

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

Why Are You Standing Here?"



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

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

May 6, 2018

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Lay Liturgist – Marsha Davis

** Please stand if you are able*

PRELUDE

“Aria” by Craig Phillips (b. 1961)

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: There is no greater love than this:

People: To lay down one’s life for one’s friends.

* GATHERING HYMN:

“Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty”

See Screen

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(unison)

God of all hope and joy, we confess that we continue to live in fear. While Jesus was with us on earth, we dismissed him as a heavenly dreamer. Now that he reigns in heaven we forget that he is Lord of all the earth. Forgive us, God of grace. Be the sovereign of our lives and make us always ready to welcome your return in glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *(time for silent confession)*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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 PATRIA

CHOIR ANTHEM:

“Walk Like Jesus” by Kristin Wilkinson and David Huntsinger

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

EPISTLE READING:	1 John 5:1-5	Page 1903
GOSPEL READING:	John 15:9-17	Page 1677
ACTS READING:	Acts 1:1-3, 9-11	Page 1690
SERMON:	“Why are You Standing Here?” Rev. Scott Wipperman	
*RESPONSE HYMN	“Fairest Lord Jesus”	#87

THE EUCHARIST

INVITATION TO THE TABLE
 WORDS OF INSTITUTION
 COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE
 PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING
 AFFIRMATION (*unison*)

To be reconciled to God is to be sent into the world as God’s reconciling community. This community, the church universal, is entrusted with God’s message of reconciliation and shares God’s labor of healing the enmities which separate people from God and from each other. Christ has called the church to this mission and given it the gift of the Holy Spirit. The church maintains continuity with the apostles and with Israel by faithful obedience to his call.

Adapted from the Confession of 1967, 9.31

THE OFFERING

INVITATION TO OFFERING
 PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES & OFFERINGS
 OFFERTORY

“All Things Bright and Beautiful” by *Wilbur Held (1914-2015)*

*DOXOLOGY
 *PRAYER OF DEDICATION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

UNISON LORD’S PRAYER

THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

*SENDING HYMN **“Alleluia! Sing to Jesus”** **See screen**

CHORAL RESPONSE

POSTLUDE **“Allegro maestoso”** by *Flor Peeters (1903-1986)*

CALENDAR OF THE WEEK

Sunday	6	8:30 am	Sunday Morning Small Group Study
		10:00 am	Worship Service / Education Hour
		12:00 pm	AA Study Group
Monday	7	10:00 am	Education Committee meeting
		6:00 pm	Helena X-Press Singers
		7:00 pm	Girl Scouts
Tuesday	8	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
Wednesday	9	9:30 am	Willing Workers
		11:30 am	Congregational Fellowship Committee meeting
		1:00 pm	Bazaar Planning Committee meeting
		7:00 pm	Choir practice
Thursday	10	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
		7:00 pm	AA - District #11
Friday	11	12:00 pm	Friday Study Group
		1:00 pm	Hand & Foot - Ruth Room
Sunday	13	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:

Patti Borsberry	(439-6442)
Carol Gneckow	(442-9309)

Ushers

Ushers Today (6)

Linda Bench, Judy Birch
Mary Wright

Ushers Next Week (13)

Sheryl Eriksen, Corky Lord
John & Carol Gneckow

Communion Servers

Marvin & Carol Carpenter, Judy Birch, Bonnie Anderson

Prayers for Strength and Healing

Bob Burns	Newell Anderson
B. J. Burns	Jennifer Massman
Donna Carey	Toston LaFournaise
Elroy Letcher	Heather Voeller Waters
Louise Cramer	Court Bourne, Pastor Scott's son
Doris Casebolt	Vella Raucy, Susan Steffens' mother
Joyce Andrews	Susan Byasson, Rose Leavitt's sister
Yvonne Moody	Terry Heinecke, Barrie's sister-in-law
John Gneckow	Jamie Heinecke, Barrie's daughter-in-law
Steve Granzow	Cathy Leavitt, Rose Leavitt's daughter-in-law
Linda Granzow	Heather McAllister, Pastor Scott's daughter
Gale Johnson	Dave Westenbarger, Carol Carpenter's father
Mazie Radcliffe	

Please keep the Military in your Prayers

Dan Boyer	Rick Kosticki
Barry Mattson	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.

