

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

# “Nothing Is Impossible”



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

535 North Ewing Street  
Helena, MT 59601

**December 10, 2017**

# **CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP**

## **FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

**2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT / CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS SPECIAL**  
**DECEMBER 10, 2017**

*\* Please stand if you are able*

### **WE GATHER**

GATHERING MUSIC     **“From Heaven Above to Earth I Come”**  
*by Johann Pachelbel (1653-1706)*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

THRESHOLD MOMENT:     ***#MorePeace***

\*OPENING HYMN:             **“People, Look East”**                     **See screen**

THE PEACE OF CHRIST

**I invite you to pass the peace and hope of Christ with your neighbors,  
for each time we connect with one another, hope grows.**

GLORIA PATRI

### **WE PROCLAIM**

SCRIPTURE:                     **Luke 1:26-56** *(adopted from The Voice translation)*

THE WORD IN MUSIC     **“A Little Light Was Born”** *by Michael Barrett*

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD     **“Nothing Is Impossible”**  
**Rev. Scott Wiperman**

## WE RESPOND

\*RESPONSE HYMN:           **“Lo! How a Rose E’er Blooming”**           **#255**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYERS FOR OTHERS

CONFESSION

INVITATION TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY           **“The Carol of the Birds”**  
*by Eric H. Thiman, Art Bumgardner, bass*

\*DOXOLOGY

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

## WE GO FORTH

\*CLOSING HYMN           **“Angels, from the Realms of Glory”**           **#259**

CHILDREN’S PROGRAM

*Songs of Angels and Peace*

**“Hark! the Herald Angels Sing”**

**“I’ve Got Peace Like A River”**

**“The Angels Sing”**

**“My Lighthouse”**

THE MISSION TO THE MESSENGERS

BENEDICTION

MUSIC FOR GOING OUT   **“Savior of the Nations, Come”**  
*by A. Nikolaus Vetter (1666-1710)*

# CALENDAR OF THE WEEK

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<b>Sunday</b>	<b>10</b>	8:30 am	Sunday Morning Small Group Study
		10:00 am	Worship Service / Education Hour <i>Children's Christmas Sunday</i>
		12:00 pm	AA Study Group
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<b>Monday</b>	<b>11</b>	6:00 pm	Helena X-Press Singers
		7:00 pm	Girl Scouts
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<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>12</b>	10:00 am	Worship Committee meeting
		11:00 pm	Bridge Club – ACBL Unit 411
		5:30 pm	Administration Committee meeting
		6:00 pm	Mission Committee meeting
		7:00 pm	Building & Grounds Committee meeting
		7:00 pm	AL-ANON meeting
		7:00 pm	Boy Scouts
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<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>13</b>	10:00 am	Willing Workers
		7:00 pm	Choir Practice
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<b>Thursday</b>	<b>14</b>	11:00 am	Bridge Club – ACBL Unit 411
		4:00 pm	Praise Band
		7:00 pm	AA - District #11
		7:00 pm	"It's In the Book - AA Group
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<b>Friday</b>	<b>15</b>	12:00 pm	Friday Study Group
		1:00 pm	Hand & Foot - Ruth Room
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<b>Sunday</b>	<b>17</b>	8:30 am	Sunday Morning Small Group Study
		10:00 am	Worship Service / Education Hour <i>Choir Christmas Extravaganza</i>
		12:00 pm	AA Study Group

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## Deacons-On-Call

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

Jim & Charlotte Meyer (449-3030)

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## Ushers

### Ushers Today <sup>(10)</sup>

Sheryl Eriksen, Corky Lord  
John & Carol Gneckow

### Ushers Next Week <sup>(17)</sup>

Elroy & Lucille Letcher  
Matthew Richards

## Prayers for Strength and Healing

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Sally Luke  
Bob Burns  
B. J. Burns  
Donna Carey  
John Gneckow  
Doris Casebolt  
Mazie Radcliffe  
Yvonne Moody  
Steve Granzow  
Linda Granzow  
Louise Cramer  
Toston LaFournaise  
Amanda Grimmatt

