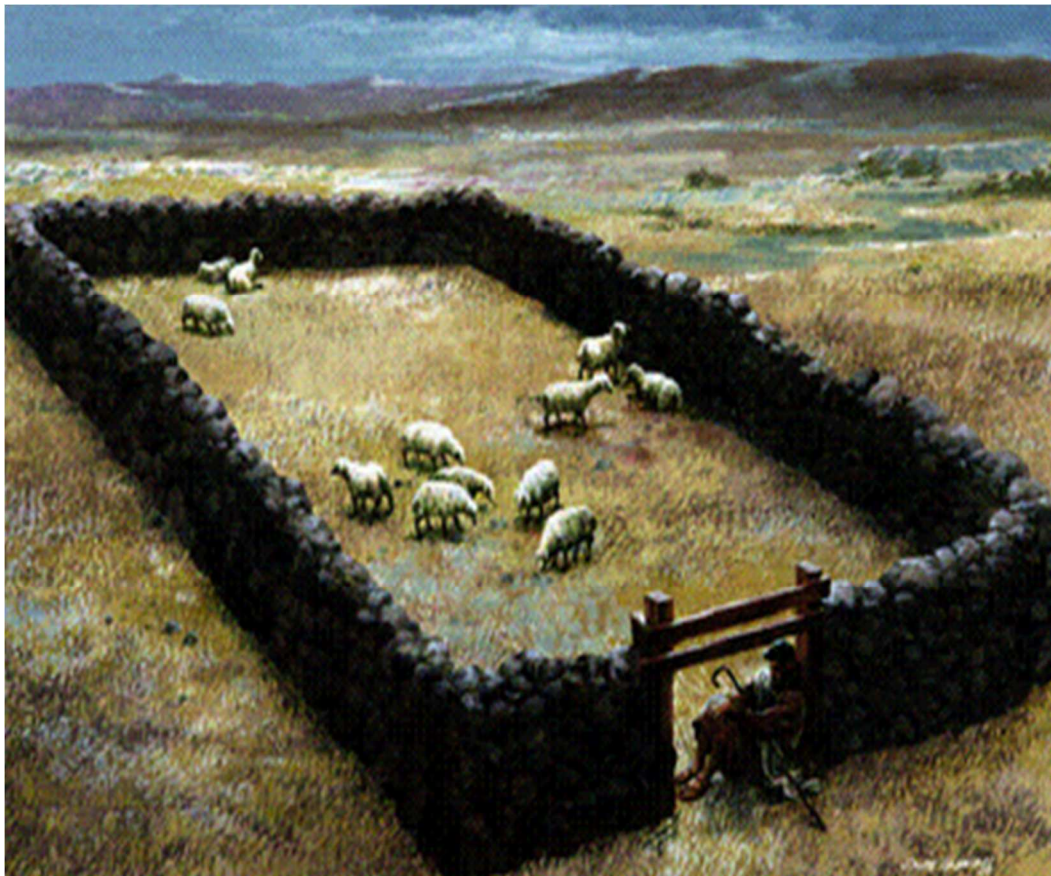


Spreading the Good News of Christ
Through Our Love, Words, and Actions

“Gates”



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

535 North Ewing Street
Helena, MT 59601

May 7, 2017

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER / GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY / COMMUNION SUNDAY

MAY 7, 2017

Lay Liturgist – Marsha Davis

* *Please stand if you are able*

PRELUDE

“At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing” by Jan Bender (1909-1994)

WELCOME

PREPARING OUR HEARTS

a time of silence

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The Lord is risen! Alleluia!

People: Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed!

Leader: The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

People: I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

*GATHERING HYMN

“Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing!”

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CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(unison)

Lord, we hear many voices calling out to us. Some are a warning, some are counsel, some are alluring *Sirens*, some are uplifting, some are deceptive, some are confrontative. What voices do we listen to? The ones that frighten us? The ones that enlighten us? Do we know your voice, and can we discern it from the others? *(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

“Ain't Got Time To Die” by Hall Johnson

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

EPISTLE READING:

Acts 2:42-47

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GOSPEL READING:

John 10:1-10

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SERMON:

“Gates”

Rev. Scott Wipperman

*RESPONSE HYMN

“The King of Love My Shepherd Is”

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THE EUCHARIST

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Adapted from the *Confession of Belhar*

We believe that God’s life-giving Word and Spirit has conquered the powers of sin and death, and therefore also of irreconciliation and hatred, bitterness and enmity, that God’s life-giving Word and Spirit will enable the church to live in a new obedience which can open new possibilities of life for society and the world.

