Lizzie Hunter,

Dear Friends of the First Pres Church, Thank you so much for the wonderful gifts. It was so thoughtful, you all never forget me and I really appreciate it. I've had a trying fall and tested positive for the virus in Oct. I've been okay with that. Have a warm and safe Holiday. Merry Christmas to all. God Bless.

To the Deacons from Jennifer Liebelt,

Jim and I want to thank all of you for the Christmas box. It was so nice and unexpected. Thank you again. Wishing all of you a very Merry Christmas and a blessed 2021.

To the Deacons from Pat McGurk,

I want to thank everyone at First Presbyterian, especially the Deacons. I enjoyed Bonny's visit and the gift. Merry Christmas and God Bless.

To the Deacons from Marilyn Morstad,

Thank you so much for the Christmas Box delivered yesterday. That was big surprise. It was so much fun to open it and see all the goodies. Really Brightened my day.



January Happenings



January 2021
First Pres Church on the Edge
Contemporary Service - 9:00 am
Traditional Service - 10:15 am



The Church Office will be
Closed
Friday, January 1, 2021
**HAPPY
NEW
YEAR'S**

**Ordination and Installation
of Officers**

Congratulations to our new AND returning Elders and Deacons being ordained in worship Sunday, January 3rd.

Elders – Evan Andrist, Audrey Knutson, and Ginger Smith.

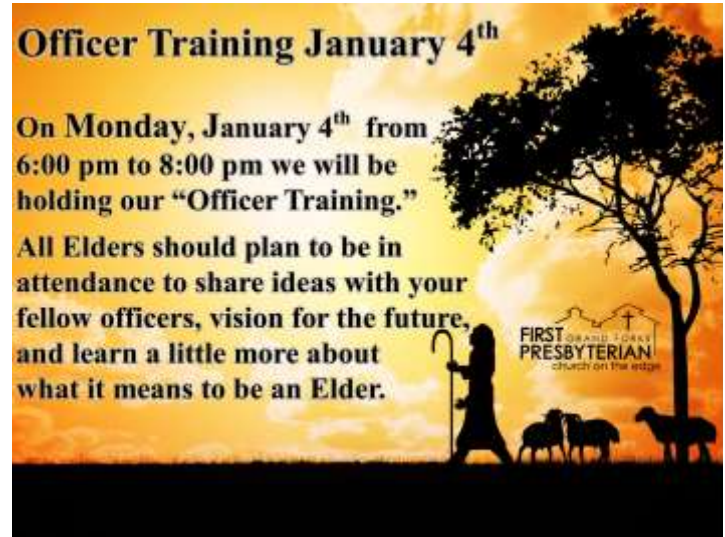
Deacons – Barb Beach, Bonny Crow, Laura Hillebrand, and Lois MacGregor



Officer Training January 4th

On Monday, January 4th from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm we will be holding our “Officer Training.”

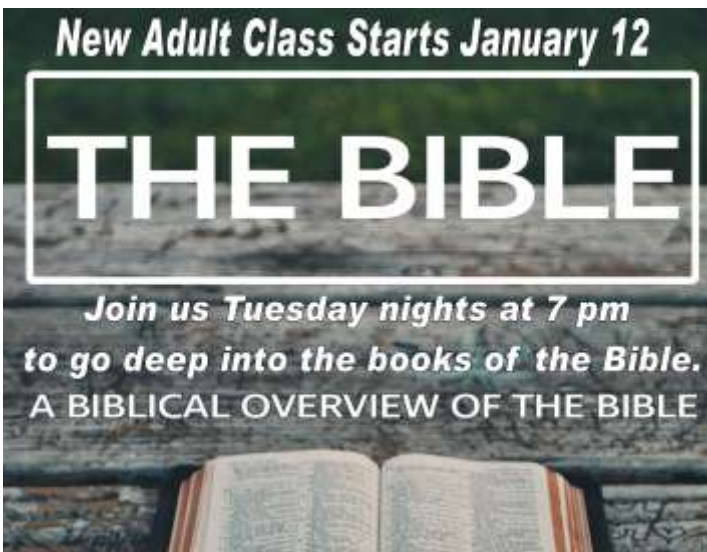
All Elders should plan to be in attendance to share ideas with your fellow officers, vision for the future, and learn a little more about what it means to be an Elder.



