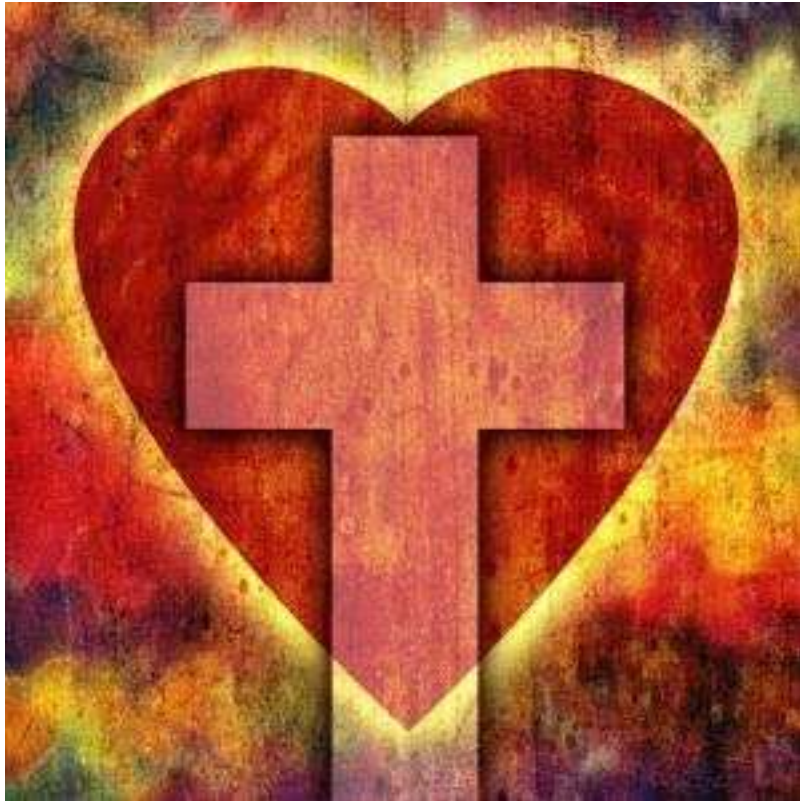


*Spreading the Good News of Christ  
Through Our Love, Words, and Actions*

# **“From the Heart”**



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

535 North Ewing Street  
Helena, MT 59601

**August 20, 2017**

**CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP**  
**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
**AUGUST 20, 2017**

*Lay Liturgist – Dianna Goodman*

\* *Please stand if you are able*

PRELUDE: “Minuet and March” from *The Musical Clocks* by Franz Josef Haydn (1732-1809)

WELCOME

PREPARING OUR HEARTS *a time of silence*

OPENING PRAYER

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good.

**People: God’s steadfast love endures forever.**

Leader: Maintain justice, and do what is right.

**People: God our Savior is coming soon.**

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

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(unison)*

**Our heart - it is constantly in motion, pumping blood nonstop, day and night. Life comes from our heart, and so much more. Lord, excuse us for not giving our heart the attention, respect, and care we should. Take us by the hand and lead us along the path of *heart stewardship* to an even more capable heart that is pleasing to 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

SPECIAL MUSIC: “Come to the Waters” by G. F. Handel, Mike Swisher and Art Bumgardner, duet

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Genesis 45:1-11 Page 74

PSALM READING: Psalm 133:1a, 3b Page 970

LEARNING WITH THE CHILDREN

EPISTLE READING:	<b>Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32</b>	<b>Page 1761</b>
GOSPEL READING:	<b>Matthew 15:10-20</b>	<b>Page 1521</b>
SERMON:	<b>“From the Heart”</b>	<b>Rev. Scott Wipperman</b>
* RESPONSE HYMN:	<b>“Though I May Speak/The Gift of Love”</b>	<b>See screen</b>
INVITATION TO OFFERING		
PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES & OFFERINGS		
OFFERTORY:	<b>“For the Music of Creation”</b> <i>by Hubert H. Parry, arr. Lloyd Larson, Mike Swisher and Art Bumgardner, duet</i>	
*DOXOLOGY		
*PRAYER OF DEDICATION		
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE		
UNISON LORD’S PRAYER		
	<b>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.</b>	
THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH		
* SENDING HYMN:	<b>“There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy”</b>	<b>See screen</b>
BENEDICTION		
CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE	<b>“God Be With You”</b>	<b>#232</b>
POSTLUDE:	<b>“Fugue in A Major”</b> <i>by William Selby (1738-1798)</i>	