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 one of our national church bodies – the Presbyterian Mission Agency (PMA). This group of hard-working people oversees a vast array of national and international ministries. They serve God by serving the wider body of the church in a multitude of ways including: 1001 New Worshiping Communities, Mission Co-workers around the globe, camping ministries, Young Adult Volunteers (YAVs), military chaplains, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, curriculum, evangelism, discipleship, worship, women's ministries, peace and justice ministries, collegiate ministries (UKirk), and many, many more...

We have been very fortunate to have a number of people from the Mission Agency come to Glacier Presbytery over the last few years – Ray Jones, Chip Hardwick, Jason Santos, Sean Chow and Vera White. We also were honored by the visit from Heath Rada who served as Moderator of General Assembly and also serves on the Mission Agency Board. Additionally, we've been blessed by the folks from Presbyterian Disaster Assistance who came after the accident at the camp and have provided grants for that, as well as helping our Methodist colleagues on the Blackfeet Reservation and help with the flooding in Harlem.

Please pray for all the wonderful people who serve God and the church at the Presbyterian Mission Agency.

***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.

AND
I WILL GIVE
you pastors

ACCORDING
TO MINE HEART,
which
SHALL FEED YOU

WITH
knowledge &
understanding.

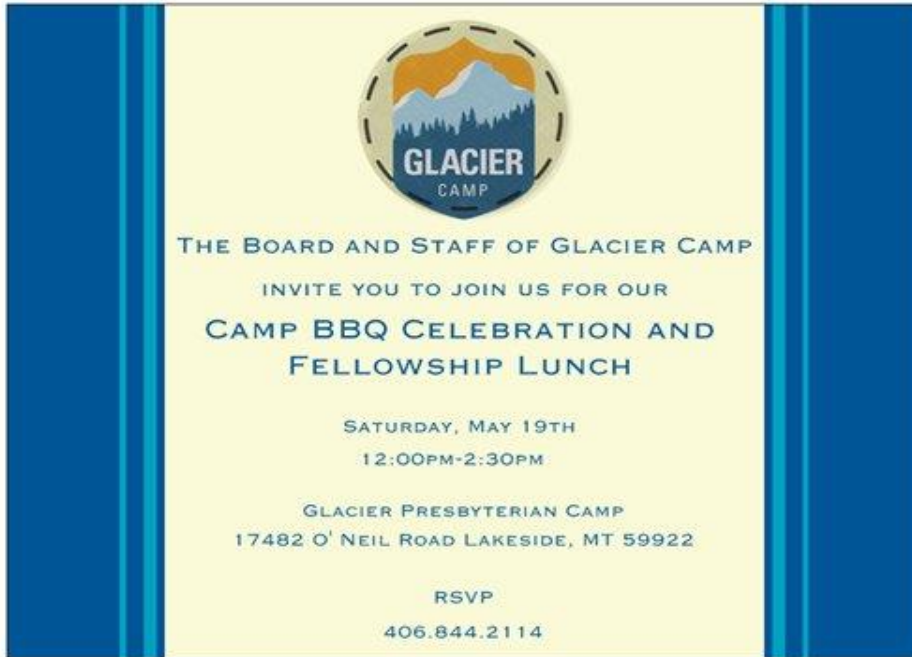
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SAVE THE DATE ORDINATION ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

In honor of the tenth anniversary of the Ordination to the Ministry of our Pastor, Scott Wipperman, First Presbyterian Church of Helena will honor him with a celebration on June 3, 2018 during our Morning Worship. This will be followed by a Reception in Potter's House. More information to follow.

A book of messages will be presented to Scott on June 3rd so begin writing your love letter expressing your thanks for all Scott does for this church. Letters can be placed in my box in the church office.

Elaine Gingery
Clerk of the Session



Come and enjoy our celebration and lunch together with family and friends! In recognition for years of support and generosity to the ministry of Glacier Camp, the board and staff of Glacier Camp will honor: Don & Pat Tibbs-Hamilton, Carolyn Heinz-Polson, Steve Chapman-Polson and Elroy & Lucille Letcher-Helena. We will be accepting donations for our summer scholarship camper fund. Questions? Contact Carol Gneckow, (406) 422-9914, or email, capricorn2@bresnan.com.

