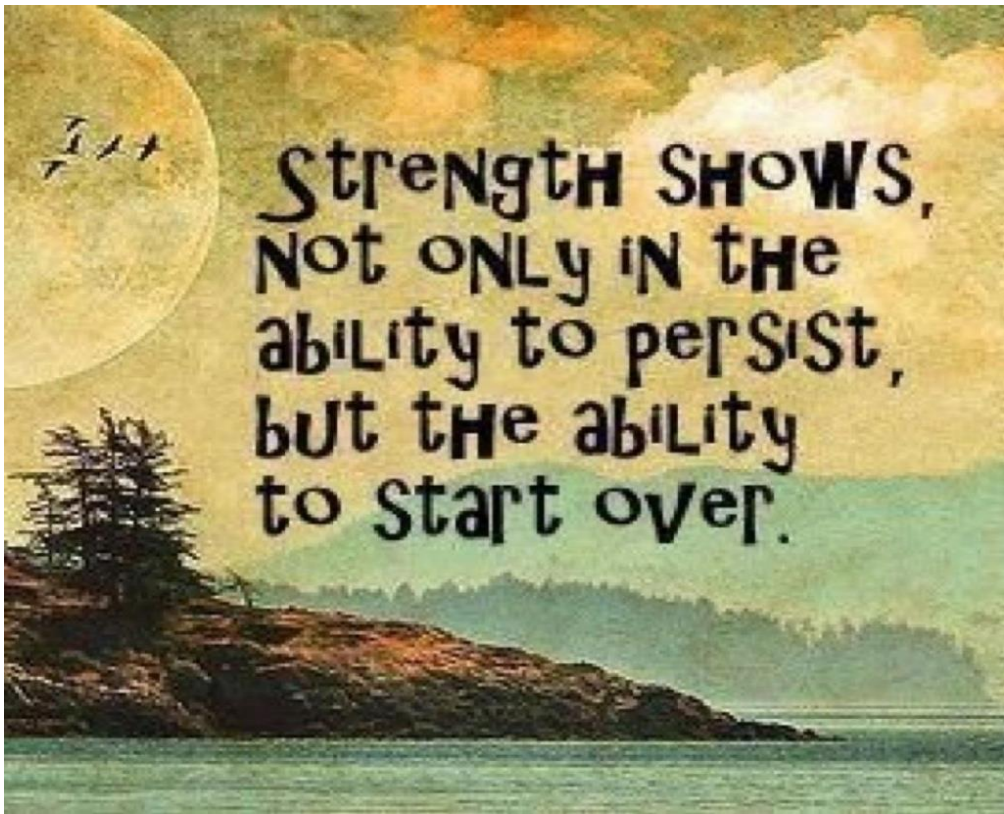


Spreading the Good News of Christ  
Through Our Love, Words, and Actions

## **“Starting Over”**



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

535 North Ewing Street  
Helena, MT 59601

**May 27, 2018**

# CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

## FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

MAY 27, 2018

*Lay Liturgist – Patti Borsberry*

\* *Please stand if you are able*

PRELUDE: “Introduction and Chorale on Holy, Holy, Holy” *by Piet Post (1919-1979)*

WELCOME

PREPARING OUR HEARTS *a time of silence*

OPENING PRAYER

\*UNISON CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good.

**People: God’s steadfast love endures forever.**

Leader: Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts;

**People: The earth is full of the glory of God.**

\* GATHERING HYMN: “Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty” #3

CALL TO CONFESSION:

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(unison)*

**Holy, triune God, we confess that we have not lived for your glory. You came to love and save the world, but we condemn others in your name. You send us out to tell good news, but we hide from our calling in fear. Forgive us, God of grace. Give us new life in your Spirit so that we may serve you faithfully and live as your beloved children; 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

SPECIAL MUSIC

**“Make Me a Channel of Your Peace”** *arr. Mark Hayes*  
*sung by Joy Edgar, soprano; acc. by Ann Swisher*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING: **Isaiah 6:1-8** **Page 1068**

EPISTLE READING: **Romans 8:12-17** **Page 1757**

GOSPEL READING: **John 3:1-17** **Page 1649**

SERMON: **“Starting Over”** **Rev. Scott Wipperman**

\*RESPONSE HYMN: **“Here I Am, Lord”** **#589**

THE OFFERING

INVITATION TO OFFERING

PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES & OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

**“Variation on Holy, Holy, Holy”** *by Piet Post*

\*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: **“America, the Beautiful”** **#799**

\*BENEDICTION

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE **“God Be With You”** **#232**

