


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

“Get Up and Go”



**God gave us the gift
of life; it is up to us
to give ourselves the
gift of living well.**

- Voltaire

#morelife

#DoNotBeAfraid

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

535 North Ewing Street
Helena, MT 59601

December 31, 2017

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

1ST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS

DECEMBER 31, 2017

** Please stand if you are able*

WE GATHER

GATHERING MUSIC **“Still, Still, Still”** *by Paul Manz (1919-2009)*
“Now Sing We, Now Rejoice”

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

THRESHOLD MOMENT: **#MoreLife**

*OPENING HYMN: **“O Little Town of Bethlehem”** **#250**

THE PEACE OF CHRIST

I invite you to pass the peace of Christ with your neighbors, for each time we connect with one another, we are given more peace, more hope, more joy and more love.

GLORIA PATRI

WE PROCLAIM

THE WORD IN MUSIC **“Lo! How a Rose E'er Blooming”** *arr. Mark Hayes*
Mike Swisher, baritone

SCRIPTURE: **Matthew 2:1-23** *(adopted from The Voice translation)*

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD **“Get Up and Go”**
CRE Arlyn “Butch” Plowman

WE RESPOND

*RESPONSE HYMN: **“Young Joseph the Dreamer”** **See insert**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYERS FOR OTHERS

CONFESSION

INVITATION TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY **“In the Bleak Midwinter”** *by Gustav Holst, arr. Craig Courtney*
Mike Swisher, baritone

*DOXOLOGY

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

WE GO FORTH

*CLOSING HYMN **“Good Christian Men, Rejoice”** **#273**

THE MISSION TO THE MESSENGERS

BENEDICTION

MUSIC FOR GOING OUT **“Joy to the World”** *by Gordon Young (1919-1998)*

**We will be taking down the greens following the worship service on
January 7th, 2018, all are welcome.**

CALENDAR OF THE WEEK

Sunday	31	NEW YEARS EVE 10:00 am Worship Service / Education Hour 12:00 pm AA Study Group
Monday	1	OFFICE CLOSED
Tuesday	2	9:30 am Abigail Circle 9:30 am Esther Circle 11:00 am Bridge Club – ACBL Unit 411 5:30 pm Personnel Committee meeting 7:00 pm Elizabeth Circle 7:00 pm AL-ANON meeting 7:00 pm Boy Scouts
Wednesday	3	10:00 am Willing Workers 7:00 pm Choir Practice
Thursday	4	9:30 am Rebekah Circle 11:00 am Bridge Club – ACBL Unit 411 4:00 pm Praise Band 7:00 pm AA - District #61 7:00 pm “It’s In the Book - AA Group
Friday	5	12:00 pm Friday Small Group Study 1:00 pm Hand & Foot - Ruth Room
Sunday	7	8:30 am Sunday Small Group Study 10:00 am Worship Service / Education Hour 12:00 pm AA Study Group

Esther Circle will meet on January 2, 2018 at 9:30 am.

Deacons-On-Call

January 2018

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

Patti Borsberry (439-6442)
Carole Massman (443-5281)

Ushers

Ushers Today ⁽³¹⁾

Ushers Next Week ⁽⁷⁾

Sheryl Eriksen, Corky Lord, Carol Stebbins

Linda Bench, Judy Birch, Mary Wright

Prayers for Strength and Healing

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 Grimmett

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 granddaughter
Annaliese Rose Hammerschmidt - Amanda
Grimmett's daughter

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) 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.

Memory Verse

Your beauty should not come from outward adornment, such as elaborate hairstyles and the wearing of gold jewelry or fine clothes. Rather, it should be that of your inner self, the unfading beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is of great worth in God's sight.

~ Peter 3:3-4 (NIV)

Thought for the Week

All of God's creations are beautiful.

Young Joseph the Dreamer

G D G Am D

1. Young Jo - seph the dream - er was sent o'er the bor - der— no
 2. Young Jo - seph a - dopt - ed with the land that he lived in; he
 3. O God, in this land with its bound - ries and and lived in; he
 bor - ders, he

G C G D G G D

say in the mat - ter— it he was - n't his plan. He en - tered the
 helped it to pros - per, he helped it to thrive. He man - aged the
 thank you for dream - ers, our neigh - bors and friends. They came here as

G Am D G C

coun - try and as he got ol - der, he worked with am - bi - tion to
 fields and the har - vests and store - rooms. When drought came, his skills kept his
 child - ren, as sons and as daugh - ters; their pres - ence can tru - ly ac -

G D G G E Am

make it his land. In trou - ble, in pris - on, he felt like a
 neigh - bors a - live. What joy for those peo - ple who one day had
 com - pish your ends. We thank you for thou - sands of sis - ters and

D G Em D A7 D

strang - er; with truth his com - pan - ion, he was - n't a lone.
 wel - comed his gifts and his vis - ion, his tal - ent, his skill!
 broth - ers who seek ed - u - ca - tion, who love this good land.

G D G Am D

He dreamed of suc - cess and he dreamed through the dan - ger, un -
 O God, as a dream - er, he he blessed his new na - tion; he
 For they are a bless - ing to us and to oth - ers; may

G C G D G

til he was wel - comed in - to his new home.
 saved them— and so you ac - comp - lished your will.
 we reach to of - fer a wel - com - ing hand.

Biblical References: Genesis 37-50

Tune: ASH GROVE ("Let All Things Now Living") 6.6.11.6.6.11 D, traditional Welsh melody

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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.

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 November are just \$23,190 greater than our income (had we not been meeting our faith budget at all, we'd be \$57k in the red through November). December is starting out to be a strong month financially; help that continue by making a gift before the end of the year, which will likely earn you a deduction on your taxes if you itemize. So, please consider the ministries of FPC in your year-end giving!



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 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!!**

ATTENTION LADIES

Willing Workers will resume our regular schedule on Jan. 3, 2018 at 10:00 AM.

PLEASE JOIN US!

FLOWER MEMORIAL



Name	In memory of	In honor of
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	

FLOWER MEMORIAL



CONTINUED

Name	In memory of	In honor of
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, or take a copy of our monthly church newsletter, *The Mustard Seed*. If possible, return next Lord's Day!



STAFF

Ministers

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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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