

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
EASTER SUNDAY / COMMUNION SUNDAY
APRIL 1, 2018

Lay Liturgist – Dianna Goodman

** Please stand if you are able*

PRELUDE “Praise the Lord with Drums and Cymbals” by Sigfrid Karg-Elert

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: The Lord is risen! Alleluia!

People: Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed!

Leader: This is the good news by which we are saved:

People: On the third day Jesus rose from the dead!

* GATHERING HYMN “Jesus Christ is Risen Today” See screen

CALL TO CONFESSION

The Spirit of God helps us in our weakness, interceding with sighs too deep for words.
Trusting in God’s grace, let us confess our shortcomings.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(unison)*

God of all hope and joy, we confess that we continue to live in fear. You raised Jesus to new life, yet we hold onto former things. You offer salvation to all, yet we fail to share this good news. Forgive us, God of grace. By your Spirit, make us witnesses to the wonder of the empty tomb and the fullness of life you promise; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *(time for silent confession)*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Hear the good news of God’s promise: I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh.
Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

People: Thanks be to God.

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 PATRI

CHOIR ANTHEM

"Then Came Sunday" *by Ken Medema*

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING:

Isaiah 25:6-9

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GOSPEL READING:

Mark 16:1-8

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EPISTLE READING:

Acts 10:34-43

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SERMON:

"You Are Looking for Jesus"

Rev. Scott Wipperman

*RESPONSE HYMN

"Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing!"

See screen

THE EUCHARIST

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *(unison)*

See screen

CHOIR ANTHEM

"The Bells of Easter" *by Don Besig & Nancy Price*

THE OFFERING

INVITATION TO OFFERING

PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES & OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

"Easter: Rise, Heart; thy Lord is risen"

from Five Mystical Songs, by Ralph Vaughan Williams, Art Bumgardner, bass

*DOXOLOGY

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

UNISON LORD'S PRAYER

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LIFE OF THE CHURCH

SENDING HYMN:

"Lift High the Cross"

See screen

BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE

POSTLUDE:

"Allegro" *by Leon Boellmann*

CALENDAR OF THE WEEK

Sunday	1	8:30 am	Sunday Small Group
		10:00 am	Easter Sunday Worship Service / Education Hour
		12:30 pm	AA Study Group
Monday	2		OFFICE CLOSED
		10:00 am	Education Committee meeting
		6:00 pm	Helena X-Press Singers
		7:00 pm	Girl Scouts
Tuesday	3	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	Boy Scouts
		7:30 pm	AL-ANON meeting
Wednesday	4	9:30 am	Willing Workers
		7:00 pm	Choir practice
Thursday	5	9:30 am	Rebekah Circle
		11:00 am	Bridge Club – ACBL Unit 411
		6:30 pm	Youth Group
		7:00 pm	Elizabeth Circle
		7:00 pm	“It’s In the Book” - AA Group
Friday	6	1:00 pm	Hand & Foot in Ruth Room
		7:00 pm	AA - Friday Night Speaker
Sunday	8	8:30 am	Sunday Small Group
		10:00 am	Worship Service / Education Hour
		12:30 pm	AA Study Group

Deacons-On-Call

Need a ride, a meal or a home repair?

Call a Deacon on Call

Art & Rena Bumgardner

(468-8341 or 468-8342)

Ward & Mary Stiles (443-4953)

Ushers

Ushers Today ^(*)

Linda Bench, Judy Birch
Mary Wright

Ushers Next Week ^(*)

Sheryl Eriksen, Corky Lord
John & Carol Gneckow

Invitation for Crafty Ladies

Are you crafty and need/want a new project to work on at home? Willing Workers has a craft table in the Narthex just for you. Grab one or two kits on your way to coffee. Bring back when completed.

Thank you

Prayers for Strength and Healing

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

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.

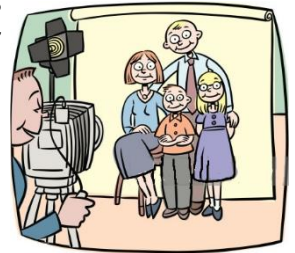
Prayer Opportunity

This week we are praying for the Presbyterian congregation in Polson. They are a part of the Flathead Cluster.

