

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

“Tale of Two Kings”



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

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

July 15, 2018

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
JULY 15, 2018

Lay Liturgist – Elaine Gingery

* *Please stand if you are able*

PRELUDE:

Mary Craigle

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: Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet;

People: Righteousness and peace will kiss.

*GATHERING HYMN: **"God of Grace and God of Glory"** #435

CALL TO CONFESSION:

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(unison)*

Holy, triune God, we confess that we have not lived for your glory. You show us what is good, but we choose our glory. You show us what is right, but we fail to do your will, preferring that which makes our lives easier. Forgive us, God of grace. Redeem us from our self-centeredness, from our small-mindedness, and restore us to your image so that our lives may honor 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

SPECIAL MUSIC

“Korobeiniki” *based on trad. Russian folk song.*

Hezekiah Rowland, clarinet; Madisyn Gard, guitar

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING: **2 Samuel 6:12b-19**

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LEARNING WITH THE CHILDREN

GOSPEL READING: **Mark 6:14-29**

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SERMON: **“Tale of Two Kings”** **Rev. Scott Wipperman**

*RESPONSE HYMN: **“Wild and Lone the Prophet’s Voice”** **See screen**

THE OFFERING

INVITATION TO OFFERING

PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES & OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

Mary Craigle

*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: **“O Holy City, Seen of John”** **See screen**

*BENEDICTION

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

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POSTLUDE: **Mary Craigle**

CALENDAR OF THE WEEK

Sunday	15	10:00 am	Worship Service / Education Hour
		12:00 pm	AA Study Group
Monday	16	11:00 am	Staff meeting
		6:00 pm	Helena X-Press Singers
		7:00 pm	Girl Scouts
Tuesday	17	11:00 am	Bridge Club – ACBL Unit 411
		5:30 pm	Administration Committee meeting
		6:00 pm	Young Women’s Bible Study
		7:00 pm	AL-ANON meeting
		7:00 pm	Boy Scouts
Wednesday	18	10:00 am	Willing Workers
		7:00 pm	C.F.C. Church Night Out - Brewers Baseball game
Thursday	19	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	20	12:00 pm	Friday Study Group
		1:00 pm	Hand & Foot - Ruth Room
Sunday	22	10:00 am	Worship Service / Education Hour
		11:30 am	AA Study Group
		2:00 pm	Lost Soles Hike

DEACONS-ON-CALL

Need a ride, a meal or a home repair? Call a Deacon on Call:

Julie Chaffee
Joy Edgar

(431-3400)
(202-2200)

USHERS

Ushers Today (15)

Elroy & Lucille Letcher
Matthew Richards

Ushers Next Week (22)

Kathy Chambers, Carole Massman
Mary Wright



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, 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.

Prayer Opportunity

This week, Marsha Anson is asking Glacier Presbytery to pray for none other than ... us. Marsha's request:

This week we are praying for the Helena congregation.

The Helena congregation is a forward-looking congregation that is full of joy and doing vibrant ministries including support for Intermountain, Family Promise, their local food bank - Helena Food Share, as well as collecting school supplies and so much more.

The congregation is served by Rev. Scott Wipperman, CRE Butch Plowman and Session Clerk Elaine Gingery. You can learn more about this wonderful congregation at <http://www.fpchelena.com>

Let us join others in praying for our congregation.

Upcoming Events

***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 or Rose Leavitt 443-4783. 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!

Better Than Expected Participation Moves “Reclaiming Jesus” 5 Week Program to Our Redeemer’s ELCA

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.” The remaining four weeks of the local version, will be held Thursdays from 10 to 11:15 a.m., at Our Redeemer’s Lutheran Church, 3580 North Benton Avenue, July 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.

Newsletter Article Deadline This Month

Our Administrative Assistant, Bruce, will be taking vacation starting 30 July and would like all information and articles in to him by 3:00 pm the 25th. The newsletter will be going out on the 27th. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated. Thank you.

Stuff the Bus has started and will end on August 17th. Schools in Helena and around Helena have students in need of our assistance. A list of some of those school items are on the Stuff the Bus table in the Narthex. There are also Tax deductible forms for your participation. Thank you everyone!

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?

- Psalm 8:3-4

Thought for the Week:

There is something beautiful about a billion stars held steady by a God who knows what He is doing.

- Donald Miller

(an American author writing deeply personal essays and reflections about faith, God, and self-discovery)

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

Nicole Carpenter, Pro tem

Les Cramer

Bruce A. Luke

Jill Lloyd

Ann Swisher

ELDERS

Linda Bench - 2019

Kathy Chambers - 2019

Marvin Carpenter - 2019

Dianna Goodman - 2019

Judy Birch - 2020

Marshall Gingery - 2020

Matthew Richards - 2020

Mary Craigle - 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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Weekly Sermon on HCTV Cable Channel 189
Wednesdays at 6 PM & Saturdays at 9 AM

