

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

“In 25 Words or Less”



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

535 North Ewing Street
Helena, MT 59601

May 21, 2017

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
MAY 21, 2017

Lay Liturgist – Les Cramer

* *Please stand if you are able*

PRELUDE: “Chant de Paix” (Song of Peace) by Jean Langlais (1907-1991)

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: Blessed is God, who hears our prayers,

People: Whose steadfast love endures forever.

* GATHERING HYMN: “When Morning Gilds the Skies” #215

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(unison)*

Lord of all creation, of time, of space; we ask for the wisdom and courage to speak up about things of life and to remain quiet when we lack such words. If we speak when we shouldn't, it may be annoying or embarrassing; if we remain silent when we should speak, we are guilty of complicity. Help us to know when voice or silence is called for. *(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 “Hush! Somebody's Callin' My Name” *Trad. Spiritual, arr. Brazeal W. Dennard*

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

GOSPEL READING: **John 14:15-21**

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ACTS OF THE APOSTLES READING:	Acts 17:22-31	Page 1724
EPISTLE READING:	1 Peter 3:13-22	Page 1890
SERMON:	“In 25 Words or Less”	Rev. Scott Wipperman
* RESPONSE HYMN:	“O Love That Will Not Let Me Go”	#606
INVITATION TO OFFERING		
PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES & OFFERINGS		
OFFERTORY:	“Ballade en Mode Phrygien” by Jehan Alain (1911-1940)	
*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:	“In Christ There Is No East or West”	#428
BENEDICTION		
CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE	“God Be With You”	#232
POSTLUDE:	“Grand Jeu” by Jean Langlais	

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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Sunday Worship: 10:00 AM
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CALENDAR OF THE WEEK

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
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Monday	22	6:00 pm	Helena X-Press Singers
		7:00 pm	Girl Scouts
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Tuesday	23	11:00 am	Bridge Club - ACBL Unit 411
		7:00 pm	Boy Scouts
		7:00 pm	AL-ANON meeting
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Wednesday	24	9:30 am	Willing Workers
		7:00 pm	Choir practice
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Thursday	25	11:00 am	Bridge Club – ACBL Unit 411
		4:00 pm	Praise Band practice
		7:00 pm	“It’s In the Book” - AA Group
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Friday	26	12:00 pm	Small Group
		1:00 pm	Hand & Foot in Ruth Room
		7:00 pm	AA- Friday Night Speaker
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Sunday	28	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 ⁽²¹⁾
Elroy & Lucille Letcher
Judy Birch

Ushers Next Week ⁽²⁸⁾
Kathy Chambers, Carole Massman
Mary Wright

Called Congregational Meeting

There will be a Called Congregational Meeting of the First Presbyterian Church **TODAY** 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.

USHER TRAINING

June 4, 2017 11:15 a.m.

There will be Usher Training following the worship service on Sunday, June 4, 2017 in Lib. West.

“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.

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 dropins 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.

A very special *thank you* to the Deacons for bringing communion to Donna Carey and me at Son Heaven. We do appreciate this so much. Bless you all!

Mazie Radcliff

“Lost Soles” Returns

Our next Lost Soles hike will be Sunday, June 11. Jane and Pastor Scott are still brainstorming where we will hike (possibly a quick trip to K2!?!). Wear good walking shoes and bring some water and sun screen - *trail-mix* if you like!

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.



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.

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?

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL TRAINING

Tuesday, May 30, 2017, at 10:00 am

There will be training for the volunteers. Many community children have signed up, we need lots of church volunteers for various parts of VBS. Contact Lexsey for more details.

Next Presbytery Retreat!

The next Presbytery Retreat is June 17 & 18 in Hot Springs, MT. We are having another great guest speaker, Ben Mathes, the founder of Rivers of the World. For over 20 years, ROW has tackled critical needs in some of the most remote areas on the planet, providing both medical care and “spiritual care” - leading thousands to Christ. Ben is also an ordained Presbyterian Pastor. The Hot Springs congregation is inviting you to come early on Friday the 16th and enjoy the hot springs and/or fellowship at the church. Some reserved rooms are at Alameda’s (406-741-2283); ask for the Presbytery/Risa Paul block. See poster around the church for more information.

Lanham Lectures & Come to the Waters at Glacier Camp

Come to the 7th annual “Tim Lanham Lectures” at Glacier Camp on July 9-11. Tim is the pastor of Sunrise Presbyterian Church in Great Falls, MT - and is very good at “original languages” (i.e., Hebrew and Greek). The title of the retreat is “Creation, Redemption, and the Kingdom of God.” The Bible gives witness to God’s acts of creation in more than just the first two chapters of Genesis. Tim will explore where and why these themes of creation occur, and we’ll discuss the significant connection between the Bible’s understanding of God as Creator and God as Redeemer. See posters for more information and call Marsha Anson to register (406.871.2135)

Spring Clean Up

Mark your calendars!! June 2 & 3 (Friday and Saturday) will be your next opportunity to help “spruce up” the church. Soon, sign-up sheets will be available by the entry for you to signal how you’d like to participate.

Memory Verse

When pride comes, then comes disgrace; but wisdom is with the humble.

- Proverbs 11:2

Thought for the week

For it is through humility ... that holiness - and poetry - find entrance to the human soul.

- Lan Samantha Chang