

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

# **“You Are Blessed”**



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

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

**April 8, 2018**

# CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

## FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter

APRIL 8, 2018

*Lay Liturgist – Mary Craigle*

\* *Please stand if you are able*

PRELUDE: “Salvation Unto Us Has Come” (*composer unknown*)

WELCOME

PREPARING OUR HEARTS *a time of silence*

OPENING PRAYER

\*UNISON CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The Lord is risen! Alleluia!

**People: Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed!**

Leader: How very good and pleasant it is.

**People: When the people of God live in unity.**

\* GATHERING HYMN: “Christ the Lord is Risen Today!” See screen

CALL TO CONFESSION:

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

**God of all hope and joy, we confess that we continue to live in fear. We claim that we have no sin but you know the truth about us. We say that we have not seen you even when you stand among us now. Forgive us, God of grace. Breathe on us with your Spirit to set us free from doubt and sin, so that we may be at peace with 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

**“At The Name Of Jesus”** by *Cindy Berry*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

EPISTLE READING:

**1 John 1:1-2.2**

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READING OF ACTS:

**Acts 4:32-35**

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GOSPEL READING:

**John 20:19-31**

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SERMON:

**“You Are Blessed”**

**Rev. Scott Wipperman**

\*RESPONSE HYMN:

**“Now the Green Blade Rises”**

**See screen**

THE OFFERING

INVITATION TO OFFERING

PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES & OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

**“O God, Thou Faithful God”** by *J. S. Bach (1685-1750)*

\*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:

**“Christ Is Alive!”**

**See screen**

\*BENEDICTION

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

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POSTLUDE:

**“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”** by *Johann G. Walther (1684-1748)*

## CALENDAR OF THE WEEK

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>8</b>	10:00 am	Worship Service / Education Hour
		12:00 pm	AA Study Group
<b>Monday</b>	<b>9</b>	6:00 pm	Helena X-Press Singers
		7:00 pm	Girl Scouts
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>10</b>	10:00 am	Worship Committee meeting
		11:00 am	Bridge Club – ACBL Unit 411
		5:30 pm	Administration Committee meeting
		6:00 pm	Mission Committee meeting
		7:00 pm	Building & Grounds Committee meeting
		7:00 pm	AL-ANON meeting
		7:00 pm	Boy Scouts
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>11</b>	9:30 am	Willing Workers
		11:30 am	Congregational Fellowship Committee meeting
		7:00 pm	Choir practice
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>12</b>	11:00 am	Bridge Club – ACBL Unit 411
		6:30 pm	Youth Group
		6:30 pm	AA - District #11 meeting
		7:00 pm	“It’s In the Book” - AA Group
<b>Friday</b>	<b>13</b>	12:00 pm	Friday Study Group
		1:00 pm	Hand & Foot - Ruth Room
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>14</b>	10:30 am	<b>Deacon &amp; Elder Training</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>15</b>	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:** Art & Rena Bumgardner (468-8341 or 468-8342)  
 Ward & Mary Stiles (443-4953)

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### Ushers

#### Ushers Today (8)

Sheryl Eriksen, Corky Lord  
 John & Carol Gneckow

#### Ushers Next Week (15)

Elroy & Lucille Letcher  
 Matthew Richards

## Prayers for Strength and Healing

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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

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### Please keep the Military in your Prayers

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Dan Boyer  
Barry Mattson

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.

## DEACON and ELDER TRAINING

There will be Deacon / Elder training here at the church, April 14, at 10:30 am in Richardson Hall. For more information, contact us at 442-4775.

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### **First Presbyterian Church is having VBS again! June 11<sup>th</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup>, 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*)

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### **Prayer Opportunity**

This week we are praying for the congregation in Missoula. They are a part of the Bitterroot Cluster.

The Missoula congregation is very active in their community. They are also heavily involved in the Missoula Interfaith Collaborative, the Montana Food Bank Network and they host Family Promise. They also provide help for Habitat for Humanity and Ronald McDonald House.

The congregation is served by Pastors Dan Cravy and Courtney Arntzen, and Session Clerk, Audrey Peterson. You can learn more about this wonderful congregation at: <http://fpcmissoula.org>

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### **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**

**\* Your Congregational Fellowship Committee is looking for two additional members!** If you like to organize and help with our church's fellowship activities, and like coming up with ideas for new church events, this committee is for you! **Please call Linda Bench (720-277-8982) if you're interested or want more information** or just show up at our next meeting: **Wednesday, April 11<sup>th</sup>, 11:30am at the Pizza Hut by Target.**

\* Mark your calendars for another **Bingo Night, Friday, April 20th, 6 pm, at the Church!** Pizza, snacks, pop, prizes, and lots of fun!

\* Helena Xpress Singers present their YoungStars Show at 2 pm and Talent Search Show at 7 pm, on Saturday, April 14 at the Myrna Loy. First Presbyterian's Maddie Gard is a contestant in the 2 pm show, and our own Art Bumgardner is a judge in the 7 pm show. Tickets are online at [www.HelenaXpressSingers.org](http://www.HelenaXpressSingers.org) and at Friendly's Sinclair. Seating is limited. The Xpress Singers rehearse every Monday evening at First Presbyterian!

**\* You're Invited! First Presbyterian's Inquirers' Class, Sunday, April 29th at 11:30 am.** It's a Potluck Lunch, so please bring an item to share. Join Pastor Scott and our Session for an informational talk about the life of our church and how we came to be Presbyterians. This event is open to everyone, whether you're thinking about joining the church, have recently joined, or have been a member for a long time. Attending this class is not a pre-requisite for becoming a member. It promises to be informal, relaxed, and Pastor Scott and Session will be there to answer any questions that you may have. For more information, contact Pastor Scott at 442-4775.

\* Brush your teeth, comb your hair, put on a colorful shirt, it'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 12:30 pm. 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!



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## Memory Verse

Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you?

- 1 Corinthians 3:16

## Thought for the Week

When you read the Bible, do you read words of history or hear the words of a risen Savior?

- Chris Tiegreen

# 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 Craige - 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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