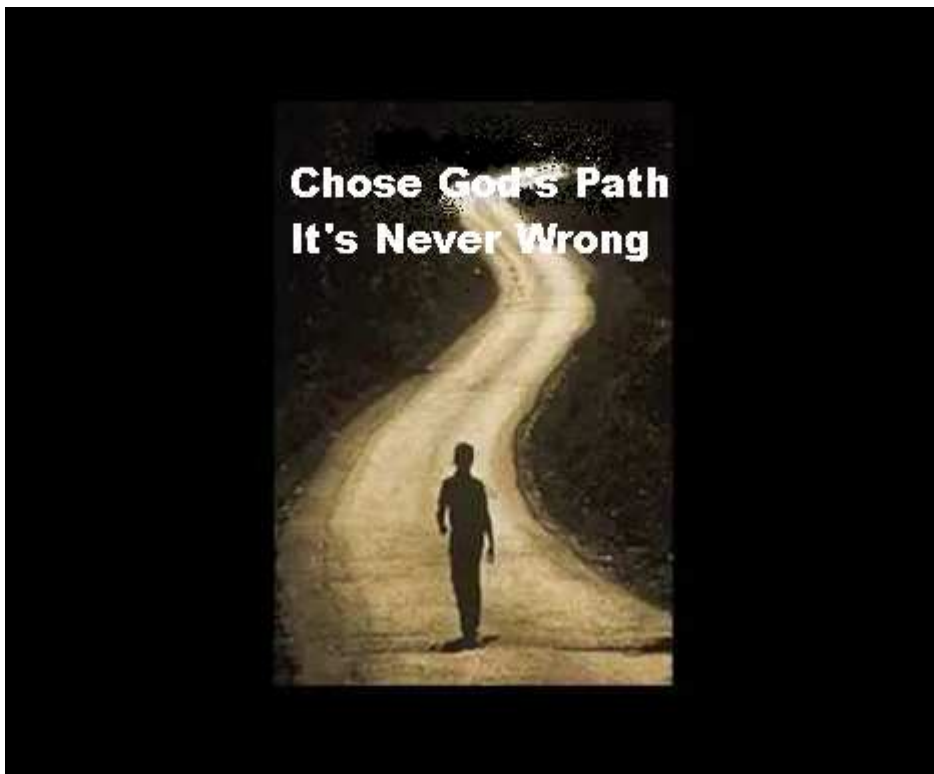


Spreading the Good News of Christ
Through Our Love, Words, and Actions

“Decrees and Promises”



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

535 North Ewing Street
Helena, MT 59601

September 10, 2017

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
SEPTEMBER 10, 2017

Lay Liturgist – PRAISE TEAM

* *Please stand if you are able*

PRELUDE:

“Everlasting God”

Jennie Lee Riddle

“Revelation Song”

Brenton Brown, Ken Riley

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: Love does no wrong to a neighbor;

People: Love is the fulfillment of the law.

* GATHERING HYMN:

“Be Unto Your Name”

See insert

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(unison)

Lord, you show us the path, but sometimes we choose not to look. We wander wherever it seems attractive - maybe on Your path, or maybe on some other trail. Lord, we ask for help; train our eye to see Your path, and form our heart to desire to walk that path.

(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

ANTHEM:

“Oceans, Where Feet May Fail”

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

PSALM READING:

Psalm 119:33-40

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LEARNING WITH THE CHILDREN

EPISTLE READING: **Romans 13:8-10** **Page 1765**

GOSPEL READING: **Matthew 18:19-20** **Page 1527**

SERMON: **“Decrees and Promises”** **Rev. Scott Wipperman**

* RESPONSE HYMN: **“You Are My King”** **See insert**

INVITATION TO OFFERING

PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES & OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY: **“Offering”** **Paul Baloche**

*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: **“Shine Jesus Shine”** **See insert**

