

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

“Living Sacrifices: Sounds Dangerous”



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (USA)

535 North Ewing Street
Helena, MT 59601

August 27, 2017

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP
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Lay Liturgist – Art Bumgardner

* *Please stand if you are able*

PRELUDE: “Praludium” by Hans Friedrich Micheelsen (1902-1973)

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: Present your bodies as a living sacrifice.

People: This is our spiritual worship.

* GATHERING HYMN: “Here in This Place/Gather Us In” See Screen

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(unison)*

Lord, you come to bless me with gifts. Unfortunately I have so much I want to hold onto, and my hands are full. It is hard choosing what I might let go of in order to accept even one of your gifts. And, to be honest, some of your “gifts” don’t look all that great or worth that much money. If you really want to bless me, give me more hands, then I can hold my stuff and yours. Deal?
(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: Bluegrass Medley Dianna Goodman

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING: **Exodus 1:8-21**

LEARNING WITH THE CHILDREN

EPISTLE READING: **Romans 12:1-8**

SERMON: **“Living Sacrifices: Sounds Dangerous” Rev. Scott Wipperman**

* RESPONSE HYMN: **“One Bread One Body”** See Screen

INVITATION TO OFFERING

PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES & OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY: **“Fairest Lord Jesus” by Hermann Schroeder (1904-1984)**

*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, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing”** Screen

BENEDICTION

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE **“God Be With You”** #232

POSTLUDE: **“Finale” by Hans Friedrich Micheelsen**

CALENDAR OF THE WEEK

Sunday	27	10:00 am	Worship Service / Education Hour
		12:00 pm	AA Study Group
Monday	28	6:00 pm	Helena X-Press Singers
		7:00 pm	Girl Scouts
Tuesday	29	12:00 pm	Bridge Club – ACBL Unit 411
		7:00 pm	Boy Scouts
Wednesday	30	9:30 am	Willing Workers
Thursday	31	12:00 pm	Bridge Club – ACBL Unit 411
		4:00 pm	Praise Band
		7:00 pm	“It’s In the Book - AA Group
Friday	1	1:00 pm	Hand & Foot in Ruth Room
Sunday	3	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)
Rose Leavitt (443-4783)

Ushers

Ushers Today ⁽²⁰⁾

Carole Massman, Kathy Chambers
Mary Wright

Ushers Next Week ⁽³⁾

Linda Bench, Judy Birch
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!



Prayers for Strength and Healing

Bob Burns
Sally Luke
Linda Bench
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

Please keep the Military in your Prayers

Dan Boyer
Barry Mattson
Grant Demaree

Rick Kosticki
Robbie McCain

Prayer Request Cards

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.

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.

PRAYER REQUEST

This week let's pray for unity. Not the type of "unity" where "everyone is entitled to my opinion", which we hear so often from political leaders. Rather, a unity where we agree on the important things yet are open to individuals' unique perspectives; a unity on Christ's teachings of love, humility, and service. United in the belief that we are God's children, all of us. A unity around bringing about good and standing against evil. United in speaking of God's love, and acting in God's love (you know, "Preach the gospel continually; when necessary use words"). United in compassion and empathy for others, being open to hear their experiences and comprehending their contexts. And, all the people said "Amen" (which is "Let it be so").



SPECIAL PRAYERS ARE NEEDED!

The folks living in the South Hills area need your prayers that the fires will not take any of their homes. Several families have already been evacuated, however, no homes have been lost as of this time.

Memory Verse

Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has dawned upon you.
- Isaiah 60:1

Thought of the Week

Our comfort or discomfort with the outer dark is a good barometer of how we feel about the inner kind.



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S CIRCLES

With fall just around the corner, Presbyterian Women would like to extend an invitation to all of the women in our church to become a member of one of our circle groups. Our PW meetings will begin in September and each circle meets at the church.

There are four women's circles who meet once a month. The bible study is the main focus of our meetings and we also conduct any business that may come before the group. This year **Abigail Circle** will continue their study entitled "**Finding God in the Broken Places**", **Esther Circle** will be exploring a study from our "Horizons" magazine entitled, "**Cloud of the Witnesses**", **Elizabeth Circle** will be choosing a study at their first meeting since they are a new group this year and **Rebekah Circle** will continue with a study entitled "**Encouraging One Another**".

Circles share a schedule of responsibilities during the year which includes our Mission Luncheon, the fall Bazaar, the Christmas Tea and the Birthday Luncheon.

CIRCLE MEETING SCHEDULES

Abigail	1st Tuesday	10:00 a.m.
Elizabeth	1st Tuesday	7:00 p.m.
Esther	1st Tuesday	9:30 a.m.
Rebekah	1st Thursday	9:30 a.m.

Our PW Moderator, Rena Bumgardner, can be contacted at 406-468-8341 if you have any questions. **Please join us for an exciting year of study, service, fellowship and fun!**

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
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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