

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

“Don’t You Know Me?”



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

**535 North Ewing Street
Helena, MT 59601**

May 14, 2017

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
MOTHER'S DAY / FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
MAY 14, 2017

Lay Liturgist – Arlyn “Butch” Plowman

* *Please stand if you are able*

PRELUDE: “In Joyful Praise” by Laurence Lyon (1934-2006)

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: How can we know the way of God?

People: God is love; love is the way, the truth, and the life.

* GATHERING HYMN: “For the Beauty of the Earth” #793

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(unison)*

Lord, you tell us that you didn't come to condemn, but to save. You tell us that you are love. But hate is evident in our world. We need courage to stand up to hate, not just in others, but in ourselves as well. We confess that often we lack such courage. Forgive us for shying away from your call to love. Give us the strength to reveal your love in the face of hate emanating from others or brewing in our own heart. *(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 “Steal Away To Jesus” *African American Spiritual, Edward Eicker*

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

ACTS OF THE APOSTLES: Acts 7:55-60

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GOSPEL READING:

John 14:1-14

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SERMON:

“Don’t You Know Me?”

Rev. Scott Wiperman

* RESPONSE HYMN:

“In the Bulb There Is a Flower/Hymn of Promise” See screen

P.W. INSTALLATION

Presbyterian Women Officer Installation

INVITATION TO OFFERING

PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES & OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY:

“Aria” by *Craig Phillips (b. 1961)*

*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:

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

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BENEDICTION

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

“God Be With You”

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POSTLUDE:

“Ricercare on St. Anne” by *Gordon Young (1919-1998)*

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	14	8:45 am	Small Group
		10:00 am	Worship Service / Education Hour
		12:00 pm	AA Study Group
Monday	15	11:00 am	Staff meeting
		6:00 pm	Helena X-Press Singers
		7:00 pm	Girl Scouts
Tuesday	16	11:00 am	Bridge Club - ACBL Unit 411
		6:30 pm	Session meeting
		7:00 pm	Boy Scouts
		7:00 pm	AL-ANON meeting
Wednesday	17	9:30 am	Willing Workers
		7:00 pm	Choir practice
Thursday	18	11:00 am	Bridge Club – ACBL Unit 411
		4:00 pm	Praise Band practice
		6:30 pm	AA Group - District #61
		7:00 pm	“It’s In the Book” - AA Group
Friday	19	12:00 pm	Small Group
		1:00 pm	Hand & Foot in Ruth Room
		6:00 pm	<i>Movie Night</i>
Sunday	21	8:45 am	Small Group
		10:00 am	Worship Service / Education Hour / Installation Sunday
		11:15 am	Deacons’ meeting
		12:00 pm	AA Study Group

Deacons-On-Call

Need a ride, a meal or a home repair?

Carole Massman (443-5281)

Call a Deacon on Call

Merle Korizek (443-3793)

Ushers

Ushers Today (14)

Richard & Sheryl Eriksen
Kathy Chambers

Ushers Next Week (21)

Elroy & Lucille Letcher
Mark Goodman

Called Congregational Meeting

There will be a Called Congregational Meeting of the First Presbyterian Church on Sunday, May 21 for the purpose of electing a member to fill an open Ruling Elder position. The Nominating Committee is nominating Matthew Richards to fill this position. The meeting will occur at the end of worship on May 21st.

“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

If you have PRAYER NEEDS, please take advantage of our Prayer Chapel after worship, a peaceful place

Dan Boyer
Barry Mattson
Grant Demaree

Rick Kosticki
Robbie McCain

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.

We would like to extend our prayers and condolences to Stephanie Boysen and her family, over the death of her grandmother.

Calling all Green Thumbs!

The Memorial Committee is seeking friends with love for growing things to help weed and nurture the Memorial Garden. You are welcome to volunteer a specific time, random drop-ins or whatever fits your schedule. Please visit with Merle Korizek, Rose Leavitt or Kathy Chambers if you are interested joining us in adding to the beauty of the church grounds. Thank you.

CIRCLE MEETINGS SCHEDULE

Abigail Circle	1 st Tuesday	9:30 a.m.
Esther Circle	1 st Tuesday	9:30 a.m.
Rebekah Circle	1 st Thursday	9:30 a.m.



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

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?

Prayer Request:

This week we are praying for the Presbytery's Committee on Ministry (COM). This is a group of hard-working people! They have many ministries, some of which are:

To serve as pastor and counselor to pastors. To facilitate the relationships between congregations, Teaching Elders, and Commissioned Ruling Elders and to settle difficulties in those relationships.

To guide and supervise those who are seeking to become a pastor.

To examine and welcome pastors who come into Glacier Presbytery.

As you can tell, their ministry is often complex and sometimes challenging!

The membership of the COM is always balanced between Teaching Elders and Ruling Elders. The current members are: Peggie Oury (moderator), Courtney Arntzen, Tim Dalstrom, Dave Dobbs, Sherry Edwards, Steve Hundley, Tim Lanham, Terilyn Lawson, Rose Leavitt, Don Patterson, Hap Peters, and Butch Plowman.

Please keep these wonderful people and their important ministries in your prayers.



MOVIE NIGHT

May 19, 2017, at 6:00 pm

The Princess Bride

A fairy tale adventure about a beautiful young woman and her one true love.
He must find her after a long separation and save her from an evil prince.



Memory Verse:

But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.

- Matthew 6:19-21

Thought for the Week:

When faith and hope fail, as they do sometimes, we must try charity, which is love in action. We must speculate no more on our duty, but simply do it. When we have done it, however blindly, perhaps Heaven will show us why.

- Dinah Craik (English novelist and poet, 1826-1887)