

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

“The Proper Focus”

the
ARMOR
of
GOD

belt of
truth
breastplate of
righteousness
readiness of the
gospel of peace
shield of
faith
helmet of
salvation
sword of the
Spirit

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

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

August 26, 2018

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Lay Liturgist – Joy Edgar

** Please stand if you are able*

PRELUDE:

“Praludium” by Hans F. Micheelsen (1902-1973)

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 has the words of eternal life;

People: He is the Holy One of God.

*GATHERING HYMN:

“Come, Thou Almighty King”

#8

CALL TO CONFESSION:

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

Gracious God, your great love softens our hearts, and we are vulnerable to your grace.

The safety of being in your presence is such delight, be as we drop our guard we see some of what you see. Forgive us our self-centeredness, our critical judgements, the manner in which we stand above or pull way to avoid people. We struggle with how to be with others. We seek harmony and peace within our family, at work, in friendships, and in all our dealings with others – but our failures harm us and them. Help us to mend our broken relationships and teach us your way of being in this world. (*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

“Go And Teach All Nations” by *Tollie Mitchell*

Hezekiah Rowland, clarinet; Les Cramer, euphonium

LEARNING WITH THE CHILDREN

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

EPISTLE READING: **Ephesians 6:10-20** **Page 1824**

GOSPEL READING: **John 6:56-69** **Page 1658**

SERMON: **“The Proper Focus”** **Rev. Scott Wipperman**

*RESPONSE HYMN: **“Let Us Build a House”** **See screen**

THE OFFERING

INVITATION TO OFFERING

PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES & OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

“Allegretto” 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: **“Standing on the Promises”** **#410**

*BENEDICTION

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

POSTLUDE: **“Finale”** by *Hans F. Micheelsen*

CALENDAR OF THE WEEK

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| Sunday | 26 | 10:00 am | Worship Service / Education Hour |
| | | 12:30 pm | AA Study Group |
| Monday | 27 | 6:00 pm | Helena X-Press Singers |
| | | 7:00 pm | Girl Scouts |
| Tuesday | 28 | 6:00 pm | Bridge Club – ACBL Unit 411 |
| | | 6:00 pm | Young Women’s Bible Study |
| | | 7:00 pm | AL-ANON meeting |
| | | 7:00 pm | Boy Scouts |
| Wednesday | 29 | 10:00 am | Willing Workers |
| Thursday | 30 | 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 | 31 | 1:00 pm | Hand & Foot - Ruth Room |
| Sunday | 2 | 10:00 am | Worship Service / Education Hour |
| | | 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 (26)

Kathy Chambers, Carole Massman
Mary Wright

Ushers Next Week (2)

Linda Bench, Judy Birch
Mary Wright



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 |
| Doris Casebolt | Court Bourne, Pastor Scott's son |
| Joyce Andrews | Vella Raucy, Susan Steffens' mother |
| Yvonne Moody | Susan Byasson, Rose Leavitt's sister |
| John Gneckow | Terry Heinecke, Barrie's sister-in-law |
| Steve Granzow | Jamie Heinecke, Barrie's daughter-in-law |
| Linda Granzow | Cathy Leavitt, Rose Leavitt's daughter-in-law |
| Mazie Radcliffe | Heather McAllister, Pastor Scott's daughter |

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 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.

Prayer Opportunity

Beloved Community,

The Presbytery elected a search committee to find our next General Presbytery/Stated Clerk. This week we are praying for them as they meet, pray and discern the person God is calling as our next Presbytery Leader. The members of the committee are Courtney Arntzen, Glenn Burfeind, Sherry Edwards, Kurt Fagenstrom and Peggie Oury.

Peace be with you,
~Marsha Anson

FPC FINANCIALS

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| Attendance last week: | 54 |
| Giving last week: | \$4,011.00 |
| Average weekly giving to meet budget: | \$5,406.00 |

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

Farm Bundle Update: as our gardens grow and we approach harvest time, please remember to support our Farm Bundle project. To date, we have collected \$565 toward the purchase of a \$1300 package. We will continue to collect funds thru the end of September. Thank you for your generosity.

Upcoming Events

*Lost Soles hike -- Sunday, September 16th. Meet in the church parking lot at 2pm and join in the fun of an easy hike to someplace in the Helena area. Exact hike location TBA.

*Please plan on attending our **Church potluck -- Sunday, September 30th** following the Church service. It's a fun time for good food and fellowship! And, those who are interested in learning more about our Church and about what it means to be a Presbyterian, are invited to stay for the **Inquirer's Class**, following the meal.

REMEMBER

The church staff's email addresses changed on **15 August 2018**.

We discontinued the **.com** address and began using the **.org** address.

Please make note of this change and change them in your email address book.

Bruce's became **admin@fpchelena.org**

Scott's became **swipperman@fpchelena.org**

The Prayer Chain's became **prayerchain@fpchelena.org**



Bridges Buffet--Monthly Lunch and Program series. September 5th 12:00 - 1:30 at Covenant Methodist Church 2330 E. Broadway. A catered lunch is provided. We ask that you bring a \$5 donation to offset the cost of the lunch. Presenter will be Karl Rosston from MTDPPHS. September is suicide awareness month and Karl will be

addressing Facts, Figures, and Formulas for Prevention, an engaging talk on why suicide is one of the most important issues of our time and what every person, including seniors and caregivers, can do to help family, friends, neighbors and themselves. Register at bridgeshcc.org or contact Marsha for more information. 443-1287

Short Term Proximate Mission Project Opportunity

You need not endure endless hours stuffed like a sardine in an airliner traveling to a faraway continent spending months away from those you love just to complete a mission project. You can go “over the hill” to Basin for a few hours or a day or more to contribute your energy and gifts to the Merry Widow Mine New Worshipping Community’s effort to provide housing for Pastor Ok-Kee Kim. No doubt you have a skill appropriate for this effort: sweeping, cleaning, painting, sawing, nailing, holding, lifting, carrying etc. Sign up; let us know whether you’re available during the week, weekends or both.

Newsletter Articles and Announcements

All September articles and announcements need to be in to Bruce by Wednesday, August 29 at 12 O’clock High Noon. You can email them to admin@fpchelena.org or drop them off in person at the church main office. Please don’t wait until the last minute, because we’d like to have it out to you by Friday, August 31.

Memory Verse:

So the poor have hope,
and injustice shuts its mouth.

- Job 5:16

Thought for the Week:

We all require and want respect,
man or woman, black or white.
It’s our basic human right.

- Aretha Franklin
(1942 - 2018)

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

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 6:30 PM & Saturdays at 9:30 AM**