Gale Johnson  
Newell Anderson  
Jennifer Massman  
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  
Cathy Leavitt, Rose Leavitt's daughter-in-law  
Heather McAllister, Pastor Scott's daughter  
Nicole McAllister, Pastor Scott's grand-daughter  
Annaliese Rose Hammerschmidt - Amanda  
Grimmett's daughter

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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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## 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) or next to the cross in the Youth room, 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

This week we are praying for those who mourn. We pray for those who find the Christmas season a time of deep despair, for those who are desperately missing a loved one, for those who ache from the injustices or violence. Lord God, help us to recognize these people in our congregations, offices, stores and families and show us how to bring comfort to them. Help us embody the love of Jesus.



## **2017 Per Capita**

If you pledged to offer a Per Capita contribution for 2017 and have yet to do so, this would be a great time to make that donation! And, even if you didn't pledge to do so, FPC would appreciate it if you made such a donation. The Per Capita rate for 2017 was \$40 per member. Thanks to all who have made Per Capita donations in 2017! If you are making your 2018 pledge, please consider pledging to offer the Per Capita donation - \$45 dollars per member for this coming year. Per Capita funds the operations of our connectional church from the Presbytery, up through Synod, to the General Assembly.

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## **Year-End Donations**

As you consider making year end donations, please keep FPC in mind! Session began 2017 with a \$62k "faith budget", meaning that we moved forward in faith that the \$62k gap between our anticipated income and our budgeted expenses would be closed.

Through the generosity of members, friends, and guests and careful stewardship of our budget, FPC's expenses through October are just \$12,831 greater than our income (had we not been meeting our faith budget at all we'd be \$51.67 in the red through October). Your gifts to FPC before the end of the year will help position FPC in good shape for 2018, and they will likely earn you a deduction on your taxes if you itemize. So, please consider the ministries of FPC in your year-end giving!

# John Floridis Seasonal Benefit Concert for Family Promise

**Tuesday, December 12, 7:00pm**

St. Paul's United Methodist Church  
512 Logan Street, Helena

**John Floridis**, Missoula guitarist and singer-songwriter, will be performing a benefit concert for Family Promise of Greater Helena on **Tuesday, December 12, at 7:00pm at St. Paul's United Methodist Church**, 512 Logan Street, in Helena. Attendance is free of charge. Monetary contributions are encouraged and will be accepted at the performance. The concert is generously supported by **Big Sky Brokers** of Helena.

**Floridis** will be performing material from his two seasonal releases "**December's Quiet Joy**" and "**The Peaceful Season**" both of which feature his fingerstyle acoustic guitar arrangements of traditional Christmas/Winter melodies, as well as original compositions. Floridis will also include uplifting and positive vocal songs in the performance. The audience will escape the frantic stress that too often pervades the holiday season and relax in an intimate listening environment with music to warm the heart and soul.

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**Come and enjoy a low-impact exercise that's easy,  
free and available to EVERYONE!**



Each Tuesday & Thursday, at 10:00 am in Centennial Park by the flagpole next to the YMCA, a group from our church family ventures out into the fresh open air (*now that there is no forest fire smoke*) to enjoy a time of exercise and fellowship as they walk along the park walking path. Come and join them if you're looking for walking partners...or even if you're not because **EVERYONE** is welcome to join and it's **FREE!!**

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## Memory Verse

The commandment we have from [God] is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

~ 1 John 4:21

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## Thought for the Week

I would permit no man...to narrow and degrade my soul by making me hate him.

- Booker T. Washington

# 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  
Director of Music and Media  
Financial Coordinator  
Administrative Assistant  
Outside Custodian  
Organist

Every Member  
Rev. Scott Wipperman  
Arlyn "Butch" Plowman  
Lexsey Carpenter  
Les Cramer  
Jill Lloyd  
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  
Mary Craigle - 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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