It's Directory Picture Time! Our own Les Cramer will be photographing us for the new Church Directory, so be sure to have your photo taken if you haven't do so because **TODAY is the last opportunity.** See Les after the church service; he will continuing until approximately 12:30 pm. Picture packages are going to be offered at reasonable rates!



The next Bazaar Planning Committee meeting is scheduled for May 9 at 1:00PM in Potter's House. I would encourage all those that have agreed to be Team Leaders to also attend. You are a big part of the planning. Mary Stiles, Chair

75 Years of Giving to FPC- Helena Continues

Lona Albright has been attending First Presbyterian Church of Helena for 75 years & has been a member for 73 of those years. Throughout that time she has faithfully tithed, & has given of her time & talents, not only to this congregation, but to the Presbytery, the Synod & the General Assembly. And she has filled roles of leadership at all these levels!

Lona has been a part of Willing Workers Group from its very beginning. Over the years, she has made hundreds of Layettes for our Mission Sewing. It would fill the pages of a book to document all her contributions to Willing Workers, to Presbyterian Women (from our local group to the National level) & to our own local Congregation – all of these in many different roles of leadership!

And her generosity continues! Lona has moved from the home where she lived for 67 years. The gift that she is now giving to FPC-Helena is both exceedingly loving & generous! The proceeds from the sale of her house will be given to First Presbyterian Church – Helena, & the proceeds from her Estate Sale will be given to the local Presbyterian Women.

Enter YOU, our Church Family & Friends!! To make all this happen we need your help - to sort, pack & move the items still in her house to the church - where they will be stored until the Estate Sale in June.

Everything needs to be cleared out so that the house can be cleaned & placed on the market...as Lona, herself, says, "Better sooner than later!"

There is a chart that will be either outside the Sanctuary door or in the Vestibule of the church where you can sign up to help us with this daunting task. When you sign up, please indicate both the date & the time that you will be at Lona's house (2060 Breckenridge) so we can have someone with a key to be there both to let you in & to give you some direction as to what needs to be done at that time.

Thank you so very much for your help!

30 Years of Presbyterian Women

Women in Presbyterian churches have always found ways to do justice, love kindness and walk humbly with God. (Mic.6:8) They have long organized to serve, support, love & empower – locally & globally - people whom much of the rest of society ignores or has forgotten. For 30 years we have been doing what needed doing – working through differences & difficulties & getting on with being the presence of Christ in the world.

Participants in PW interact, integrate & innovate; embrace, encourage & empower; challenge, collaborate & celebrate. We follow in the footsteps of the women disciples who used their resources to minister to Jesus & later to help spread his teachings worldwide; who met in homes for prayer, & Bible study, then stepped out & stepped up to help those who were hungry or homeless to secure food & a place to rest. We follow in the footsteps of faithful, bold women who made their voices heard – even if just in a whisper – when they were told to be silent.

We, the PW of First Presbyterian Church, Helena, along with Presbyterian Women around the world, are celebrating our work of the last 30 years! As a part of our celebration, we will be installing our Elected Leaders for the following year during the regular church service on Sunday, May 13, 2018.

Please attend & join in our “Celebration of 30 Years of Presbyterian Women”.

T-Shirts, T-Shirts, T-Shirts

Willing Workers still need T-Shirts for making “little britches” for our Mission Sewing. Men's size S & M, Women's medium & large & Boy's large. You can place your gently worn T-Shirts in the Willing Worker's Basket in the Church Office. Thank you for your continued support of PW's mission efforts.

Memory Verse:

And we urge you, beloved, to admonish the idlers, encourage the faint hearted, help the weak, be patient with all of them. See that none of you repays evil for evil, but always seek to do good to one another and to all.

- 1 Thessalonians 5:14-15

Thought for the Week:

"There are times when you have to speak out against injustice and cruelty. But if you speak--and this is what Gandhi said--in order to punish or wound, you will do more harm than good. The Dalai Lama said that to condemn injustice with hatred in your voice will make the injustice worse.

- Karen Armstrong
(British author and commentator
on comparative religion)

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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