

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

“Walking, Running, and Soaring”



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

535 North Ewing Street
Helena, MT 59601

February 4, 2018

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Communion Sunday

FEBRUARY 4, 2018

Lay Liturgist – Art Bumgardner

* *Please stand if you are able*

PRELUDE “All Depends on Our Possessing God’s Abundant Grace and Blessing”
by Flor Peeters (1903-1986)

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

Leader: Sing to the Lord a new song;

People: sing to the Lord, all the earth.

Leader: Do all things for the sake of the gospel.

People: So may we share in the blessings of God.

* GATHERING HYMN: “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise” #33

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(unison)*

God our Creator, we confess that we are broken creatures. We trust in our own power when you promise to be our strength. We exploit the poor and weak when you promise them salvation. Forgive us, God of grace. Teach us to rely on you alone, and to give ourselves freely for others for the sake of your good news; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

(time for silent confession)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

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 PATRIA

CHOIR ANTHEM:

“There’s Something About That Name”

by Will and Gloria Gaither, arr. Camp Kirkland

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING:

Isaiah 40:21-31

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GOSPEL READING:

Mark 1:29-39

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SERMON:

“Walking, Running, and Soaring” Rev. Scott Wipperman

*RESPONSE HYMN

“Let Us Break Bread Together”

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THE EUCHARIST

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

AFFIRMATION (*unison*)

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and life everlasting. Amen.

THE OFFERING

INVITATION TO OFFERING

PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES & OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY **“How Beautiful Your Songs of Praise”** *by Jeff Lippencott, Joy Edgar, soprano*

*DOXOLOGY

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

UNISON LORD'S PRAYER

THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

*SENDING HYMN

“Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing”

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CHORAL RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

“Praise the Almighty, My Soul Adore Him” by Flor Peeters

Deacons-On-Call

Need a ride, a meal or a home repair? Call a Deacon on Call: Arlyn “Butch” Plowman (449-8702)
Ward & Mary Stiles (443-4953)

Ushers

Ushers Today ⁽⁴⁾

Linda Bench, Judy Birch
Mary Wright

Ushers Next Week ⁽¹¹⁾

Sheryl Eriksen, Corky Lord
John & Carol Gneckow

CALENDAR OF THE WEEK

Sunday	4	8:30 am	Sunday Morning Small Group Study
		10:00 am	Worship Service / Education Hour
		12:00 pm	AA Study Group
Monday	5	10:00 am	Education Committee meeting
		6:00 pm	Helena X-Press Singers
		7:00 pm	Girl Scouts
Tuesday	6	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 meeting
		7:00 pm	AL-ANON meeting
		7:00 pm	Boy Scouts
Wednesday	7	9:30 am	Willing Workers
		11:30 am	Congregational Fellowship Committee meeting
		7:00 pm	Choir practice
Thursday	8	11:00 am	Bridge Club – ACBL Unit 411
		4:00 pm	Praise Band practice
		6:30 pm	Youth Group
		7:00 pm	“It’s In the Book” - AA Group
		7:00 pm	AA - District #11
Friday	9	12:00 pm	Friday Study Group

		1:00 pm	Hand & Foot - Ruth Room
Saturday	10	2:00 pm	Valentine Victorian High Tea
Sunday	11	8:30 am	Sunday Morning Small Group Study
		10:00 am	Worship Service / Education Hour
		11:15 am	Annual Congregational meeting
		12:00 pm	AA Study Group

Prayers for Strength and Healing

Sally Luke	Newell Anderson
Bob Burns	Jennifer Massman
B. J. Burns	Amanda Grimmett
Donna Carey	Toston LaFournaise
John Gneckow	Heather Voeller Waters
Bev Donaldson	Court Bourne, Pastor Scott's son
Elroy Letcher	Vella Raucy, Susan Steffens' mother
Doris Casebolt	Susan Byasson, Rose Leavitt's sister
Mazie Radcliffe	Terry Heinecke, Barrie's sister-in-law
Gale Johnson	Jamie Heinecke, Barrie's daughter-in-law
Yvonne Moody	Cathy Leavitt, Rose Leavitt's daughter-in-law
Steve Granzow	Heather McAllister, Pastor Scott's daughter
Linda Granzow	Dave Westenbarger, Carol Carpenter's father
Louise Cramer	

