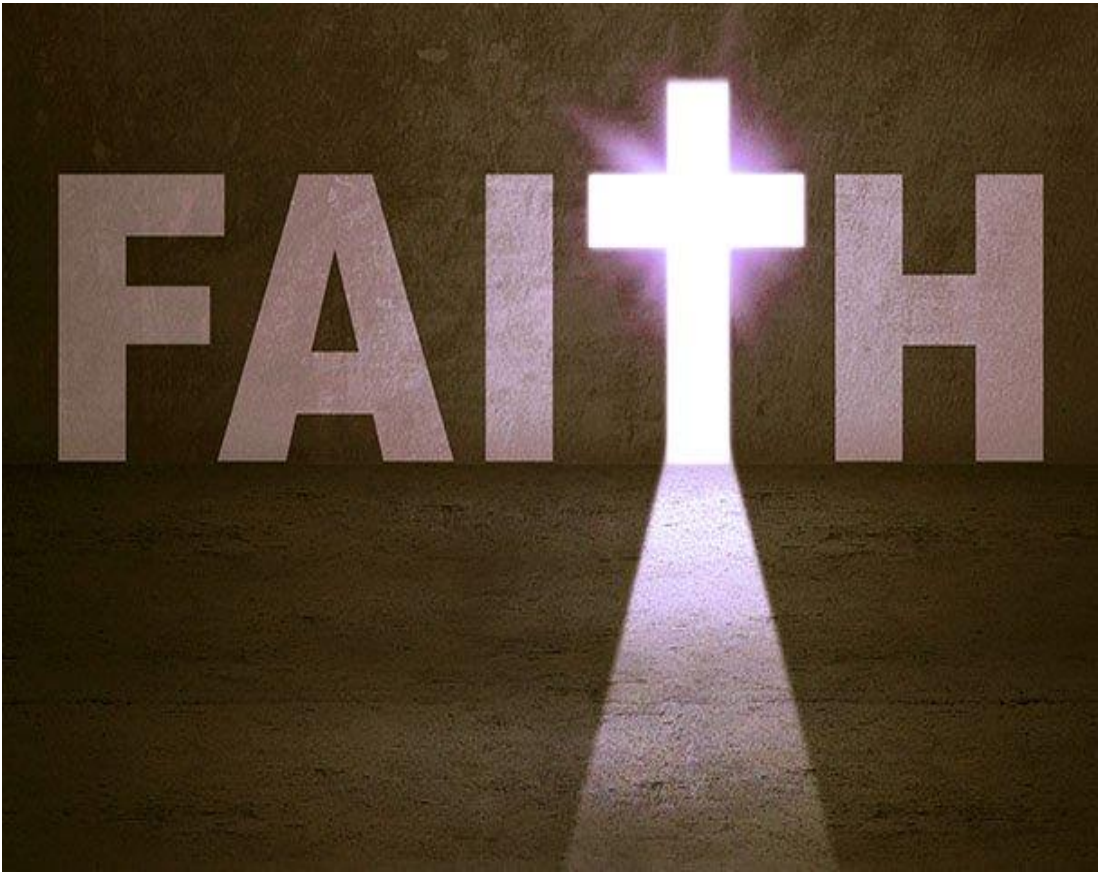


Spreading the Good News of Christ
Through Our Love, Words, and Actions

“What Is Faith?”



**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
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535 North Ewing Street
Helena, MT 59601

June 24, 2018

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

JUNE 24, 2018

Lay Liturgist – Les Cramer

* *Please stand if you are able*

PRELUDE: “Fugue in G Major” by Johann L. Krebs (1713-1780)

WELCOME

PREPARING OUR HEARTS *a time of silence*

OPENING PRAYER

* CALL TO WORSHIP *(unison)*

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

People: God’s steadfast love endures forever.

Leader: Let the redeemed of the Lord rejoice;

People: For the steadfast love of God, give thanks!

* GATHERING HYMN: “All Creatures of Our God and King” #63

CALL TO CONFESSION:

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(unison)*

Holy, triune God, we confess that we have not lived for your glory. When enemies attack us, we trust in our own defenses. When deadly storms surround us, we forget that you are with us. Forgive us, God of grace. In our hardship and affliction, teach us to trust that you alone can deliver us from death to life; 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 **“Lord of the Dance”** *Traditional Shaker Melody, arr. Mark Hayes, Mike Swisher, baritone*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

NEW TESTAMENT READING: **Acts 17:24-29** **Page 1724**

SERMON: **“What is Faith?”** **Rev. Rick Hulbert, Guest Pastor**

*RESPONSE HYMN: **“My Faith Looks Up to Thee”** **#539**

THE OFFERING

INVITATION TO OFFERING

PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES & OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

“Fantasia in D Major” *by Georg P. Telemann (1681-1767)*

*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: **“Let All Things Now Living”** **#794**

*BENEDICTION

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

POSTLUDE: **“Festival Postlude”** *by Domenico Zipoli (1688-1726)*

CALENDAR OF THE WEEK

Sunday	24	10:00 am	Worship Service / Education Hour
		11:30 am	Meals of Fortune <i>(see announcement in bulletin)</i>
		12:00 pm	AA Study Group
Monday	25	11:00 am	Staff meeting
		6:00 pm	Helena X-Press Singers
		7:00 pm	Girl Scouts
Tuesday	26	11:00 am	Bridge Club – ACBL Unit 411
		6:00 pm	Young Women’s Bible Study
		6:30 pm	Session meeting
		7:00 pm	AL-ANON meeting
		7:00 pm	Boy Scouts
Wednesday	27	9:30 am	Willing Workers
Thursday	28	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	29	12:00 pm	Friday Study Group
		1:00 pm	Hand & Foot - Ruth Room
Sunday	1	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:**

Rose Leavitt (443-4783)
Joy Edgar (202-2200)

USHERS

Ushers Today ⁽²⁴⁾

Kathy Chambers, Carole Massman
Mary Wright

Ushers Next Week ⁽¹⁾

Judy Birch, Mary Wright

Mark Your Calendars

Lona's Estate Sale will be here at the church in Potter's House on **July 13 & 14, 2018**. There will be antiques, furniture, collectibles, mementoes, household items & much more. Proceeds from the sale will be donated to the Presbyterian Women.

