

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

# “It Came Upon A Midnight Clear”



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

535 North Ewing Street  
Helena, MT 59601

**Christmas Eve Candlelight Service  
December 24, 2017**

# CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

## FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

**December 24, 2017**

*\* Please stand if you are able*

### WE GATHER

GATHERING MUSIC **Toccata on “Angels We Have Heard on High”**  
*by Richard Elliott (b. 1957)*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

THRESHOLD MOMENT: ***#DoNotBeAfraid***

\*OPENING HYMN: **“O Come, All Ye Faithful”** **#249**

### THE PEACE OF CHRIST

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

### GLORIA PATRI

### WE PROCLAIM

SCRIPTURE: **Luke 1:5-25, 26-38; Matthew 1:18-25; Luke 2:1-20**  
*(adopted from The Voice translation)*

SCRIPTURE HYMN **“Angels We Have Heard On High”** **#278**

THE WORD IN MUSIC **“Angels’ Carol”** *by John Rutter*  
**“Bethlehem Wind”** *by Joseph Martin*

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD **“It Came Upon a Midnight Clear”**  
**Rev. Scott Wiperman**



## **Prayer Request**

This week, as we prepare to re-welcome the Prince of Peace, we pray for peacemakers. In this world that is so fractured and divided, may God help us to become peacemakers in our homes, offices, congregations, communities and the world. May God help us to be the children of God who seek to peacefully resolve conflicts and restore relationships.

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## **Memory Verse**

But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds we are healed.

**- Isaiah 53:5**

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## **Thought for the Week**

“Then the Grinch thought of something he hadn't before! What if Christmas, he thought, doesn't come from a store. What if Christmas...perhaps...means a little bit more!”

**— Dr. Seuss, How the Grinch Stole Christmas!**

# FLOWER MEMORIAL



<b>Name</b>	<b>In memory of</b>	<b>In honor of</b>
Jennifer Massman, Drew, Tyler and Zach Kaiser	Randy Kaiser	
Matthew & Diane Richards	Donald G. Richards Richard & Ilse S. Doscher	
Joy Edgar	Phil Boucher; Grandparents Bill & Florence Stanfill	
Elaine Cooper Power	Morley Cooper & Tom Power	
Trena Gama & Rose Leavitt	Don Gama & Jerry Leavitt	
Ward & Mary Stiles	Karen Stiles & Bob Roderick	
Marvin & Carol Carpenter	Marvin Carpenter Sr.	David & Ellen Westenbarger
Carol, Eric, Polly, Tom Stebbins	“Wink” Stebbins	
Art & Rena Bumgardner	Bill & Eula Jewell, William H. Jewell, Ned & Genevieve Bumgardner, John Bumgardner, Cathy Boheim	
Tonna & Joe Strasko, Jim Moses	Esther & Jim Werst Josephine Strasko	
Belden sisters	Curtis Belden	
Michael & Ann Swisher	Our parents	
Bob & Merle Korizek	Arnold & Edna Quammen Bill & Rena Korizek	
Jake & Libby Blade and family	Art Blade	
Cathy, Bonni, Ann, J. Lee	Harry & Dorthy Belden	
Mary Craigle	Bill & Lucille Samson Dave Samson Jay & Alice McLeod	

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<b>Name</b>	<b>In memory of</b>	<b>In honor of</b>
Jane Ogle	Clayton Ogle, Angie & Emory Vetsch	
Carolyn Anderson & Family	Brent Anderson	
Marie Fuhrmann	Bob Fuhrmann	
Carol Gneckow	Mary & Andy Knight	
Corky Lord	Bob Lord	
Deb Whitcomb	Gloria Whitcomb Jessie Healow	
Keith & Dawn McCallum	Elizabeth McCallum Hokanson	
Carole Massman	Joe Massman	

# 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

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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