THE OFFERING

INVITATION TO OFFERING

PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES & OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

“Adagio” by *Flor Peeters (1903-1986)*

*DOXOLOGY

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

UNISON LORD’S PRAYER

THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

*SENDING SONG

“The Day of Resurrection!”

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BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

“Awake, My Heart, with Gladness” by *Flor Peeters*

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, 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

Sunday	7	8:45 am	Small Group
		10:00 am	Worship Service / Education Hour
		12:00 pm	AA Study Group
Monday	8	6:00 pm	Helena X-Press Singers
		7:00 pm	Girl Scouts
Tuesday	9	10:00 am	Worship Committee meeting
		11:00 am	Bridge Club - ACBL Unit 411
		5:30 pm	Administration Committee meeting
		6:00 pm	Mission Team meeting
		7:00 pm	Building & Grounds Committee meeting
		7:00 pm	Boy Scouts
		7:00 pm	AL-ANON meeting
Wednesday	10	9:30 am	Willing Workers
		7:00 pm	Choir practice
Thursday	11	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
Friday	12	12:00 pm	Small Group
		1:00 pm	Hand & Foot in Ruth Room
Sunday	14	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?

Rena Bumgardner

(468-8341)

Call a Deacon on Call

Jim & Charlotte Meyer

(449-3030)

Ushers

Ushers Today (7)

Judy Birch, Carol Gneckow
Mary Wright

Ushers Next Week (14)

Richard & Sheryl Eriksen
Kathy Chambers

CIRCLE MEETINGS SCHEDULE

Abigail Circle

1st Tuesday

9:30 a.m.

Esther Circle

1st Tuesday

9:30 a.m.

Rebekah Circle

1st Thursday

9:30 a.m.

“Pray without ceasing.”

1 Thessalonians 5:17



Prayer for Strength and Healing

Bob Burns
Sally Luke
Hal Radcliff
Donna Carey
Jinx Sampson
Doris Casebolt
Yvonne Moody
Marshall Gingery
Toston LaFournaise
Vella Raucy, Susan Steffens' mother
Carolyn Coefield, the Coefields' daughter
Julianne Curtis, Barrie Heinecke's friend
Cathy Leavitt, Rose Leavitt's daughter-in-law

Mazie Radcliff
Steve Granzow
Linda Granzow
Louise Cramer
Newell Anderson
Annette Bertelsen
Heather Voeller Waters
Court Bourne, Pastor Scott's son
Susan Byasson, Rose Leavitt's sister
Terry Heinecke, Barrie's sister-in-law
Jamie Heinecke, Barrie's daughter-in-law
Heather McAllister, Pastor Scott's daughter

Please keep the Military in your Prayers

Dan Boyer
Barry Mattson
Grant Demaree

Rick Kosticki
Robbie McCain

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.

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.

HELP!

Lona would like a volunteer to plant a garden at her home. Please contact her for more info at 442-5529 or at 1060 Breckenridge.

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

MOVIE NIGHT *"The Princess Bride"*

Friday, May 19th, 6:00 pm at First Presbyterian Church --- *Don't Miss It!*

PRAYER REQUEST

This week we are praying for the wonderful Harlem congregation which is the easternmost congregation in Glacier Presbytery. Harlem is in the Hi-Line on US 2 and is a yoked parish combining both the Methodist and Presbyterian congregations. They alternate worship between the two church buildings. Harlem is a part of the Hi-Line/Missouri River Cluster.

Their Pastor, Jack Mattingly, serves the yoked parish in Harlem and the Methodist congregation in Chinook, as well as serving the Chinook Presbyterian congregation as their interim pastor. This congregation reaches out near and far: they support their local food pantry and Intermountain, and they send clothing to a mission in Tanzania. Jim Murch serves as their Clerk of Session.

Dinner Invitation!

Glacier Camp is inviting you to dinner! They are holding two Donor Appreciation Dinners, one May 13th at the camp and one September 16th at FPC Great Falls. Both dinners begin with hors d'oeuvres at 5:00 pm and dinner at 5:30 pm. The evening will include camper testimonials, comments from the board, camp scholarship giving opportunity, and honoring stars of the camp's ministry.

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, which goes on the serving table. Maybe someone took it home to wash and forgot to bring it back?



Family Promise of Greater Helena

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

MEMORY VERSE

For you shall go out in joy,
and be led back in peace;
the mountains and the hills before you
shall burst into song,
and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

- Isaiah 55:12

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Wildness reminds us what it means to be human, what we are connected to rather than what we separate from.

- Terry Tempest Williams (author and conservationist)