POSTLUDE: **“Finale on Holy, Holy, Holy”** *by Piet Post*

# CALENDAR OF THE WEEK

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>27</b>	10:00 am	Worship Service / Education Hour
		12:30 pm	AA Study Group
<b>Monday</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>OFFICE</b>	<b>CLOSED - Memorial Day</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>29</b>	11:00 am	Bridge Club – ACBL Unit 411
		7:00 pm	AL-ANON meeting
		7:00 pm	Boy Scouts
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>30</b>	9:30 am	Willing Workers
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>31</b>	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
<b>Friday</b>	<b>1</b>	12:00 pm	Friday Study Group
		1:00 pm	Hand & Foot - Ruth Room
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>3</b>	10:00 am	Worship Service / Education Hour
		11:30 am	Pastor Scott’s Ordination Anniversary reception
		12:30 pm	AA Study Group

Please join the family of longtime member, Katie Spiroff, in celebrating her birthday of 90 years, Saturday, June 16, at Touchmark on Saddle drive from 2-4 pm.  
No gifts please. She would enjoy seeing you.

## Deacons-On-Call

<b>Need a ride, a meal or a home repair? Call a Deacon on Call:</b>	Patti Borsberry	(439-6442)
	Carol Gneckow	(442-9309)

## Ushers

### Ushers Today (27)

Kathy Chambers, Carole Massman  
Mary Wright

### Ushers Next Week (3)

Linda Bench, Judy Birch  
Mary Wright

## **Deacons Visitation to St. Peter's Hospital, Helena**

June 1st is a new beginning for the Board of Deacons at First Presbyterian Church. One of the changes will be a new Hospital Coordinator, Judy Patton. Judy can be reached by calling (406) 443-4597. Daily visits to St. Peter's Hospital, include: Charlotte & Jim Meyer, Sunday; Judy Patton, Monday; Ward & Mary Stiles, Tuesday; Patti Borsberry, Wednesday; Rena & Art Bumgardner, Thursday; Corky Lord, Friday; and Rose Leavitt, Saturday. Each of the Deacons visit, pray and also contact Pastor Scott should a family emergency or extreme illness need immediate pastoral care. Questions? Please contact Judy Patton or a Deacon member listed above.

## Prayers for Strength and Healing

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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	Vivian Leischner (Dianna Goodman's mother)

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## Please keep the Military in your Prayers

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Dan Boyer	Rick Kosticki
Barry Mattson	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, Pearle Plowman- email: [pearlynp@msn.com](mailto:pearlynp@msn.com), phone number's - 449-8705-cell 459-6332, 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 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 Basin Community Church, which is a new worshipping community south of Helena at the Merry Widow Mine.

The Basin Community Church worships in both Korean and English. Rev. Ok-Kee Kim serves as their pastor.

Starting a new worshipping community is a LOT of work, and it is a HUGE blessing. Please pray for this congregation and their wonderful pastor.

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## 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.

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### Memory Verse

But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves.

- James 1:22

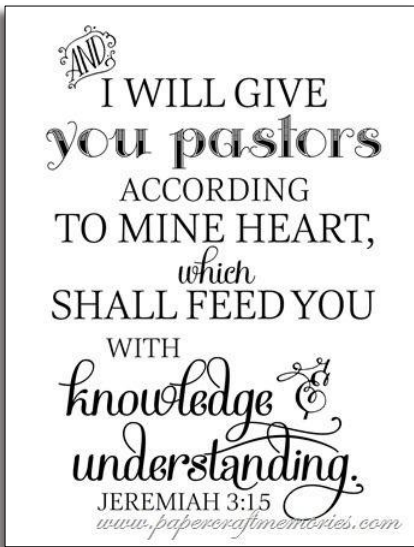
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### Thought for the Week

Most people are slow to champion love because they fear the transformation it brings into their lives. And make no mistake about it: love does take over and transform the schemes and operations of our egos in a very mighty way.

- Aberjhani

(American-born author, historian, columnist, novelist, poet, and editor)



## 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 Richardson Hall. More information to follow.

A book of messages will be presented to Scott on June 3<sup>rd</sup> 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

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## Reclaiming Jesus

A group of 23 American religious leaders met on Ash Wednesday of this year and drafted a document entitled "Reclaiming Jesus: A Confession of Faith in a Time of Crisis." They were motivated by what they see as dangers to our faith. The authors of this document cover many denominations, and include the theologians Rev. Dr. Walter Brueggemann and Bishop Will Willimon.

The group of 23 and other supporters met on the evening of May 24, 2018 for a service and a candlelight vigil to the White House. You may have heard about this document or the event in the news or from commentators. It is always helpful to look at the original document to help form your own opinions, and to make that simpler, copies of the "Reclaiming Jesus" are available on the Greeters Table outside the sanctuary.

This 3 page document identifies 6 things Christians believe, and each for each of these beliefs there are things which those beliefs lead Christians to oppose. If you are interested please collect and read a copy of the proclamation.

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# 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 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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