

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

# **“It’s August - Remember Christmas?”**



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

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

**August 12, 2018**

**CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP**  
**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
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*Lay Liturgist – Art Bumgardner*

*\* Please stand if you are able*

PRELUDE: “Allegro” by Hugo Distler (1908-1942)

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: Taste and see that the Lord is good.

**People: Happy are those who trust in God.**

\*GATHERING HYMN: “There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy” See Screen

CALL TO CONFESSION:

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

**Merciful God, we confess that we have not followed your way. You offer the joy of your Spirit, yet we waste away in sin and grief. You offer the life of your Word, yet we turn away in doubt and despair. Forgive us, God of grace. By the power of your Spirit make us more tender and kind, living 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

**“Bringing in the Sheaves”** *arr. Jay Althouse, Art Bumgardner, bass*

LEARNING WITH THE CHILDREN

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

EPISTLE READING: **Ephesians 4:25-5:2** **Page 1822**

GOSPEL READING: **John 6:35, 41-51** **Page 1657**

SERMON: **“It’s August - Remember Christmas?”** **Rev. Scott Wipperman**

\*RESPONSE HYMN: **“God, How Can We Forgive”** **See screen**

THE OFFERING

INVITATION TO OFFERING

PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES & OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

**“Fairest Lord Jesus”** *by Hermann Schroeder (1904-1984)*

\*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: **“Help Us Accept Each Other”** **See screen**

\*BENEDICTION

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

POSTLUDE: **“Poco vivace”** *by Hermann Schroeder*

## CALENDAR OF THE WEEK

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>12</b>	10:00 am	Worship Service / Education Hour
		11:30 am	Deacons' meeting
		12:30 pm	AA Study Group
		6:00 pm	Lost Soles Hike
<b>Monday</b>	<b>13</b>	6:00 pm	Helena X-Press Singers
		7:00 pm	Girl Scouts
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>14</b>	6:00 pm	Bridge Club – ACBL Unit 411
		5:30 pm	Administration Committee meeting
		6:00 pm	Mission Committee meeting
		6:00 pm	Young Women's Bible Study
		7:00 pm	Building & Grounds Committee meeting
		7:00 pm	AL-ANON meeting
		7:00 pm	Boy Scouts
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>15</b>	10:00 am	Willing Workers
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>16</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>17</b>	1:00 pm	Hand & Foot - Ruth Room
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>19</b>	10:00 am	Worship Service / Education Hour
		11:30 am	<b>All-Church Annual Picnic (L&amp;C Fairgrounds)</b>
		12:30 pm	AA Study Group

### DEACONS-ON-CALL

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

Art & Rena Bumgardner (468-8341, 468-8342)  
Jim & Charlotte Meyer (449-3030)

### USHERS

#### Ushers Today (12)

Sheryl Eriksen, Corky Lord  
John & Carol Gneckow

#### Ushers Next Week (19)

Elroy & Lucille Letcher  
Matthew Richards



Weekly Sermon  
on HCTV  
Cable Channel 189

Wednesday, 6:30 pm  
Saturday, 9:30 am

...or any time at  
**fpchelena.com**

## PRAYERS FOR STRENGTH AND HEALING

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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 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

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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** - 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](http://fpchelena.com) and select the button for "prayer" OR send an email to our prayer chain coordinator, Pearle Plowman- [pearlynp@msn.com](mailto: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**

This week we are praying for Glacier Presbytery's Presbyterian Women (PW). Presbyterian Women does amazing work in their local congregations and have always been strong advocates for mission, peace and justice in our communities and the world. On August 24-26, the PW in Glacier Presbytery will be gathering at the camp for their annual summer retreat. To see more information go to: [glacierpresbytery.org/pw-registration](http://glacierpresbytery.org/pw-registration). Glacier's PW moderator is Roma Lee Fuson. Please keep them all in your prayers this week.

## Upcoming Events

\***Lost Soles easy hike** -- TODAY - 6 pm, meet in the parking lot. Destination TBA. The hike is usually approximately 1 1/2 hours.

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

\***Additional upcoming events:**

\*September 30th -- potluck and inquirer's class.

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**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!

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### 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.

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### Moving On!!

Now that our "Little (pillow case) Dresses", our "Little (T-shirt) Britches" & our Layette Projects are all well under way, & Lona's Living Estate Sale I behind us, we are moving on to our next big project. Our PW Fall Bazaar is scheduled for Friday & Saturday, October 26 & 27. Once again we are asking for your support. We will need lots of handmade crafts, baked goods, jams & jellies to sell. Our focus this year will be on HAND MADE seasonal crafts & gift items.

If you took craft kits provided by PW earlier in the year, you may return the completed craft items to the church office. There are also additional kits available if you wish to complete more of those items for the Bazaar. Please don't feel that you need to limit your hand made contributions to the kits provided. We welcome the expression of your own creativity! As always, we are grateful for your support!

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### FPC Financials

Attendance last week:	59
Giving last week:	\$9,076.00 (includes \$2500 gift for youth)
Average weekly giving needed to meet budget:	\$5,406.00

Through June we have received \$147,525 in income, and our expenses have been \$156,524, for a shortfall of \$8,999.

Starting **15 August 2018**, all **FPC email** will discontinue the **.com** address and become a **.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**

**\*Be sure to attend our annual Presbyterian Church picnic at the fairgrounds, Sunday, August 19th, immediately following the Church service.**

Don't worry about changing into your "picnic clothes" after Church -- just come to the service with your picnic clothes on! Bring a potluck item to share (you can use the Church oven and/or refrigerator to keep items at correct temperature) -- and your drink. Everything else will be provided -- including Bruce's delicious pulled pork. Fun and games, and a bounce house for the kids, too!



### Memory Verse:

Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God – what is good and acceptable and perfect.

- Romans 12:2

### Thought for the Week:

It is easy to get used to the morning news, habituated. But don't. The morning news is yours to alter.

- **Samantha Power (the United States Ambassador to the United Nations from 2013 to 2017.)**

# 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

Accounting Services

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**

