

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

“Slip Sliding Away”



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

535 North Ewing Street
Helena, MT 59601

January 21, 2018

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
JANUARY 21, 2018

Lay Liturgist – Les Cramer

* *Please stand if you are able*

PRELUDE

“Fugue in A minor” by Bohuslav Cernohorsky (1684-1742)

WELCOME

PREPARING OUR HEARTS

a time of silence

OPENING PRAYER

*CALL TO WORSHIP (*responsive*)

Leader: Sing to the Lord a new song;

People: Sing to the Lord, all the earth.

Leader: For God alone my soul waits in silence.

People: Steadfast love belongs to the Lord.

*GATHERING HYMN

“Let Us Build a House/All Are Welcome”

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CALL TO CONFESSION:

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

God our Creator, we confess that You call on us to change our lives, yet we do not heed your warning. You give us good news to share, yet we remain stubborn and silent. Forgive us, God of grace. Help us to repent and follow you, bearing witness to the good news that your holy realm is near; through Jesus Christ our Lord. (*time for silent confession*)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

PASSING THE PEACE

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

BAPTISIM

Bridgette Buckley

CHOIR ANTHEM:

“Ave Verum” *by W.A. Mozart, Ed. Leonard Van Camp*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

EPISTLE READING:

1 Corinthians 7:29-3

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GOSPEL READING:

Mark 1:14-20

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PSALM READING:

Psalms 62:5-12

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OLD TESTAMENT READING:

Jonah 3:1-5, 10

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SERMON:

“Slip Sliding Away”

Rev. Scott Wipperman

*RESPONSE HYMN

“Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore”

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THE OFFERING

INVITATION TO OFFERING

PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES & OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

“Fantasia in D Major” *by Georg P. Telemann (1681-1767)*

*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

“O God, Our Help in Ages Past”

#686

*BENEDICTION

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

“God Be With You”

#232

POSTLUDE

“Festival Postlude” *by Domenico Zipoli (1688-1726)*

CALENDAR OF THE WEEK

Sunday	21	8:30 am	Sunday Morning Small Group Study
		10:00 am	Worship Service / Education Hour
		11:15 am	CFC Potluck
		12:00 pm	AA Study Group

Monday	22	11:00 am	Staff meeting
		6:00 pm	Helena X-Press Singers
		7:00 pm	Girl Scouts

Tuesday	23	11:00 am	Bridge Club – ACBL Unit 411
		6:30 pm	Session meeting
		7:00 pm	AL-ANON meeting
		7:00 pm	Boy Scouts

Wednesday	24	9:30 am	Willing Workers
		7:00 pm	Choir practice

Thursday	25	11:00 am	Bridge Club – ACBL Unit 411
		4:00 pm	Praise Band practice
		7:00 pm	“It’s In the Book - AA Group

Friday	26	12:00 pm	Friday Study Group
		1:00 pm	Hand & Foot - Ruth Room
		7:00 pm	AA - Friday Night Speaker

Sunday	28	8:30 am	Sunday Morning Small Group Study
		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:

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

Ushers

Ushers Today (21)

Elroy & Lucille Letcher
Matthew Richards

Ushers Next Week (28)

Kathy Chambers, Carole Massman
Mary Wright

Prayers for Strength and Healing

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

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
Dave Westenbarger, Carol Carpenter's father
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 Requests - let us know how we can help:

If you have PRAYER NEEDS, please take advantage of our Prayer Chapel after worship, a peaceful place to commune with God. If you would like to have someone pray with you, please seek out an Elder, Deacon or the Pastor, and they will join you or find someone who will pray with you. Other options to make your prayer needs known are:

1. Prayer request cards are found on the shelves behind each pew in the sanctuary, in the prayer chapel, and in the youth room. Completed cards can be put in the offering plate, dropped in the prayer request box in the prayer chapel, or nailed to the cross in the youth room. If you wish to remain anonymous, you can—God knows! If you want the youth of our church to pray for you, nail the prayer request to the cross in the youth room.
2. Online prayer requests – go to fpchelena.com and select the button for “prayer” OR send an e-mail to admin@fpchelena.com . Your request will be directly sent to the coordinator of our prayer chain for distribution.
3. Call the church – Anyone who answers the phone can either pray with you, direct you to the Deacon on call, and/or pass on the prayer request to the prayer coordinator.