New Adult Class Starts January 12

THE BIBLE

Join us Tuesday nights at 7 pm to go deep into the books of the Bible. A BIBLICAL OVERVIEW OF THE BIBLE



Annual Report for 2020 Available for pick up January 24th



COVID-19 Doesn't Stop Christmas Time at First Pres Church on the Edge

December was a huge month for First Presbyterian. With COVID-19 this year, many things were done differently. Please enjoy the pictures of some of our activities for the Christmas Season.

Bell Ringing with First Presbyterian

On Saturday, December 12, First Pres rang the Salvation Army Bell Ringing in front of JcPenny's at Columbia Mall. First Pres Kettle shift raised \$448.86 for Salvation Army programs and services. Thank you to the Harms family, Gary Mathisen, the Holum family, Kacie Capp and her sister, Kayla, Deb Noyes, the Homan family and Karen James.



Angel Tree Gifts

This year we had 50 names on our Angel Tree and did it a little different. In able to keep our members safe, we had Designated Shoppers. A huge thank you to our two Designated Shoppers, Lana Franklin and Danielle Andrist for making this project possible during COVID.



Delivery of Christmas Boxes and Angel Tree Gifts

December 16th was a great day delivering our Christmas Food Boxes and Angel Tree Presents. Thank you to Bob Sheppard, Howard Smith and Fred MacGregor delivering the Christmas Boxes and Pastor Homan and Amber Miller for

bringing the Angel Tree gifts. A HUGE thank to you to Hugo's Family Marketplace on 32nd for working with us to make the food boxes at a phenomenal cost. We were able to do 20 food boxes. Two cars were stacked to the roof with Angel Tree gifts from our congregation. Thank you to everyone who helped support these awesome ministries through your donations, buying gifts, shopping for those who couldn't or helping deliver. We couldn't do it without you!



2020 Children's Christmas Program

The 2020 Sunday School Christmas Program was a little different this year. With the pandemic numbers rising in North Dakota, GFPS went to distance learning after Thanksgiving break. First Pres Sunday School classes were postpone until the first of the year. With only two Sundays (20 mins each time) Alyssa Homan scrambled to find actors and actresses for the program. She recorded the Sunday School kids (in costumes) in house and finished at home with the Wisemen. Alyssa also reached out to parents to record their children playing instruments, download it to a jump drive and send it to her so there was music for the program. After she did the taping and received the jump drives, Alyssa spent numerous hours putting the program together in a video to be broadcasted December 20th during both worship services. Special thank you to all the parents who helped make this possible. Great job to all the kids that participated in the Christmas Program. It was a phenomenal program!

The Musicians

Peyton Eastman (Piano): It Came Upon the Midnight Clear

Lucy Franklin (Piano): Jingle Bells

Ayden Sapp (Piano): Firefly

Tate Brenner (Piano): Angels We Have Heard on High & Little Drummer Boy

Emerson Eastman (Piano): We Wish You a Merry Christmas

Emerson Eastman (Cello): The First Noel

Jessica (Piano) and Andrew Folson (Cello): Away in a Manger

The Actors

Mary ~ Brooke Bryant

Joseph ~ Dane Holum

Herod ~ Brayden Solem

Shepherds ~ Jack Holum and Ayden Trojahn

Wisemen ~ William Homan, Eli Homan, and Joseph Homan

Sheep ~ Ayden Sapp and Greyson Sapp

Angels ~ Lucy Franklin and Ruth Franklin

Innkeepers ~ Brooke Bryant, Jack Holum, Eli Homan, Joseph Homan, Brayden Solem, and Ayden Trojahn

What is Around Our Table?

Around Our Table 2021-January 16th

Due to COVID 19, The Relationship Committee of Valley Senior Living redesigned our chaplaincy fund raising event that was formerly held at Calvary Lutheran Church to a virtual event. The Event is divided into two parts: a host table and an auction site.

To access the Around Our Table Site go to: <https://give.classy.org/AroundOurTable2021>



When you get to the website, scroll down until it says Support a Fund Raiser. Type in Barb B, hit the button and it will come up Barbara Beach-First Presbyterian Church. You will be able to make a donation when you click on the donate button and follow the directions. People making a donation will be directed to a recorded program that typically occurs at our event.

To access the auction site go to: <https://valley.cbo.io>. The site is available now for viewing and you can start bidding on January 8th. The auction runs until noon on January 16th. You have to register to get a bidding number. Go to where it says Register and complete the form.

There are 12 members of First Presbyterian Church living in several areas of Valley Senior Living formerly known as Valley Memorial Homes. These members are residents of Tufte Manor at Valley Senior Living on Cherry and at Country Estates, Wheatland Terrace, and the Woodside Village neighborhoods - Oakcrest, Prairieview, and Hearthstone at Valley Senior Living on 42nd.