BENEDICTION

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

CALENDAR OF THE WEEK

Sunday	10	10:00 am	Worship Service / Education Hour
		11:15 am	Deacons meeting
		12:00 pm	AA Study Group
		2:00 pm	Lost Soles Hike
Monday	11	10:00 am	<i>Education Committee meeting</i>
		6:00 pm	Helena X-Press Singers
		7:00 pm	Girl Scouts
Tuesday	12	10:00 am	Abigail Circle
		10:00 am	Worship Committee meeting
		11:00 am	Bridge Club – ACBL Unit 411
		5:30 pm	Administration Committee meeting
		6:00 pm	Mission Committee meeting
		7:00 pm	AL-ANON meeting
		7:00 pm	Building & Grounds Committee meeting
		7:00 pm	Boy Scouts
Wednesday	13	9:30 am	Willing Workers
Thursday	14	11:00 pm	Bridge Club – ACBL Unit 411
		4:00 pm	Praise Band
		5:00 pm	AL-ANON District #11
		7:00 pm	“It’s In the Book - AA Group
Friday	15	1:00 pm	Hand & Foot in Ruth Room
Sunday	17	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:

Joy Edgar (202-2200)
Ward & Mary Stiles (443-4783)

Ushers

Ushers Today ⁽¹⁰⁾

John & Carol Gneckow
Sheryl Eriksen

Ushers Next Week ⁽¹⁷⁾

Elroy & Lucille Letcher
Matthew Richards

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.

PRAYER REQUEST

Calling all Prayer Partners (if you're reading this, that's you!). This week we are praying for our communities. We pray for those who have been evacuated due to the threat of fire, for those with breathing difficulties who are struggling for life-giving air, for the firefighters who toil day after day to keep us safe, for those who watch in dread as fires move closer to their communities. May we find ways to spread Jesus' compassion, love and kindness to our neighbors and in our communities.

Glacier Camp Donor Appreciation Dinner

Saturday September 6, 2017

First Presbyterian Church, Great Falls, MT

The Board and Staff of Glacier Camp invite you to join us for our Donor Appreciation Dinner Saturday, September 16, First Presbyterian Church, 1315 Central Avenue, downstairs in the social hall, Great Falls. Dinner served at 5:30 pm. Please RSVP (406) 844-2114 as seating is limited and first-come, first-served. The evening will include camper testimonials, remarks from the Board, Glacier Camp giving opportunity and honoring stars of our ministry. Peace to all, Carol Gneckow, co-moderator, Glacier Camp Board, capricorn2@bresnan.net, (406) 442-9309.

Heavenly Harvest Bazaar

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

PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE NEWS

As news comes in on the devastating effects of Hurricane Harvey in Texas, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance is organizing a response that will help sustain life and restore hope in the coming days.

“Our hearts break and rise up in prayer for the people of Texas,” said the Rev. Dr. Laurie Kraus, PDA director. “Right now, we need the church’s prayers and financial assistance.”

You can Support Presbyterian Disaster Assistance’s emergency response and long-term recovery work in the areas affected by Hurricane Harvey. Designate gifts to DR000169-Harvey in the memo portion of your check and mail to: Presbyterian Mission Agency; 100 Witherspoon Street; Louisville, KY 40202.

You can also give with a credit card by visiting presbyterianmission.org/GIVE-HARVEY or by phone at 800-872-3283.

And, of course, PRAY:

God, our Shelter,

Be a strong presence in the lives of neighbors who, having survived the winds and rains of Harvey, now face grief, uncertainty and weary days. May our generosity in prayer and in tangible signs of support overflow more than floodwaters, to sustain your work of healing and rebuilding and to bring comfort and strength to those who suffer. *Amen.*

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

Thought for the Week

“Let the first act of every morning be to make the following resolve for the day:

- I shall not fear anyone on Earth.
- I shall fear only God.
- I shall not bear ill will toward anyone.
- I shall not submit to injustice from anyone.
- I shall conquer untruth by truth. And in resisting untruth, I shall put up with all suffering.”

- Mahatma Gandhi

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!



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Marsha Davis - 2018
John Gneckow - 2018
Melissa Stiles - 2018
John Warren - 2018
Linda Bench - 2019
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Dianna Goodman - 2019
Judy Birch - 2020
Marshall Gingery - 2020
Matthew Richards - 2020

Elaine Gingery, Clerk

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