Prayer Opportunity

This week we are praying for the wonderful congregation in Whitlash. Whitlash is located north-east of Shelby in the beautiful Sweet Grass Hills, near the Canadian Border and is part of the Hi-Line/Missouri River Cluster. This delightful congregation is very small in numbers but gigantic in vitality and love. They have served the Whitlash Community and Southern Alberta for more than 100 years. And they are the host congregation for Glacier's Retired-Pastor-in-Residence project which has become a model for other congregations and presbyteries.

Whitlash is served by Retired-Pastor-in-Residence, Dick Davis and Session Clerk, Marlene Grammar. Please keep this dynamic congregation in your prayers this week.

Meetings - What Presbyterians Are Particularly Good At!

We have two noteworthy meetings coming up! The Annual Congregational meeting will be held after worship on February 11. The report for the annual meeting will be available to be picked up on Friday, February 2. And then on the 24th and 25th of February (Saturday and Sunday), FPC will be hosting the Glacier Presbytery Retreat. All are welcome to attend the retreat gatherings - a great way to see friends from around the Presbytery again. Mark your calendars.



Warm Hearts: Blanket and Towel Drive

Needs: New twin blankets, bath towels, hand towels, and wash cloths

Warm Hearts is ecumenical ministry of the Sisters of Charity of Leavenworth Associates of Helena. The poor in Helena are in need of new twin blankets, bath towels, hand towels, and wash cloths. During January we are collecting these items in the big orange donation box for distribution on Valentine's Day. These donations will be distributed through organizations serving the poor, including: God's Love, Florence Crittenton Home, Good Samaritan Ministries, Rocky Mountain Development Center, The Friendship Center, and the YWCA. Let's help share the love of God with those in need in our community.

**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!!**

New Date for the Annual Congregational Meeting

Previously, it was announced that we would hold the Annual Congregational Meeting on January 28, 2017 after worship.

In the Called Session Meeting on January 9, we were not able to finalize the FPC budget for 2018. Committees are doing more work and coming back to Session with some further options and recommendations. Due to the push back of finalizing the budget, **we are moving the Annual Congregational Meeting to February 11, 2018, after worship.**



**Potluck (indoor) Picnic! *TODAY* following the church service.
Join your church friends upstairs for a mid-winter picnic! Fun and games, too!**

Memory Verse

“... and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.”

- John 8:32

Thought for the Week

Defending the truth is not something one does out of a sense of duty or to allay guilt complexes, but is a reward in itself.

- Simone de Beauvoir

Valentine Victorian Tea



- Saturday Feb. 10, 2018
- 2:00 - 4:00 Richardson Hall
- \$10 by reservation only.
- Tickets available after service from Carol Carpenter or Rose Leavitt or call Rose at 431-8989 or 443-4783.
- Only 30 tickets will be sold so please buy your ticket today.

Fellowship, Tea/Treats and Education about Victorian Teas provided.

Opportunity for free will offering to YWCA case management programs will be available.

Costumes permitted but not required.

Bridges

First Presbyterian is an outreach partner of Bridges, and is represented on the Board of Helena Community Connections by Marsha Davis, First Presbyterian Member.

Today (Rev) Rick Hulbert, Executive Director of Helena Community Connections, Inc. is worshipping with us and will make a 30 minute presentation on Bridges following our service during the potluck in Richardson.

Bridges is an interfaith program offered by Helena Connections, Inc. Bridges engages community organizations to provide programs, workshops and opportunities for interactions with compelling speakers who assist us to chart pathways to purposeful aging. All ages are invited. Current programs include:

- Bridges Buffet – Monthly catered lunch with exciting speakers
- Cranium Café – Monthly Brain Health workshop with Nanette Holmes of Touchmark
- My Destiny –Quarterly financial and estate planning workshop by Montana State University
- careMpower – Monthly outreach and education catered lunch program for volunteer care givers
- Big Sky Caregivers Connect – Monthly caregivers support group at Touchmark
- Gentle Ways – Weekly workshop promoting gentle stretching, balancing and strengthening by experienced Yoga practitioners

Join Rick following worship today to learn more about the Bridges program.

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

Pastor

CRE of Pastoral Care

Director of Christian Education

Director of Music and Media

Administrative Assistant

Financial Coordinator

Organist

Every Member

Rev. Scott Wipperman

Arlyn "Butch" Plowman

Lexsey Carpenter

Les Cramer

Bruce A. Luke

Jill Lloyd

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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