

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

“Clean Hands: Pure Heart: Not”



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

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

September 2, 2018

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SEPTEMBER 2, 2018

Lay Liturgist – Rose Leavitt

** Please stand if you are able*

PRELUDE

“Cantilena” by Josef Rheinberger (1839-1901)

WELCOME

PREPARING OUR HEARTS **a moment of silence**

OPENING PRAYER

**CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)*

Leader: In Christ, the God of heaven has made his home on earth.

All: Christ dwells among us and is one with us.

Leader: Highest of all creation, He lives among the least.

All: He journeys with the rejected and welcomes the weary.

Leader: Come now, all who thirst,

All: and drink the water of life.

Leader: Come now, all who hunger,

All: and be filled with good things.

Leader: Come now, all who seek,

All: and be warmed by the fire of love.

**GATHERING HYMN*

“For the Beauty of the Earth”

See screen

CALL TO CONFESSION:

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(Unison)*

Merciful God we confess that we have not followed your way. You lavish your love upon us, yet we let our hearts grow cold. You wash us clean in your mercy, yet we defile ourselves in sin. Forgive us God of grace. Give us a new religion: to love one another even as you have loved us: through Jesus Christ our Lord. *(Observe a moment of silence for personal reflection and meditation)*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON *(Responsive)*

Leader: Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners;

All: That proves God’s love toward us.

Leader: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

All: In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Glory to God.

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

PASSING THE PEACE

**GLORIA PATRI*

SPECIAL MUSIC	“One Thing I Know” by Jason Alan Whitmore, Dianna Goodman, soloist	
LEARNING WITH CHILDREN		
PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION		
OLD TESTAMENT LESSON	Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9	Page 470
	<i>The Israelites are about to enter the Promised Land. Moses will not go with them. He gives them parting wisdom. “Observe God’s Law diligently; do not add to it or subtract from it.”</i>	
NEW TESTAMENT LESSON	James 1:17-27	Page 1881
	<i>Every good gift comes from God: pure religion is to care for others</i>	
GOSPEL LESSON	Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23	Page 1563
	<i>A debate about authority and tradition, evil things come from within</i>	
SERMON	“Clean Hands: Pure Heart: Not” CRE Arlyn “Butch” Plowman	
*AFFIRMATION (<i>Responsive</i>):	<i>Westminster Larger Catechism: Section 7.111 PC(USA) Book of Confessions</i>	
Leader:	What is the chief and highest end of man?	
All:	Man’s chief and highest end is to glorify God, and fully to enjoy him forever.	
*RESPONSE HYMN	“In My Life”	See screen
INVITATION TO OFFERING		
OFFERTORY	“Deck Thyself, My Soul, with Gladness” by Johannes Brahms (1833-1897)	
*DOXOLOGY:		
*OFFERTORY PRAYER:	Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper	
INVITATION		
PRAYER		
INSTITUTION		
COMMUNION HYMN	“Come to the Table of Grace”	Screen (#507 GTG)
EUCCHARIST		
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE	Sharing Joys, Concerns and the Lord’s	
PRAYER		
LIFE OF THE CHURCH		
*SENDING HYMN	“Take My Life”	Screen (#697 GTG)
*SENDING AND BENEDECTION	<i>- based on 1 Corinthians 16:13; 1 Thessalonians 5:13-22; 1 Peter 2:17</i>	
*RESPONSE:	“God Be With You”	#232
POSTLUDE	“Andante sostenuto from Op. 65, No. 9” by Johann G. Herzog (1822-1909)	

CALENDAR OF THE WEEK

Sunday	2	10:00 am	Worship Service / Education Hour
		12:30 pm	AA Study Group
Monday	3	6:00 pm	Helena X-Press Singers
		7:00 pm	Girl Scouts
Tuesday	4	10:00 am	Sarah Circle meeting
		5:30 pm	Personnel Committee meeting
		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	5	10:00 am	Willing Workers
Thursday	6	9:30 am	Rebekah Circle meeting
		11:00 am	Bridge Club – ACBL Unit 411
		4:00 pm	Praise Band practice
		6:30 pm	Youth Group
		6:30 pm	AA - District #61
		7:00 pm	“It’s In the Book” - AA Group
Friday	7	1:00 pm	Hand & Foot - Ruth Room
Sunday	9	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:

Ward & Mary Stiles (443-4953)

USHERS

Ushers Today (2)

Linda Bench, Judy Birch
Mary Wright

Ushers Next Week (9)

Sheryl Eriksen, Corky Lord
John & Carol Gneckow

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.

PRAYERS FOR STRENGTH AND HEALING

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

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.

Bruce will be taking vacation from October 8 - 12 and we are looking for volunteers to fill in during that time to greet people and answer the phones. If you can step in during that time, please contact the church main office at 442-4775 and let either Pastor Scott or Bruce know what times and dates you would like to do so. Thank you so much.

Prayer Opportunity

This week we are praying for one of Glacier Presbytery's partners – San Francisco Theological Seminary (SFTS). For several years, they have been sending professors to us to teach classes at our camp. We are so grateful for their partnership! In particular, this week we will include Chris Ocker who will be coming here on Sept. 9 - 11 to lead a class on the Reformation (click here for more info). Please keep SFTS and Chris in your prayers this week.

You can learn more about SFTS at: <https://sfts.edu/>

FPC FINANCIALS

Attendance last week:	58
Giving last week:	\$7,227.00
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.





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-Ke 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.

Sunday Camp is coming, beginning September 16, get ready for an adventure!

Memory Verse:

I will instruct you and teach you the way you should go; I will counsel you with my eye upon you.

- Psalm 32:8 (NRSV)

Thought for the Week:

The Holy Spirit helps me navigate the winds of life.

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**