# CALENDAR OF THE WEEK

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>20</b>	10:00 am	Worship Service / Education Hour
		<b>11:30ish</b>	<b>ALL-CHURCH PICNIC - L&amp;C Fairgrounds</b>
		12:00 pm	AA Study Group
<b>Monday</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>9:30ish</b>	<b>Solar Eclipse Party</b>
		6:00 pm	Helena X-Press Singers
		7:00 pm	Girl Scouts
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>22</b>	11:00 am	Bridge Club – ACBL Unit 411
		7:00 pm	Boy Scouts
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>23</b>	9:30 am	Willing Workers
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>24</b>	11:00 am	Bridge Club – ACBL Unit 411
		4:00 pm	Praise Band
		7:00 pm	AA - District #11 meeting
		7:00 pm	“It’s In the Book - AA Group
<b>Friday</b>	<b>25</b>	1:00 pm	Hand & Foot in Ruth Room
		<b>6:00 pm</b>	<b>Bingo Night</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>27</b>	10:00 am	Worship Service / Education Hour
		12:00 pm	AA Study Group



**ALL-CHURCH ANNUAL PICNIC**  
**TODAY** following the worship service at the  
 Lewis & Clark Fairgrounds playground pavilion.

## Deacons-On-Call

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

Carole Massman (443-5281)  
 Rose Leavitt (443-4783)

## Ushers

**Ushers Today** <sup>(20)</sup>  
 Elroy & Lucille Letcher  
 Matthew Richards

**Ushers Next Week** <sup>(27)</sup>  
 Carole Massman, Kathy Chambers  
 Mary Wright

Elizabeth Circle will be up going again starting September 5th. We will meet the first Tuesday of the month at 7:00 pm at the Church. This is a part of our Presbyterian Women's organization here at First Presbyterian Church. Please contact Joy Edgar at 202-2200 if you are interested in joining or for more information. All women are welcome!

# Prayer for Strength and Healing

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Bob Burns  
Sally Luke  
Donna Carey  
Jinx Sampson  
Doris Casebolt  
Mazie Radcliffe  
Yvonne Moody  
Steve Granzow  
Linda Granzow  
Louise Cramer  
Gale Johnson

Newell Anderson  
Toston LaFournaise  
Heather Voeller Waters  
Court Bourne, Pastor Scott's son  
Vella Raucy, Susan Steffens' mother  
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  
Cathy Leavitt, Rose Leavitt's daughter- in-law

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## Please keep the Military in your Prayers

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Dan Boyer  
Barry Mattson  
Grant Demaree

Rick Kosticki  
Robbie McCain

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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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## ***Come to the Waters***

San Francisco Theological Seminary Seminars  
*Exploring our Faith, Expanding our Understanding*

Monday, August 28, to Wednesday, August 30  
Glacier Presbyterian Center (the camp!)  
Dr. Jim McDonald, President of SFTS

The world is in a profound state of turmoil. This seminar will explore the biblical and theological foundations of the Church's loving, hopeful engagement with the world, and ask how a pastor and congregation can be both prophetic and pastoral in pursuing ministries of justice, healing, and peace.

The class begins with dinner on Monday at 6:00 PM and ends at noon on Wednesday. For more information, log onto [glacierpresbytery.org](http://glacierpresbytery.org) and follow the link under Upcoming Events to SFTS Class.

# PRAYER REQUEST

We are continuing to pray for our ministry partners. This week we are praying for Montana Association of Christians (MAC). MAC is an ecumenical group that seeks to serve Jesus together.