Please keep the Military in your Prayers

Dan Boyer	Rick Kosticki
Barry Mattson	Robbie McCain
Grant Demaree	

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 three people who are under care of the Presbytery while they go to seminary and discern God’s call for their lives. Liz Zupp and Katie Brendler are attending San Francisco Theological Seminary. Maggie Lewis is at Dubuque Theological Seminary. Katie and Maggie are members in Chinook. Liz is a member of the Harlem congregation.

Maggie and Katie are taking Ordination Exams this week. This is a major undertaking! There are five exams, and all must be passed prior to being eligible for Ordination. Please keep these wonderful women in your prayers.

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 are now available for pickup at the Welcome Desk in the Narthex. 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 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. This is the last Sunday we are collecting these items in the big orange donation box for distribution on Valentine’s Day, they’ll be picked up Monday or Tuesday. 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!!**

Annual Congregational Meeting Next Sunday

Our annual Congregational Meeting will be immediately following worship next Sunday (February 11, 2018). Please come and participate in this part of the life of the church where you elect Elders and Deacons for the class of 2021, nominate and elect congregational members for the Nominating Committee, approve the pastor's Terms of Call, review the budget Session passed for 2018, and more. And after this relatively short meeting you can gather for Fellowship Time.

Copies of the 2017 Annual Report are available outside the sanctuary today; please pick one up and read it prior to the meeting next Sunday.



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.

Memory Verse

For if you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you...

- Matthew 6:14

Thought for the Week

In recognizing the humanity of our fellow beings, we pay ourselves the highest tribute.

- Thurgood Marshall

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.

Seeley Family Memorial Scholarship

Eve and Nelson Seeley, members of the Helena First Presbyterian Church, created an endowment at the Montana Community Foundation in 2015 called the Seeley Family Memorial Scholarship. This endowment will provide annual scholarship awards in perpetuity to benefit members of the church who are attending or planning to attend post-secondary school.

Scholarship Criteria:

1. Student must be a member of the Helena First Presbyterian Church
2. Graduate from a Helena high school
3. Minimum grade point average of 2.0
4. Demonstrate financial need
5. Demonstrate good character

Members of the church may apply online for the scholarship through the Montana Community Foundation website at www.mtcf.org. For further information or assistance with the application process, please call Cathy Cooney, Program Director, at the Montana Community Foundation (ccooney@mtcf.org or 441-4954).

The application deadline this year is March 16, 2018. The recipient of the scholarship will be chosen, among eligible applicants, by a scholarship committee established at the Helena First Presbyterian Church.

New Email Prayer Chain Coordinator

I'm pleased to say that Pearle Plowman will be the email prayer chain coordinator February 1st. 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.

P.W. Birthday Luncheon Tuesday, February 13, 2018 at 12:00 Noon

Presbyterian Women (PW) invite you to attend the annual Birthday Luncheon on Tuesday, February 13. Please call Mary Stiles at 443-4953 for reservations no later than Sunday, February 11. The price is \$5.00.

The Birthday Offering, which will be dedicated at the luncheon, was started in 1922 when PW members were asked to give one penny for each year of their lives to help fund a school for girls in Kochi, Japan. Over the years, that tradition has become known as the Birthday Offering, and Presbyterian Women have given more than 29 million dollars in support of mission projects throughout the world.

Each year these funds are used to help fund up to five mission projects. This year the recipients are: Cottage Village, a Tiny-House Community for low-income residents, Cottage Grove, Oregon; Village of Grace Center for physical and spiritual health, Tegucigalpa, Honduras; and The Dwelling Place, Minneapolis & St. Paul, Minnesota, which was established to provide for the physical, emotional and spiritual needs of women and their children following their escape from a violent partner.

Please join us for a time of fellowship, good food and entertainment!

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
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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