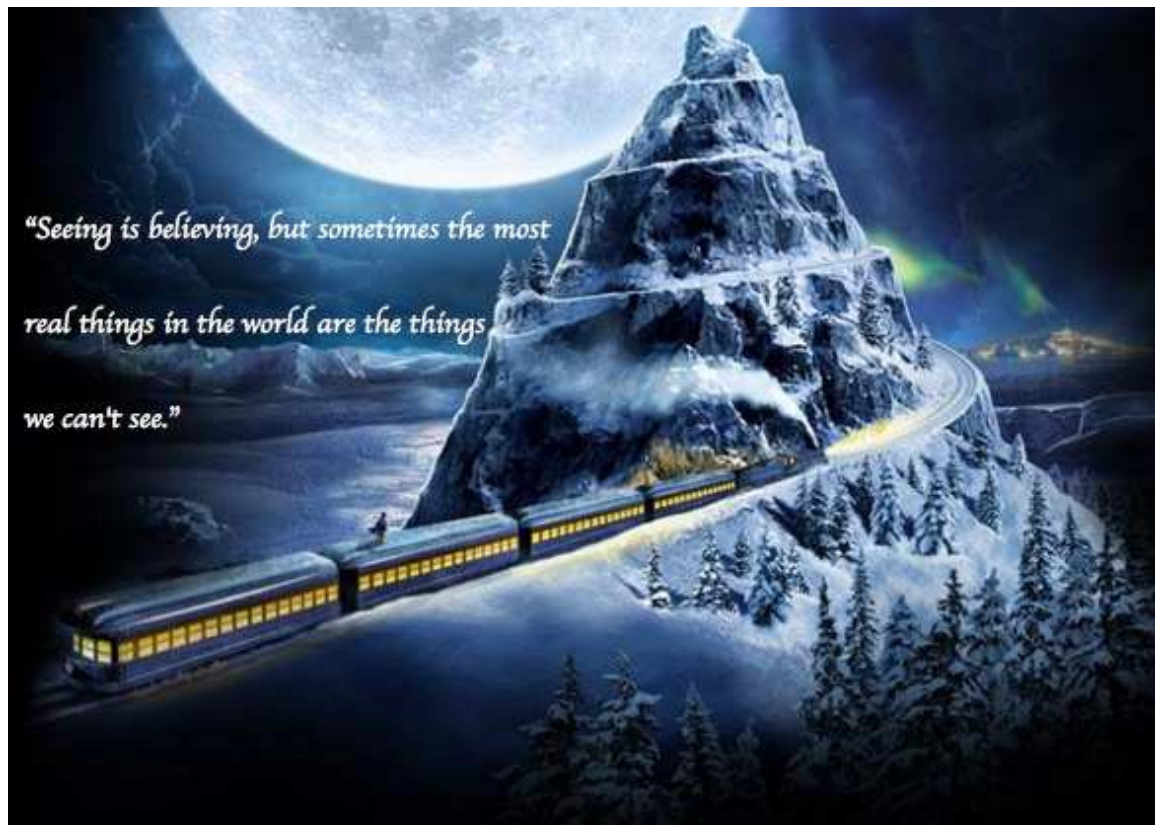


Spreading the Good News of Christ  
Through Our Love, Words, and Actions

# “Seeing (or not) is Believing”



**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (USA)**

535 North Ewing Street  
Helena, MT 59601

**April 23, 2017**

**CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP**  
**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
**SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER**  
**APRIL 23, 2017**

*Lay Liturgist – Les Cramer*

*\* Please stand if you are able*

PRELUDE: “Salvation Unto Us Has Come” (*composer unknown*)

PREPARING OUR HEARTS *a time of silence*

OPENING PRAYER

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The Lord is risen! Alleluia!

**People: Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed!**

Leader: Peace be with you. Jesus stands among us.

**People: Peace be with you. The risen Lord is here.**

\* GATHERING HYMN: “Christ the Lord is Risen Today!” See screen

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

**Lord, open our eyes that we may see the wonders of your world - that we may see the manifold revelations of yourself in creation. But, also, open our hearts and minds to see that which cannot be comprehended by the eye.** (*time for silent confession*)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you,

**People: And also with you!**

Leader: Let us share signs of Christ’s peace with one another.