The Polson congregation reaches out to the community in a variety of ways. They host a monthly community dinner on the second Friday of each month. They normally have between 80 – 100 guests at that dinner. They have a community garden with a number of raised beds. Parishioners “adopt” a garden bed and raise vegetables to donate to the local soup kitchen and to the food pantry. At Christmas, they have a “100 Hats” and “Socks in the Box” projects to provide warm winter hats and socks to those who need them. They are also involved with Intermountain and many other ministries.

Dave Anson serves as their Pastor. Don Patterson serves as their Clerk of Session.

Brush your teeth -- comb your hair -- put on a colorful shirtit's Directory Picture Time! Three Sundays in April, our own Les Cramer will be photographing us for the new Church Directory, so be sure to sign up next time you're in church. The sign-up sheet will be at the coffee table. Choices are: April 8, April 22, or May 6 -- after the church service and continuing until approximately 12:30pm. If none of these dates works for you, call Les at the church office and he will arrange a different time with you. Bring your kids and/or grandkids to be in the picture with you -- the more, the merrier! Picture packages are going to be offered at reasonable rates!



Spring Fever Volunteer Days at Glacier Camp

Monday, April 16 at 9:00 a.m. through noon, Tuesday, April 17 at Glacier Camp and Conference Center at Exit 93 on Hwy 93. Rooms will be available in Spruce Lodge Sunday evening. Please call the camp (406.844-2114 or email: info@glaciercamp.org). Bring gloves, shovels, rakes, step-stool ladders. Projects: clean out fire pits, flowerbeds; reset rock wall by Chapel; paint camper's cabins and stairs; Murphy oil soap logs in lodge; general clean-up of grounds, etc. Bring snacks to share and your own soda pop. Meals, coffee, lemonade will be provided. Questions? Call Carol Gneckow, 422-9914 or email: capricorn2@bresnan.net.

**First Presbyterian Church is having VBS again!
June 11th - 15th, 12PM – 3PM**

Weird Animals VBS connects with children when they feel different by introducing them to wonderful and weird animals around the world. When "weird" means special, unique, and one-of-a-kind, kids are reminded of Jesus' special love for them and that being different is a GOOD thing!



Available for all children entering grades 1-5
Contact Lexsey Carpenter at 406-442-4775 to register
Accepting early registration NOW!
\$10.00 Fee (*No child turned away if fee cannot be paid*)

Facing Finitude

(A Bridges Program)

Join Melanie Trost & Karissa Bennett
Medical Social Workers from St. Peter's Hospice
PATHWAYS BUFFET, APRIL 4, 12-1:30 pm
Covenant Methodist Church & AARP

Memory Verse

In him [the Word, Christ] was life, and that life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, but the darkness has not understood it.

- John 1:4-5

Thought for the Week

We don't accomplish anything in this world alone ... and whatever happens is the result of the whole tapestry of one's life and all the weavings of individual threads from one to another that creates something.

Sandra Day O'Connor



Easter Flowers



Name of Giver

Carolyn Anderson

Linda Bench

Art & Rena
Bumgardner

Joy Edgar, Chris
Boucher, Madisyn &
Justice Gard

Rose Leavitt

Carole Massman

Jennifer Massman,
Drew, Tyler & Zach

Melissa Stiles

Jane Ogle

Ward & Mary Stiles

Joe & Tonna Strasko

Scott Wipperman

Elaine Power

Les & Louise Cramer

Deborah Drynan &
Hez Rowland

Royal & Marcia
Mangus

In Loving Memory of

Brent Anderson

Julia Roark

Mr. & Mrs. Bill Jewell

William Jewell

Mr. & Mrs. Ned

Bumgardner

John Bumgardner,

Cathy Boheim

Phil Boucher

Jerry Leavitt, Don Gama

Joe Massman

Randy Kaiser

Karen Stiles

Clayton Ogle

Emory & Angie Vetsch

Karen Stiles, Bob Roderick

Jim & Esther Werst

Josephine Strasko

Jane & Warren Wipperman

J. Morley Cooper,

Tom Power

Rudy & Irene Cramer

Jean & Nan DeBree

Dr. John & Rosalie Drynan

In Honor of

Honoring family & friends