

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

“What Is Love?”



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

535 North Ewing Street
Helena, MT 59601

April 22, 2018

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

4th Sunday of Easter

APRIL 22, 2018

Lay Liturgist – Art Bumgardner

** Please stand if you are able*

PRELUDE: “At the Lamb’s High Feast We Sing” *by Jan Bender (1909-1994)*

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: Jesus said: I am the good shepherd.

People: Christ lays down his life for the sheep.

* GATHERING HYMN: “The Day of Resurrection!” 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 speak of your great love but our own hearts condemn us. We express concern for the poor but our own actions betray us. Forgive us, God of grace. Good shepherd, restore our souls and lead us in right paths for your name’s sake; 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

CHIOR ANTHEM

“Rejoice!” *by Craig Courtney*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

ACTS READING:

Acts 4:5-12

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EPISTLE READING:

1 John 3:16-24

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GOSPEL READING:

John 10:11-18

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SERMON:

“What Is Love?”

Rev. Scott Wipperman

*RESPONSE HYMN:

“The King of Love My Shepherd Is”

See screen

THE OFFERING

INVITATION TO OFFERING

PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES & OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

*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:

“Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us”

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*BENEDICTION

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

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POSTLUDE:

“This Joyful Eastertide” *by Jan Bender*

**ARTICLES & ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR
THE MAY MUSTARD SEED & APRIL 29th SUNDAY BULLETIN**

All items need to be turned into Bruce before 3:00 pm, April 24.

CALENDAR OF THE WEEK

Sunday	22	8:30 am	Sunday Morning Small Group Study
		10:00 am	Worship Service / Education Hour
		12:00 pm	AA Study Group
Monday	23	6:00 pm	Helena X-Press Singers
		7:00 pm	Girl Scouts
Tuesday	24	11:00 am	Bridge Club – ACBL Unit 411
		7:00 pm	AL-ANON meeting
		7:00 pm	Boy Scouts
Wednesday	25	9:30 am	Willing Workers
		7:00 pm	Choir practice
Thursday	26	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	27	12:00 pm	Friday Study Group
		1:00 pm	Hand & Foot - Ruth Room
Sunday	29	8:30 am	Sunday Morning Small Group Study
		10:00 am	Worship Service / Education Hour
		11:15 am	Church Pot Luck
		12:30 pm	Inquirers Class
		12:00 pm	AA Study Group

**Esther Circle will meet May 1st at 9:30 AM at the home of Charlotte Meyer
(900 Menlo Park Rd. - 449-3030)**

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 (22)

Kathy Chambers, Carole Massman
Mary Wright

Ushers Next Week (29)

Sheryl Eriksen, Carol Stebbins
Corky Lord

Prayers for Strength and Healing

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

Rick Kosticki

Barry Mattson

Robbie McCain

Thank you so much for all the cards and phone calls, they were an inspiration and very much appreciated. The church family is such a blessing to me.

Bev Donaldson

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.

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*)

Prayer Opportunity

This week we are praying for Glacier Presbytery's Ministry Cabinet.

The Cabinet serves in a leadership and coordinating capacity for the presbytery. They have a multitude of duties including setting the direction for the presbytery retreat/meetings, deciding on church property matters, coordinating between the various committees and providing strategic direction for the presbytery.

Members of the Cabinet are: Scott Wipperman (Moderator), Miriam Mauritzen, Peggie Oury, Risa Paul, Roma Lee Fuson, Carol Gneckow, and Butch Plowman .

Please keep the Ministry Cabinet and its members in your prayers this week.

Mission Update

Thanks so much for all of your wonderful support of One Great Hour of Sharing. In total we collected \$467 which enables the church to share God's love with our neighbors-in-need around the world by providing relief to those affected by natural disasters, provide food to the hungry and helping to empower the poor and oppressed. This money is used globally as well as helping those in need close to home.

We are currently raising money for farm bundles through the Presbyterian Giving Catalog. These bundles provide people in need with a sustainable source of income and nourishment. The Farm Bundle includes chickens, goats, and other livestock, as well as seeds, tools, and training to help support successful farming.

The Mission donation this month was to Good Samaritan. Good Samaritan provides assistance to those in our community in ways that we often can't. When people come to the church needing assistance, they are often sent to Good Samaritan for help.

* 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: **TODAY**, 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!



HELENA NEW HORIZONS CONCERT BAND

Proudly presents its Spring Concert

Sunday, April 22, 7:00 pm,
at St. Paul's Methodist Church

corner of Logan & Lawrence

Special Guest Appearance - The Queen City Swing Band

IT'S FREE!!!



CHURCH POTLUCK

Church potluck, followed by Inquirers' Class, Sunday, April 29th, upstairs after the church service. Bring an item to share and join in the fellowship!

* **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.

Memory Verse

When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars that you have established; what are human beings that you are mindful of them, mortals that you care for them? Yet you have made them a little lower than God, and crowned them with glory and honor.

- Psalm 8:3-5

Thought for the Week

Is it not true, then, that my life with all its limitations touches at many points the rich, exuberant life of the World Beautiful? Everything has its wonders, even darkness and silence, and I learn, whatever state I may be in, therein to be content.

- Helen Keller

The Parables of Jesus

This is the Next SFTS class being presented at Glacier Camp. It will be led by Rev. Dr. Eugene Eung-Chun Park. Rev. Dr. Park has been a professor of New Testament Studies at SFTS since 1996.

Dates: *May 6 - 8* **Location:** *Glacier Presbyterian Center (the camp!)*

Professor: *The Rev. Dr. Eugene Eung-Chun Park*

Description: *This lecture series explores the rich reservoir of meanings of the parables of Jesus in the synoptic gospels. We will place the parables of Jesus in the socio-economic realities of the advanced agrarian society and interpret them through the perspectives of the target audiences as they are suggested in the gospel narratives. We will also experiment various forms of reader-response criticism on the parables to see what new meanings have emerged or can be generated over and beyond the "original" meaning.*

Cost:

Commuters

(includes Sunday Dinner, Lunch on Monday and Tuesday) \$55/person

Single Room (all meals included) \$160/person

Double Room (all meals included) \$97/person

Just a little FYI for your calendars, more info will follow as these events get closer.

***Bingo Night -- May 18th -- 6pm** at the church! Food, fun, fellowship and prizes! Bring the whole family -- Bingo is a great game for kids!

***Lost Soles Hike -- Sunday, May 20th.** Meet at the Church at **2pm**, and join in an "easy", approximately 1-to-2-hour hike with your church family. Destination: to be announced.

***Mark your calendar -- July 18th --** Presbyterian Church night out at the **Brewers' baseball game**. This is the Brewers' last year in Helena, so they'll appreciate our support!

Bible Study

An 8 week study on the book of Ephesians will be held beginning Sunday, April 22nd at the home of Jim and Charlotte Meyer from 7-9:00. Call Marsha Davis 443-1287 to indicate your interest in participating or for more information.

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 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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