\* GLORIA PATRI

CHOIR ANTHEM “He Is Risen Now!” *by John Purifoy*

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

EPISTLE READING: **1 Peter 1:3-9** **Page 1886**

GOSPEL READING: **John 20:19-31** **Page 1686**

SERMON: **“Seeing (or not) is Believing”** **Rev. Scott Wipperman**

\* RESPONSE HYMN: **“Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing!”** **See screen**

INVITATION TO OFFERING

PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES & OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY: **“Fantasia in D Major”** *by Georg P. Telemann (1681-1767)*

\*DOXOLOGY

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

UNISON LORD’S PRAYER

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, the power, and glory forever. Amen.**

THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

\* SENDING HYMN: **“Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!”** **See screen**

BENEDICTION

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE **“God Be With You”** **#232**

POSTLUDE: **“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”** *by Johann G. Walther (1684-1748)*

# Welcome, Guests!

Thank you for choosing to worship with us. We pray for all of us a spiritually satisfying and challenging encounter with the Living Christ. If you would like to know more about the people and programs of this church, be in touch with our pastor, Rev. Wipperman, 442-4775, visit our website: [www.fpchelena.com](http://www.fpchelena.com), or take a copy of our monthly church newsletter, *The Mustard Seed*. If possible, return next Lord's Day!



## STAFF

Ministers  
Pastor  
CRE of Pastoral Care  
Director of Christian Education  
& Financial Coordinator  
Director of Music and Media  
Administrative Assistant  
Outside Custodian  
Organist

Every Member  
Rev. Scott Wipperman  
Arlyn "Butch" Plowman  
Lexsey Carpenter  
  
Les Cramer  
Bruce A. Luke  
Chase Myers  
Ann Swisher

## **ELDERS**

Linda Bench - 2019  
Marvin Carpenter - 2017  
Kathy Chambers - 2019  
Marsha Davis - 2018  
Marshall Gingery - 2017  
John Gneckow - 2018  
Dianna Goodman - 2019  
Rose Leavitt - 2017  
Melissa Stiles - 2018  
John Warren - 2018  
Deb Whitcomb - 2017  
Elaine Gingery, Clerk

## **DEACONS**

Judy Birch - 2017  
Rena Bumgardner - 2019  
Joy Edgar - 2019  
Carol Gneckow - 2018  
Barrie Heinecke - 2017  
Merle Korizek - 2017  
Corky Lord - 2018  
Carole Massman - 2018  
Carol Meyeres - 2017  
Jim & Charlotte Meyer - 2018  
Arlyn "Butch" Plowman - 2019  
Jeannie Pullin - 2017  
Ward & Mary Stiles - 2019

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## CALENDAR OF THE WEEK

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>23</b>	8:45 am	Small Group
		10:00 am	Worship Service / Education Hour
		12:00 pm	AA Study Group
<b>Monday</b>	<b>24</b>	6:00 pm	Helena X-Press Singers
		7:00 pm	Girl Scouts
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>25</b>	11:00 am	Bridge Club - ACBL Unit 411
		7:00 pm	Boy Scouts
		7:00 pm	AL-ANON meeting
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>26</b>	9:30 am	Willing Workers
		7:00 pm	Choir practice
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>27</b>	11:00 am	Bridge Club – ACBL Unit 411
		4:00 pm	Praise Band
		6:30 pm	AA Group - District #11
		7:00 pm	“It’s In the Book” - AA Group
<b>Friday</b>	<b>28</b>	12:00 pm	Small Group
		1:00 pm	Hand & Foot in Ruth Room
		3:00 pm	P.W.P. Coordinating Team Meeting
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>29</b>	8:00 am	P.W.P. Spring Gathering
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>30</b>	8:45 am	Small Group
		10:00 am	Worship Service / Education Hour
		12:00 pm	AA Study Group

