

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

“Lent: Let’s Start At The Beginning”



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

**535 North Ewing Street
Helena, MT 59601**

February 18, 2018

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
FEBRUARY 18, 2018 / FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Lay Liturgist – Arlyn “Butch” Plowman

* *Please stand if you are able*

PRELUDE: “Adagio from Modale Suite” by Flor Peeters (1903-1986)

WELCOME

PREPARING OUR HEARTS *a time of silence*

OPENING PRAYER

*CALL TO WORSHIP *(responsive)*

Leader: The Lord is merciful and gracious,

People: slow to anger and abounding in love.

Leader: God’s promise is for all generations;

People: God’s covenant is with every living thing.

* GATHERING HYMN: “I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say” See screen

CALL TO CONFESSION:

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(unison)*

God our Redeemer, we confess that we are people of ashes and dust. You have claimed us in your covenant, yet we forget your steadfast love. You seek us out in the wilderness, yet we continue to wander in our sin. Forgive us, God of grace. Wash us clean, once again, so that we may return to you and follow your holy way; 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

“I Call You To Praise” *by John G. Elliott, arr. Larry Mayfield*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

PSALM READING:

Psalm 25:4-10

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EPISTLE READING:

1 Peter 3:18-22

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GOSPEL READING:

Mark 1:9-15

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SERMON:

“Lent: Let’s Start at the Beginning” **Rev. Scott Wipperman**

*RESPONSE HYMN:

“Healer of Our Every Ill”

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THE OFFERING

INVITATION TO OFFERING

PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES & OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY **“What Is the World to Me When Thou Art My Treasure!”** *by Flor Peeters*

*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:

“Go, My Children, with My Blessing”

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*BENEDICTION

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

“God Be With You”

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POSTLUDE:

“Allegro maestoso” *by Flor Peeters*

CALENDAR OF THE WEEK

Sunday	18	8:30 am	Sunday Morning Small Group Study
		10:00 am	Worship Service / Education Hour
		12:00 pm	AA Study Group
Monday	19	OFFICE	CLOSED - President's Day
Tuesday	20	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	21	9:30 am	Willing Workers
		7:00 pm	Choir practice
Thursday	22	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
Friday	23	12:00 pm	Friday Study Group
		1:00 pm	Hand & Foot - Ruth Room
Saturday	24	12:00 pm	Glacier Presbytery Retreat
Sunday	25	8:30 am	Sunday Morning Small Group Study
		8:30 am	Glacier Presbytery Retreat
		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: Arlyn “Butch” Plowman (449-8702)
 Ward & Mary Stiles (443-4953)

Ushers

Ushers Today (18)

Elroy & Lucille Letcher
 Matthew Richards

Ushers Next Week (24)

Kathy Chambers, Carole Massman
 Mary Wright

Prayers for Strength and Healing

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

Newell Anderson
Jennifer Massman
Amanda Grimmett
Toston LaFournaise
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

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 chain coordinator.

Prayer Opportunity

This week we are praying for our Young Adult Volunteer (YAV) ministry in Chinook. This year YAVs are Lauren LaMonica and Lacy Schimmel. They, like previous YAVs, have been hard at work in three areas of ministry in Chinook – children, youth and older adults. We are so grateful for their ministries!

Do you know a young adult in our congregation who might like to serve as a YAV for a year? The YAV program is a faith-based year of service for young people, ages 19-30, in 22 sites around the world and in the United States. YAVs serve during the academic year, August to July. Deadline for international sites is March 1, and for national sites is June 1.

The Young Adult Volunteer program is one of many ministries of Presbyterian Mission Agency. To learn more visit <https://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/yav/>

GLACIER PRESBYTERY RETREAT

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.

**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!!**

Memory Verse

And [the Lord] said to him, "Go through the city, through Jerusalem, and put a mark on the foreheads of those who sigh and groan over all the abominations that are committed in it."

- Ezekiel 9:4

Thought for the Week

There's really no such thing as the 'voiceless.' There are only the deliberately silenced, or the preferably unheard.

Suzanna Arundhati Roy
(Indian author of "The God of Small Things")

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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