

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

# **“If I Had A Hammer”**



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

535 North Ewing Street  
Helena, MT 59601

**April 30, 2017**

**CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP**  
**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
**THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER**  
**APRIL 30, 2017**

*Lay Liturgist – Art Bumgardner*

\* *Please stand if you are able*

PRELUDE:                 **“Prelude and Fugue in G minor”** *by J. S. Bach (1685-1750)*

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:   When Jesus speaks,

**People:   Our hearts burn within us; our eyes are opened.**

\* GATHERING HYMN:                                 **“Let Us Build a House/All Are Welcome”**                 See screen

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION     *(unison)*

**You asked Solomon what he wanted; you told him, “Just name it!” And acknowledging his ill-preparedness for what was facing him, Solomon asked for a discerning heart. You praised Solomon, stating your pleasure with his request for “discernment in administering justice.” Lord, we acknowledge that, unlike Solomon, sometimes we seek advantage over others instead of the wisdom of a discerning heart. Forgive us of our inward focus, enlighten us to seek that which pleases you.**  
*(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                                 **“I’m So Glad Jesus Lifted Me”** *African-American Spiritual, arr. John Helgen*

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Isaiah 58:1-2, 5-12 Page 1152

GOSPEL READING: Luke 11:39-42 Page 1616

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Micah 6:2-8 Page 1447

SERMON: "If I Had a Hammer" Rev. Scott Wipperman

\* RESPONSE HYMN: "Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples" See screen

INVITATION TO OFFERING

PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES & OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY: "Andante" by Johann G. Walther (1684-1748)

\*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: "Lord, You Give the Great Commission" See screen

BENEDICTION

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE "God Be With You" #232

POSTLUDE: "Prelude in C Major" by J. S. Bach

# 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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**Sunday Worship: 10:00 AM**  
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## CALENDAR OF THE WEEK

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>30</b>	8:45 am	Small Group
		10:00 am	Worship Service / Education Hour
		12:00 pm	AA Study Group
<b>Monday</b>	<b>1</b>	10:00 am	Education Committee meeting
		6:00 pm	Helena X-Press Singers
		7:00 pm	Girl Scouts
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>2</b>	9:30 am	Abigail Circle meeting
		9:30 am	Esther Circle meeting
		11:00 am	Bridge Club - ACBL Unit 411
		1:00 pm	Congregational Fellowship Committee meeting
		5:30 pm	Personnel Committee meeting
		7:00 pm	Boy Scouts
		7:00 pm	AL-ANON meeting
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>3</b>	9:30 am	Willing Workers
		7:00 pm	Choir practice
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>4</b>	11:00 am	Bridge Club – ACBL Unit 411
		4:00 pm	Praise Band
		6:30 pm	AA Group - District #61
		7:00 pm	“It’s In the Book” - AA Group
<b>Friday</b>	<b>5</b>	12:00 pm	Small Group
		1:00 pm	Hand & Foot in Ruth Room
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>7</b>	8:45 am	Small Group
		10:00 am	Worship Service / Education Hour
		12:00 pm	AA Study Group

### Deacons-On-Call

**Need a ride, a meal or a home repair?  
Call a Deacon on Call**

**Carole Massman (443-5281)  
Merle Korizek (443-3793)**

### Ushers

#### Ushers Today <sup>(30)</sup>

Richard & Sheryl Eriksen  
Carole Massman

#### Ushers Next Week <sup>(7)</sup>

Linda Bench, Carol Gneckow  
Mary Wright

## 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 \$20. Please note if you have a specific item you would like to give money towards.

# *“Pray without ceasing.”*

*1 Thessalonians 5:17*



## **Prayer for Strength and Healing**

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

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

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Dan Boyer	Rick Kosticki
Barry Mattson	Robbie McCain
Grant Demaree	

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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.

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### **CIRCLE MEETINGS SCHEDULE**

<b>Abigail Circle</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b>
<b>Esther Circle</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b>
<b>Rebekah Circle</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Thursday</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b>

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**Esther Circle will meet at the home of Charlotte Meyer on May 2<sup>nd</sup> at 9:30 am. (449-3030)**

## PRAYER REQUEST

This week we are praying for the congregation in Polson, who reaches out to the community in a variety of ways. They host a monthly community dinner with between 80 - 100 guests. They have a community garden with a number of raised beds.

Parishioners “adopt” a garden bed and raise vegetables which will be donated to the local soup kitchen and to the food pantry. And, at Christmas they have a “100 Hats” project to provide warm winter hats to those who need them.

Dave Anson serves as their Pastor. Don Patterson serves as their Clerk of Session.

Also pray for:

- Harvey Jenkins (previous Pastor-in-Residence for Whitlash) whose daughter-in-law Rebecca has just entered Hospice care. Include prayers for her husband, Tyler, and Rebecca’s teenage daughters Alison and Ellen.
- Risa Paul (Hot Springs) and her brother who either had a stroke or a brain aneurysm earlier this week.

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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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**Congregational Fellowship**...volunteers needed to provide treats on Sunday mornings. There's a sign-up sheet on the coffee table. If you're able to bake or buy cookies, bars, fruit, etc., to go along with our coffee and punch after the church services. Thanks!

We are missing a tablecloth, rusty-red color that goes on the serving table. Maybe someone took it home to wash and forgot to bring it back?

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**Attention, all women! You won't want to miss church on Mothers' Day, Sunday, May 14. Flowers for everyone!**



## Family Promise of Greater Helena

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Our next week for hosting Family Promise will be the week of May 28. Put that on your calendar and think about what you would like to do for this mission of the church. We will be serving dinner on Sunday, May 28 and Monday, May 29. Lucille and Elaine will be out of town on those dates so we are looking for other people to step in and make these dinners happen. This is a mission of this church. Sign-up sheets will be posted in mid-May.

We are looking for people to prepare parts of the meal and to eat dinner with our Family Promise guests. We also need someone to spend the night at First Baptist Church along with a volunteer from the Baptist Church.

The next Family Promise training session will be Thursday, May 11 at First Christian Church, 311 Power Street. This training is for one hour at 6:30 pm. This church has a small contingent of people trained to work directly with the Family Promise guests and we need additional volunteers. Please take time to attend this training. You will be blessed for the time you spend with our guests.

If you know of someone who could use the help of Family Promise, the contact number is 465-9467.

Questions or to volunteer, call Lucille Letcher at 443-3497 or Elaine Gingery at 461-0561 or email at [megingery@bresnan.net](mailto:megingery@bresnan.net)

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### **MEMORY VERSE**

**The Lord said to Paul, “*My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.*”**

**- 2 Corinthians 12:9 (NIV)**

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### **THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK**

**What dry area of my life needs Christ’s covering grace?**