MAC's covenant is: *We covenant as ecclesiastical judicatories, congregations, non-profit organizations, and individuals in Montana to make visible our unity in Jesus.*

MAC's Mission is:

*We are called together by God to,*

- 1. Pray together as one*
- 2. Be present in our state's broken places*
- 3. Walk in the freedom and openness of the Holy Spirit*

With the newly reorganized MAC individuals, congregations may become members. One of our own is the PC(USA) representative to MAC - Marshall Gingery. If you'd like to learn more about MAC, you can go to: <http://www.macmt.org/>.

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**Our Administrative Assistant, Bruce, will be on vacation to see his new grandson and kids from August 21 - Sept. 1. Rose Leavitt has graciously agreed to help watch the office during this time. However, if anyone would like to help Rose during times she needs to be out, please contact either Rose, Scott or the church office at 442-4775 to coordinate such times. Thank you so much.**

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## Solar Eclipse Party

Come join us in observing the solar eclipse on **Monday, August 21**. It will be a 90% eclipse here in Helena. The eclipse will begin (when the moon just starts covering the sun) at 10:17 am. It will reach its peak at 11:34 am, and the sun will be completely free of the moon by 12:56 pm. We have 25 pairs of eclipse glasses (or if you just happen to have a welding helmet laying around, you can bring that and be "cool"), and we will have chairs and snacks set up in the parking lot. So come and experience this cosmic event!



**Friday, August 25, at 6:00 pm here at FPC!!  
Pizza, Pop, Snacks, Prizes and Fun!!**



# PC(USA) Leaders Speak Out Against White Supremacy

“In the wake of a weekend of violence in Charlottesville, Virginia, fomented by the ‘alt-right,’ four top leaders of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) today issued a statement condemning white supremacy and racism.” The letter affirms our belief that all are children of God and created equal. It praises the faithful witness of clergy and laity in Charlottesville to the love of Christ in the face of hate. The statement declares, “White supremacy and racism stand in stark, irreconcilable contradiction to God’s intention for humanity,” acknowledges that scripture has been misused historically in justifying racism, and notes the church’s complicity in systematic racism. It calls for us individually and as a community of faith to “stand against, speak against and work against racism and white supremacy, this day and every day.”

Our Website and Facebook page have links to the complete letter from the four PC(USA) leaders. We recommend that you read the article and follow their invitation to stand against both overt and systematic debasement of peoples.

***Pastor Scott and the Session of FPC***

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## Intermountain Giving

For those of you who have noticed the giant palm tree in the corner while drinking coffee on Sunday, the Mission Committee is gathering summer items for Intermountain Children's Home.

There are palm leaves hanging on tri-fold board in the Narthex, with items that can be purchased and then returned to the palm tree for donation through the end of August. If you would like to help but do not want to go shopping, or would like to contribute towards a larger cost item, you may also give a donation and items will be purchased for you. If you have any questions, please ask one of your committee members.

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## Memory Verse

The way of peace they do not know; there is no justice in their paths. They have turned them into crooked roads; no one who walks along them will know peace.

- Isaiah 59:8

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## Thought of the Week

The biggest indictment of the way we teach American history is that people can look at Charlottesville and say, "This is not who we are."

- Jelani Cobb / [@jelani9](#) (American writer, author, and educator; The Ira A. Lipman Professor of Journalism at Columbia University)

# 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  
Kelly Craigle  
Ann Swisher

## ELDERS

Marsha Davis - 2018  
John Gneckow - 2018  
Melissa Stiles - 2018  
John Warren - 2018  
Linda Bench - 2019  
Kathy Chambers - 2019  
Marvin Carpenter - 2019  
Dianna Goodman - 2019  
Judy Birch - 2020  
Marshall Gingery - 2020  
Matthew Richards - 2020  
  
Elaine Gingery, Clerk

## DEACONS

Carol Gneckow - 2018  
Corky Lord - 2018  
Carole Massman - 2018  
Jim & Charlotte Meyer - 2018  
Rena Bumgardner - 2019  
Joy Edgar - 2019  
Arlyn "Butch" Plowman - 2019  
Ward & Mary Stiles - 2019  
Art Bumgardner - 2020  
Patti Borsberry - 2020  
Rose Leavitt - 2020  
Judy Patton - 2020  
Pearle Plowman - 2020

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