PRAYERS FOR STRENGTH AND HEALING

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

Newell Anderson
Jennifer Massman
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

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, Pearle Plowman- email: 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.

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.

Prayer Opportunity

This week we are continuing to pray for our General Assembly (GA) commissioners. This was a long, hard, exhausting week for them. They have read numerous overtures and reports. They spent time listening and discerning, then deciding.

The commissioners and delegates come from all the presbyteries every other year. Larger presbyteries have more commissioners (think House of Representatives). Glacier had two people this year:

Ruling Elder Martha Ripley (FPC in Missoula) and Minister of the Word and Sacrament Scott Wipperman (Helena).

Please continue to keep all the commissioners and delegates in your prayers.

“Reclaiming Jesus” 5 Week Program

A few weeks ago, Pastor Scott discussed the “Reclaiming Jesus” document authored by 23 religious leaders. Stephen Brehe and Mark Wilson (both regular contributors to the Religion page in the IR) will lead a five-week program based on “Reclaiming Jesus.” This local version will run five weeks, beginning Thursday, July 5, from 10 to 11:15 a.m., at the Lewis and Clark Library, 120 S. Last Chance Gulch. Following weekly meeting dates include July 12, 19, 26, and Aug. 2. Even if you can't make the entire series (it is summer after all), feel free to drop in on the Thursdays you can. There are additional copies of the “Reclaiming Jesus” document on the guest table outside the sanctuary if you would like one and didn't pick up a copy before.

Memory Verse:

Consequently, faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word about Christ.

- Romans 10:17

Thought for the Week:

Faith is trust, assurance and confidence in God. Living faith is shown by service and obedience to God. God will increase our faith if we fervently ask and draw close to Him.

- Jim Haeffele

Mission Minutes

Our congregation collected a Pentecost offering totaling \$455. A check was sent to PCUSA for global youth programs, and 40% remained for our church to use in youth ministry. It was voted upon by the committee to provide financial assistance for our youth to attend Glacier Camp this summer.

Please remember that we will continue to collect funds throughout the summer to support the Farm Bundle Program. This will help purchase seeds and tools, and provide education for those in need of assistance in third world countries.

Upcoming Events Mark Your Calendars

***Lost Soles Hike -- Sunday, July 22.** Meet in church parking lot at 2pm. Hiking area TBA. -- a gentle, approx. 1 1/2 hour hike.

***Take us out to the ballgame!** Twenty Brewers tickets have been purchased in a reserved section of the stands for First Presbyterian Church members/guests. Date: **Wednesday, July 18, 7pm.** Let's cheer for the Brewers during their final year in Helena! Please let Barb Leland know if you want a ticket - 431-5854, Barb640@hotmail.com. They are \$6 each.

***Mark your Calendar --** First Presbyterian Church summer picnic, **Sunday, August 19,** at the Fairgrounds. Fun, games, food. This will be a potluck. Picnic begins immediately after our church service.

***Pastor Scott's General Assembly report -- Sunday, July 29,** following the church service, upstairs in Richardson Hall. Coffee, juice, treats. Come to this event to learn more about the workings of the Presbyterian Church, as Pastor Scott will have returned from his trip to St. Louis for General Assembly. His review of his week in St. Louis promises to be very informative!

MEALS OF FORTUNE

TODAY 11:30 AM Richardson Hall



ACTS 29 Youth Group is bringing back Meals of Fortune as a fund-raiser to help fund their tuitions for Glacier Camp July 15-20. For Meals of Fortune, a household decides to auction off a meal for a certain amount of guests to join them. At the

auction someone will get to purchase that meal and then join that household for whatever meal was planned. The money from the auction will go directly to the youth group to fund their tuitions for camp. One child's tuition is \$295. A total of \$2,065 is still needed to cover the costs of their tuition. Any additional funds received will go towards our travel costs. This is a great fellowship opportunity, as well as being able come together as a congregation to help support the teens in our church in going to summer camp!

Lunch will be provided at the auction by the youth group.

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!



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Nursery Care Attendant

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Rev. Scott Wipperman
Arlyn "Butch" Plowman
Lexsey Carpenter
Les Cramer
Bruce A. Luke
Jill Lloyd
Ann Swisher
Nicole Carpenter

ELDERS

Linda Bench - 2019
Kathy Chambers - 2019
Marvin Carpenter - 2019
Dianna Goodman - 2019
Judy Birch - 2020
Marshall Gingery - 2020
Matthew Richards - 2020
Mary Craige - 2020
John Coefield - 2021
Joe Steffens - 2021
John Warren - 2021
Mary Wright - 2021
Elaine Gingery, Clerk

DEACONS

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
Julie Chaffee - 2021
Candace Coefield - 2021
Corky Lord - 2021
Jim & Charlotte Meyer - 2021

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