

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

“Lamp on a Hill”



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

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

February 25, 2018

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
FEBRUARY 25, 2018 / SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

LAY LITURGIST - MARSHA ANSON

Glacier Presbytery General

Presbyter / Stated Clerk

** Please stand if you are able*

PRELUDE:

“Fugue in G Major” by Johann L. Krebs (1713-1780)

WELCOME

PREPARING OUR HEARTS

a time of silence

OPENING PRAYER

*UNISON CALL TO WORSHIP

ALL: The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in love. Jesus calls us to be his disciples. We take up the cross to follow him. Let us worship God.

* GATHERING HYMN:

“We Gather Together”

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CALL TO CONFESSION:

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(unison)*

God our Redeemer, we confess that we are people of ashes and dust. You call us to be a blessing in the world, but we only seek our own benefit. You call us to give our lives for others, but we only seek to save ourselves. Forgive us, God of grace. Set our minds on divine things - the good news of the gospel and the promise of new life in you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. *(time for silent confession)*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON *(responsive)*

Leader: Friends, let us proclaim the Good News:

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

Leader: Let us recognize that we are made new by God.

ALL: Alleluia! Amen.

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:

Psalm 22:23-26

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EPISTLE READING:

James 2:14-26

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SERMON:

“Lamp on a Hill”

Jim Fitzgerald, CEO Intermountain Children’s Home

*RESPONSE HYMN:

“Seek Ye First”

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THE OFFERING

INVITATION TO OFFERING

PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES & OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

“Fantasia in F 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:

“We All Are One in Mission”

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*BENEDICTION

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

“God Be With You”

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POSTLUDE:

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

CALENDAR OF THE WEEK

Sunday	25	8:30 am	Glacier Presbytery Retreat
		10:00 am	Worship Service / Education Hour
		12:00 pm	AA Study Group
Monday	26	6:00 pm	Helena X-Press Singers
		7:00 pm	Girl Scouts
Tuesday	27	11:00 am	Bridge Club – ACBL Unit 411
		7:00 pm	AL-ANON meeting
		7:00 pm	Boy Scouts
Wednesday	28	9:30 am	Willing Workers
		7:00 pm	Choir practice
Thursday	1	9:30 am	Rebekah Circle
		11:00 am	Bridge Club – ACBL Unit 411
		4:00 pm	Praise Band practice
		6:30 pm	Youth Group
		6:30 pm	AA - District #61
		7:00 pm	“It’s In the Book” - AA Group
Friday	2	12:00 pm	Friday Study Group
		1:00 pm	Hand & Foot - Ruth Room
		5:00 pm	Girl Scouts
Sunday	4	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:
Arlyn “Butch” Plowman (449-8702)
Ward & Mary Stiles (443-4953)

Ushers

Ushers Today (25)

Kathy Chambers, Carole Massman

Mary Wright

Ushers Next Week (4)

Linda Bench, Judy Birch

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
Melodie Prusee, Pastor Scott'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 chain coordinator.

Prayer Opportunity

Dear Presbytery Prayer Partners,

This week we are praying for Glacier Presbyterian Center's (the camp) staff. This has been Heather's last week with us. She will be missed. Please pray for her and for the rest of the staff: LJ, Rachelle, Kimberly and Chuck, as they move through this transition.

Please pray for the Camp Board as they move through this transition also.

Peace be with you,

~Marsha Anson

**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!!**

Don't forget your newspaper insert coupons. Our church helps support the Friendship Center, Rocky Mountain Development Center, and YWCA with coupons. Also, don't forget motel shampoo, soap, etc.



Thank you.

Memory Verse

Righteousness and justice are the foundation of your throne;
steadfast love and faithfulness go before you.

- Psalm 89:14

Thought for the Week

Never forget that justice is what love looks like in public.

- Cornel West (American philosopher, political activist, social critic, and author; born 1953)

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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