

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

## **“THE TROUBLE WITH EVIL”**



Nothing can come  
against you~that's  
greater than God's  
Power that is  
backing  
you.

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (USA)**  
535 North Ewing Street  
Helena, MT 59601

**September 3, 2017**

**CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP**  
**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
**SEPTEMBER 3, 2017**

*Lay Liturgist – Joy Edgar*

\* *Please stand if you are able*

PRELUDE

“Awake, Awake to Love and Work” by Wilber Held (1914-2015)

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: God said to Moses: I am who I am.

**People: This is the name of the Lord forever.**

\* GATHERING HYMN:

“God of Our Fathers”

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CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*(unison)*

**We find the notion of *Karma* attractive - if you sow evil you will reap evil. And frankly, we might fantasize about being that instrument of “evil repaid” in some situations.**

**Probably not in accordance with what You, Lord, find attractive... *(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

SPECIAL MUSIC

“Novelette” by Francis Poulenc Ann Swisher, piano

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

EPISTLE READING:

**Romans 12:9-21**

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LEARNING WITH THE CHILDREN

GOSPEL READING:

**Matthew 16:21-28**

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SERMON:

**“The Trouble with Evil”**

**Rev. Scott Wiperman**

\*RESPONSE HYMN

**“The Servant Song”**

**#424**

THE EUCHARIST

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

AFFIRMATION (*unison*) *Apostles Creed PC(USA) Book of Confessions Sections 2.1-2.3*

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended to heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

THE OFFERING

INVITATION TO OFFERING

PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES & OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY **“All Things Bright and Beautiful”** *by Wilbur Held (music from the Meyers)*

\*DOXOLOGY

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

UNISON LORD’S PRAYER

THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

\*SENDING HYMN

**“God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending”**

**See Screen**

BENEDICTION

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

**“God Be With You”**

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POSTLUDE

**“Praise the Almighty, My Soul, Adore Him”** *by Jan Bender (1909-1994)*

## Calendar of the Week

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>3</b>	10:00 am	Worship Service / Education Hour
		12::00 pm	AA Study Group
<b>Monday</b>	<b>4</b>		<b>Labor Day – Office Closed</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>5</b>	9:30 am	<b>Abigail Circle</b> – at the church
		9:30 am	<b>Esther Circle</b> – at the church
		11:00 am	Bridge Club – ACBL Unit 411
		5:30 pm	Personnel Committee meeting
		7:00 pm	<b>Elizabeth Circle</b> – at the church
		7:00 pm	AL-ANON meeting
		7:00 pm	Boy Scouts
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>6</b>	9:30 am	Willing Workers
		11:30 am	Congregational Fellowship meeting
		11:30 am	Pathways Buffet – Covenant Methodist Church
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>7</b>	9:30 am	<b>Rebekah Circle</b> – at the church
		11:00 am	Bridge Club – ACBL Unit 411
		4:00 pm	Praise Band
		7:00 pm	AA – District # 61 meeting
		7:00 pm	“It’s in the Book” – AA Group
<b>Friday</b>	<b>8</b>	1:00 pm	Hand & Foot – in the Ruth Room
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>10</b>	10:00 am	Worship Service / Education Hour
		12::00 pm	AA Study Group
		2:00 pm	“ <i>Lost Soles</i> ” Hike

### Deacons on Call

**Need a ride, a meal or a home repair? Call a Deacon on Call:** Joy Edgar (202-2000)  
Ward & Mary Stiles (443-4953)

### Ushers

#### Ushers Today

Linda Bench, Judy Birch  
May Wright

#### Ushers Next Week

John and Carol Gneckow  
Lexsey Carpenter, Sheryl Erickson

### CONGRATULATIONS

**Congratulations to Joe and Britta Steffens on the birth of their daughter, Ella Louise weighing 7lbs. 11ounces- born August 22!  
The very proud grandparents are Joe and Susan Steffens.**

## **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 Steffen's 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's daughter-in-law

## **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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## **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.

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## **PRAYER REQUEST**

We are continuing to pray for our partners in ministry. This week we are praying for the Synod of the Rocky Mountains,

Just as each presbytery cares for a region of churches, each presbytery is in a synod which is comprised of a number of presbyteries. Our Synod is the Synod of the Rocky Mountains which contains eight presbyteries in four states. These presbyteries are Utah, Western Colorado, Pueblo, Denver, Plains and Peaks, Wyoming, Yellowstone and us - Glacier Presbytery

To learn more about the Synod go to: [www.synodrm.org](http://www.synodrm.org). Please keep the Synod of the Rocky Mountains and its presbyteries in your prayers.



## **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!**

Our annual “**Heavenly Harvest Bazaar**” will be held on Friday and Saturday, October 20th and 21st. Thanks to all of you who have been so generous in contributing to the bazaars in the past. As you know it take the entire church to make a successful bazaar. **We need your help and donated items.**

Wednesday Willing Workers spend much of their time throughout the year working on a variety of Mission sewing projects which include sewing baby layettes, making stuffed dolls, knitting prayer shawls and lap robes for nursing home occupants and making quilts, just to name a few. We would greatly welcome any sewing or crafts that **you** might have been working on at home.

Be thinking about what you could contribute to the Bakery. (Best sellers are: pies, candy, bread, rolls and **LOTS** of cookies)! We need at least 50 pies for lunch to go along with the homemade soups that the kitchen crew will be preparing. Extra pies will be sold in the bakery.

If you have been making jams, jellies, pickles, etc. in your own home, they would certainly be welcome.

**Thanks to all for your help!**

Lucille Letcher

Bazaar Chair

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### Memory Verse

***Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you.  
- Colossians 3:13***

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### Thought for the Week

***The crucified planet Earth, should it find a voice and a sense of irony, might now well say of our abuse of it, “Forgive them Father, they know not what they do.” The irony would be that we know what we are doing.  
- Kurt Vonnegut***