

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

# “Authority”



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

535 North Ewing Street  
Helena, MT 59601

**January 28, 2018**

**CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP**  
**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
**JANUARY 28, 2018**

*Lay Liturgist – Elaine Gingery*

\* *Please stand if you are able*

PRELUDE

“Now Praise We Christ, the Holy One” *by Ludwig Lenel (1914-2002)*

WELCOME

PREPARING OUR HEARTS

*a time of silence*

OPENING PRAYER

INTROIT

“Surely the Presence of the Lord Is in This Place” #219

\*CALL TO WORSHIP *(responsive)*

Leader: Sing to the Lord a new song;

**People: Sing to the Lord, all the earth.**

Leader: Give thanks to God with your whole heart.

**People: Great are the works of the Lord.**

\*GATHERING HYMN

“Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!”

See screen

CALL TO CONFESSION:

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(unison)*

**God our Creator, we confess that we are broken, sinful creatures. You spoke to us through the prophets, yet we have not kept your commands. You give a new teaching through Jesus, yet we fail to obey your living Word. Forgive us, God of grace. Set us free from the grip of sin, cast out all that is evil within us, and bring us ever closer to you; 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

CHOIR ANTHEM:

“Somebody’s Prayin’” *by John G. Elliott, arr. Mark Hayes*

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING:	<b>Deuteronomy 18:15-20</b>	<b>Page 302</b>
PSALM READING:	<b>Psalm 111</b>	<b>Page 952</b>
GOSPEL READING:	<b>Mark 1:21-28</b>	<b>Page 1552</b>
SERMON:	<b>“Authority”</b>	<b>Rev. Scott Wipperman</b>
*RESPONSE HYMN	<b>“O Word of God Incarnate”</b>	<b>See screen</b>

## THE OFFERING

INVITATION TO OFFERING

PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES & OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY **“Allegretto” by Helmut Walcha (1907-1991)**

\*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 Christ, the Great Foundation”** **See screen**

\*BENEDICTION

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

POSTLUDE **“Praise be to You, Lord Jesus Christ” by Helmut Walcha**

# CALENDAR OF THE WEEK

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<b>Sunday</b>	<b>28</b>	8:30 am	Sunday Morning Small Group Study
		10:00 am	Worship Service / Education Hour
		12:00 pm	AA Study Group
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<b>Monday</b>	<b>29</b>	6:00 pm	Helena X-Press Singers
		7:00 pm	Girl Scouts
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<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>30</b>	11:00 am	Bridge Club – ACBL Unit 411
		7:00 pm	AL-ANON meeting
		7:00 pm	Boy Scouts
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<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>31</b>	9:30 am	Willing Workers
		7:00 pm	Choir practice
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<b>Thursday</b>	<b>1</b>	9:30 am	Rebekah Circle
		11:00 am	Bridge Club – ACBL Unit 411
		4:00 pm	Praise Band practice
		7:00 pm	“It’s In the Book” - AA Group
		7:00 pm	AA - District #61
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<b>Friday</b>	<b>2</b>	12:00 pm	Friday Study Group
		1:00 pm	Hand & Foot - Ruth Room
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<b>Sunday</b>	<b>4</b>	8:30 am	Sunday Morning Small Group Study
		10:00 am	Worship Service / Education Hour
		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:** Patti Borsberry (439-6442)  
Carole Massman (443-5281)

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## Ushers

### Ushers Today (28)

Kathy Chambers, Carole Massman  
Mary Wright

### Ushers Next Week (4)

Linda Bench, Judy Birch  
Mary Wright

# Prayers for Strength and Healing

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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 Grimmett

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

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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 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](http://fpchelena.com) and select the button for “prayer” OR send an e-mail to [admin@fpchelena.com](mailto: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 Whitefish congregation. The church is located in downtown Whitefish and is a part of the Flathead Cluster.

This congregation is very active in local and international mission work, including Habitat for Humanity, Shepherd's Hand Clinic, Intermountain, and North Valley Food Bank, as well as supporting Missionaries and so much more.

This wonderful congregation is served by Rev. Tim Dalstrom and Clerk, Jean Duncan. You can learn more about this congregation at <http://www.fpcwhitefish.org>. Please lift up the Whitefish congregation and its work for Christ.

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## 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.

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## Warm Hearts: Blanket and Towel Drive

**Needs:** New twin blankets, bath towels, hand towels, and washcloths

**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 washcloths. During February 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!!**

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### **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.**

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### **Family Promise of Greater Helena**

#### **COMFORT FOOD CHALLENGE**

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11**

**4:30 – 6:30 pm**

**This is the main Fundraiser for Family Promise. Churches and restaurants supply a mini serving of a comfort food and the participants go from table to table to sample the offerings. A fun activity for a winter afternoon and for a good cause. Tickets are \$15 and are available from members of the Mission Committee.**

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### **Memory Verse**

All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.

**- 2 Timothy 3:16-17**

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### **Thought for the Week**

Be not simply good - be good for something.

**- Henry Thoreau**

# 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.

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## **New Email Prayer Chain Coordinator**

I'm pleased to say that Pearle Plowman will be the email prayer chain coordinator February 1<sup>st</sup>. Pearle's contact information is: home (406) 449-8705 or cell (406) 459-6332. Her email address is pearlynp@msn.com. In addition to the electronic prayer chain, you may click on the church website, <http://www.fpchelena.com/>, click on the link, PRAYER, and a new page will open, Prayer Requests. When the prayer request is entered, click Send, and the message will appear in Pearle Plowman's inbox.

The electronic prayer chain provides information for prayers for people in our community and in our world. We use this ministry for the greater glory of God and thank you for your confidentiality and for your time in prayer for our loved ones. Blessings and Praises, Carol Gneckow.



# 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  
Administrative Assistant  
Financial Coordinator  
Organist  
Nursery Care Attendant

Every Member  
Rev. Scott Wipperman  
Arlyn "Butch" Plowman  
Lexsey Carpenter  
Les Cramer  
Bruce A. Luke  
Jill Lloyd  
Ann Swisher  
Nicole Carpenter

## 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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