The money raised will go to fund programs for the Chaplaincy Program which will benefit all areas of Valley Senior Living..

The Relationship Committee and I thank you very much for your support of the this fundraiser for the Chaplaincy Program.

Written and Submitted by Barb Beach



Getting to Know You!

Kim and Kathleen Pedersen

What name do you like to be called by?

Kim and Kathleen

Do you have any children?

We have two daughters ~ Kamilla (18) and Annika (14)

Where do you live?

We live just a few blocks from the church.

Which service do you attend? Why?

We attend the Contemporary Service. We enjoy the music.

How long have you been attending First Pres?

We started attending in 2017 and joined in May 2018.

How did you find First Pres?

We were looking for a Presbyterian church and it was close by.

What do you love the most about First Pres?

We love how welcoming the church is.

How are you active in the church?

We enjoy activities where we can help those in need in our community

What is your calling (career/purpose)?

Kathleen is a first grade teacher. Kim works in the software industry helping businesses manage their digital content.

Where are you originally from?

Kathleen is from Grand Forks while Kim is originally from Kongsberg, Norway.

What is one hobby you enjoy?

Kathleen enjoys knitting and crocheting. Kim is active in the soccer community in Grand Forks.



Worship Service Cancellation Procedures

If First Presbyterian Church of Grand Forks has to cancel worship services due to weather, here is our policy.

Worship Service cancellation procedures will be as follows:
The decision to close or delay Worship service will be made as early as possible. The decision to close will be determined by Buildings and Grounds Elder, Worship Elder, Finance Elder, and Pastor.

If it is determined that there will be no worship services due to weather, announcements will be made on the following:

Church:

Church webpage: (www.churchontheedge.net),

Facebook: (<https://www.facebook.com/firstpresgf>).

Email Blast will be sent to members signed up for Email Blast

Local TV stations:

KVLY (<https://www.valleynewslive.com/weather/closings/>)

WDAZ (<https://www.wday.com/>)

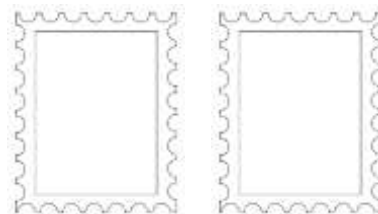
Newspaper:

Grand Forks Herald online: (<https://www.grandforksherald.com/>)

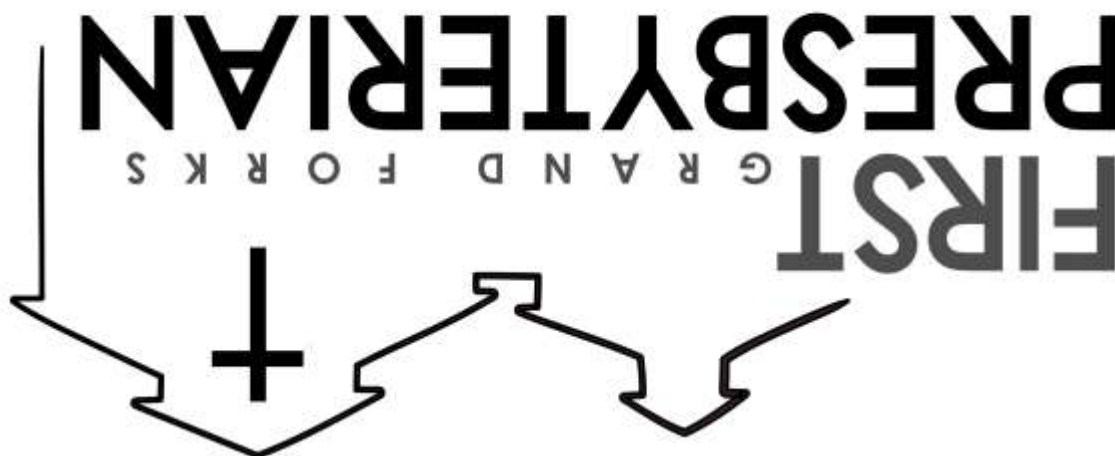


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Our Staff		Pastor: Spencer Homan	
Admin./Finance Pro.: Amber Miller		Custodian: John Norman	
Contemp. Music Leader: Danielle Andrist		Trad. Music: Ruth Ann Tuseth & Karen Braaten	
Pastoral Intern: Ruth Sanders			
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