### Deacons-On-Call

Dan Boyer	Rick Kosticki
Barry Mattson	Robbie McCain
Grant Demaree	

Need a ride, a meal or a home repair?	<b>Carole Massman</b>	<b>(443-5281)</b>
Call a Deacon on Call	<b>Merle Korizek</b>	<b>(443-3793)</b>

### Ushers

**Ushers Today** <sup>(23)</sup>  
 Kathy Chambers, Carole Massman  
 Mary Wright

**Ushers Next Week** <sup>(30)</sup>  
 Richard & Sheryl Eriksen  
 Carole Massman



### CIRCLE MEETINGS SCHEDULE

**Abigail Circle**  
**Esther Circle**  
**Rebekah Circle**

**1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday**  
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**1<sup>st</sup> Thursday**

**9:30 a.m.**  
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# ***“Pray without ceasing.”***

***1 Thessalonians 5:17***



## **Prayer for Strength and Healing**

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Bob Burns	Mazie Radcliff
Hal Radcliff	Steve Granzow
Rose Leavitt	Linda Granzow
Donna Carey	Louise Cramer
Jinx Sampson	Newell Anderson
Doris Casebolt	Annette Bertelsen
Yvonne Moody	Heather Voeller Waters
Marshall Gingery	Court Bourne, Pastor Scott's son
Toston LaFournaise	Susan Byasson, Rose Leavitt's sister
Vella Raucy, Susan Steffens' mother	Terry Heinecke, Barrie's sister-in-law
Carolyn Coefield, the Coefields' daughter	Jamie Heinecke, Barrie's daughter-in-law
Julianne Curtis, Barrie Heinecke's friend	Heather McAllister, Pastor Scott's daughter
Cathy Leavitt, Rose Leavitt's daughter-in-law	

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## **Please keep the Military in your Prayers**

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If you have PRAYER NEEDS, please take advantage of our Prayer Chapel after worship, a peaceful place to commune with God. And, should you desire, Prayer Request Cards are available in the Prayer Chapel (leave the card in the chapel, and it will be picked up), as well as in the back of the pews (place card in the offering plate). If you would like someone to pray with you, please see the pastor or any deacon or elder.

## **PRAYER REQUEST**

This week we are praying for the New Covenant congregation in Great Falls. They are a part of the High Line-Missouri River Cluster.

New Covenant is a Korean-speaking new worshipping community lead by the Rev. Ok-Kee Kim. They have been together for about one year. Rev. Kim and his wife Choonil and Choonil's mother moved here from Texas.

Starting a new worshipping community is a LOT of work, and it is a HUGE blessing for the congregation, Great Falls and our presbytery. Please pray for the congregation and their wonderful pastor.

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### **2017 Seeley Family Memorial Scholarship**

There is funding available for scholarships through the Montana Community Foundation for the 2017-2018 school year. Members of FPC and relatives of members are eligible to apply. See [mtcf.org](http://mtcf.org) for more information.

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### **Helena's Friends of the Sacred Heart Ashram**

Linda Cleatus and Mark Leland, founders of Helena's Friends of the Sacred Heart Ashram, would like to thank First Presbyterian and its members for their support over the past 11 years. A final dinner is set for next Saturday, April 29, 6:00 pm at Knights of Columbus. Call Linda at 461-8292 for reservations. Thanks again!

## **One Last Chance**

Today is another opportunity to give to the *One Great Hour of Sharing* special offering. PC(USA) churches across the nation participate in this offering that supports the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self-Development of People programs that help empower peoples as they move past emotional, physical, and spiritual misfortune. We will be sending the gifts received to the PC(USA) Mission Board this coming week.

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### **Mission Committee**

We have chosen two items for our next giving. The first is a Jerry Can, which helps villagers carry water from wells to their homes in an easier manner. The cost of one Jerry Can is \$40. The other item is piglets, which are given to families to raise and they can then sell them at market for a profit. The cost of a piglet is \$40. Please note if you have a specific item you would like to give money towards.

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### **MEMORY VERSE**

**The angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here; he has risen.”**

**- Matthew 28:5-6 (NIV)**

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### **THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK**

**When I trust in the Lord, I cannot be shaken.**