

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



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

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

August 5, 2018

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

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Lay Liturgist – Kathy Chambers

* *Please stand if you are able*

PRELUDE: “Adagio from Concerto in A minor” by J.S. Bach (1685-1748)

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: Jesus said: I am the bread of life.

People: Give us this bread always.

*GATHERING HYMN: “In Christ There Is No East or West” 428

CALL TO CONFESSION:

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

Merciful God, we confess that we have not followed your way. You show us the wrong we have done, yet we point fingers at others. You offer us the bread of heaven, yet we hunger for the things of earth. Forgive us, God of grace. Speak your truth to us in love, so that we may return to you in peace, and grow more and more in grace; 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 “Londonderry Air” (Danny Boy) - *Traditional Irish Air;*
Ray Andrews, Trumpet

LEARNING WITH THE CHILDREN

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

EPISTLE READING: **Ephesians 4:1-7, 11-16** **Page 1821**

GOSPEL READING: **John 6:24-35** **Page 1656**

SERMON: **“The Question Behind the Question”** **Rev. Scott Wiperman**

*RESPONSE HYMN: **“Your Only Son (Lamb of God”** **See screen**

THE OFFERING

INVITATION TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

“Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now”

by Johann G. Walther (1684-1748)

*DOXOLOGY

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

THE EUCHARIST

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (unison) **Life is a gift to be received with gratitude and a task to be pursued with courage. People are free to seek life within the purpose of God: to develop and protect the resources of nature for the common welfare, to work for justice and peace in society, and in other ways to use their creative powers for the fulfillment of human life.**

Adapted from the Confession of 1967, 9.17

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: **“You Are My Strength When I Am Weak”** **See screen**
“We Are One in Christ Jesus” **See screen**

BENEDICTION

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

POSTLUDE: **“Prelude in A minor”** *by J. S. Bach*

CALENDAR OF THE WEEK

Sunday	5	10:00 am 11:00 am	Worship Service / Education Hour AA Study Group
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Monday	6	10:00 am 6:00 pm 7:00 pm	Education Meeting Helena X-Press Singers Girl Scouts
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Tuesday	7	11:00 am 5:30 pm 6:00 pm 7:00 pm 7:00 pm	Bridge Club - ACBL Unit 411 Personnel Committee Meeting Young Women's Bible Study AL-ANON meeting Boy Scouts
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Wednesday	8	10:00 am 11:30 am	Willing Workers Congregational Fellowship Committee
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Thursday	9	11:00 am 4:00 pm 6:30 pm 6:30 pm 7:00 pm	Bridge Club - ACBL Unit 411 Praise Band Youth Group AA District #11 AA It's In The Book
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Friday	10	1:00 pm	Hand & Foot
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Sunday	12	6:00 pm	Lost Soles Hike - Ascension Mountain -- Meet in Church parking lot

Our wonderful Joyce Berry needs help!!

Joyce Berry is in need of home care. Her daughter is looking for someone who could provide this care four days per week in the mornings and evenings. A full description of the care needs, requirements and compensation is available in the church office.

If you know of someone who could help our dear sister in Christ, please pick up a description ad contact Rick and Terry Itami at - < itami.rickterry@gmail.com >

UPCOMING EVENTS

***Windbag Family Promise Community Night, Tuesday, August 7th at the Windbag from 5-9 pm. Please consider dining out at the Windbag, 20% of the sales that evening will be donated to Family Promise!**

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Stuff the Bus will end on August 17th! Schools in Helena and surrounding communities 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!

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***Don't miss the annual First Presbyterian summer picnic -- Sunday, August 19th!**
Here's the plan: come to the church in your "picnic clothes", then after the service, head to the fairgrounds for the gathering which begins at approximately 11:30 am. Be sure to bring a potluck item of your choice. Your Fellowship Committee will provide paper products, plastic ware, condiments -- plus Bruce's special pulled pork. Bring your own drinks, please. There will be fun and games too!

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***Additional upcoming events:**

***Watch for our new Church Directory -- coming out soon!**

***September 9th -- Mission Fair.** This is your chance to find out about all of our various church committees, what they do, and how you can help!

***September 30 -- Potluck and inquirer's class.**

MISSION COMMITTEE REMINDER

As you are tending your gardens this summer, the Mission Committee would like to remind you to remember our **Farm Bundle Program**. We are collecting money for this fund to help purchase seeds, tools, and to provide education to assist those in need of sustainable food sources. Please prayerfully consider donating to this program, as we extend our mission giving across the world. Thank you.

FPC FINANCIALS

Attendance last week:	62
Giving last week:	\$3032.50
Average weekly giving needed to meet budget:	\$5406.00

Through June we have received \$127,986 in income, and our expenses have been \$137,784, for a shortfall of \$9,798.

PRAYERS FOR STRENGTH AND HEALING

Bob Burns
B. J. Burns
Donna Carey
Elroy Letcher
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 Steffen's 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 - please 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 in a small holder attached to the back of each pew in the sanctuary, or in the Prayer Chapel.
 2. Online prayer requests - go to fpchelena.com and select the button for "prayer" OR send an email to our prayer chain coordinator, Pearle Plowman - pearlynp@msn.com, phone number - 449-8705 -- cell 459-6332.
 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 chain coordinator.
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Prayer Opportunity: Let us pray for those facing the forces of nature. Let's pray for those facing the danger of forest fires and also those downwind breathing unhealthy air, here in the US and in Greece. Let's pray for those in Hawaii facing the Kilauea volcano which continues to erupt and spew lava flows, and volcanos in other parts of the world. Pray for God's peace to still the hearts of those who have lost loved ones, who have lost homes and livelihoods, and those who are displaced.

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)

Jim & Charlotte Meyer
(449-3030)

***** PLEASE NOTE *****

Starting **15 August 2018**, all **FPC email** will discontinue the **.com** address and become an **.org** address. Please make note of these changes and change them in your email address book.

Example: **admin@fpchelena.com** will be **admin@fpchelena.org**

swipperman@fpchelena.com will be **swipperman@fpchelena.org**

prayerchain@fpchelena.com will be **prayerchain@fpchelena.org**

Memory Verse:

The name of the Lord is a strong tower;
the righteous run into it and are safe.

- Proverbs 18:10

Thought for the Week:

We do not need magic to transform the world. We carry all the power we need inside ourselves already. We have the power to imagine better.

- J.K. Rowling



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	Every Member
Pastor	Rev. Scott Wipperman
CRE of Pastoral Care	Arlyn "Butch" Plowman
Director of Christian Education	Nicole Carpenter, Pro tem
Director of Music and Media	Les Cramer
Administrative Assistant	Bruce A. Luke
Accounting Services	Jill Lloyd
Organist	Ann Swisher
Nursery Care Attendant	

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

