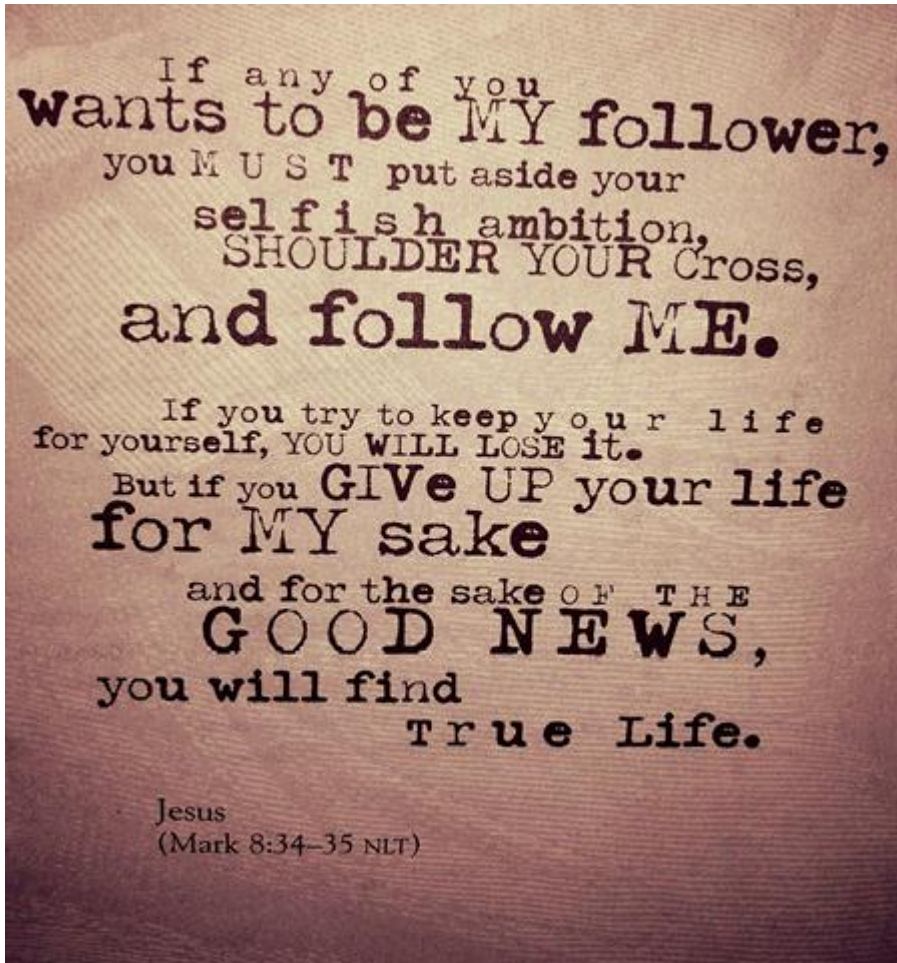


Spreading the Good News of Christ  
Through Our Love, Words, and Actions

**“Jesus Loves Me, This I Know ...”**



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (USA)

535 North Ewing Street  
Helena, MT 59601

September 16, 2018

# CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

## FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SEPTEMBER 16, 2018

*Lay Liturgist – Elaine Gingery*

*\* Please stand if you are able*

PRELUDE:

“Allegro from Suite Gothique” by *Leon Boellmann (1862-1897)*

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: I called to God: Lord, save my life!

**People: God has delivered my soul from death.**

\*GATHERING HYMN:

“Will You Come and Follow Me”

See screen

CALL TO CONFESSION:

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(unison)*

**Merciful God, we confess that we have not followed your way. We pay a whole lot more attention to what is dear to us and far less on what is dear to you. We preserve our own way of life and profit at the expense of others. Forgive us, God of grace. Show us the error of our ways, and guide us back to your path of righteousness, justice, and peace; 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

CHOIR ANTHEM

“With Joy and Music” by *Eugene Butler*

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING:      **Proverbs 1:20-33**      **Page 985**

EPISTLE READING:      **James 3:1-12**      **Page 1883**

GOSPEL READING:      **Mark 8:27-39**      **Page 1568**

SERMON:      **“Jesus Loves Me, This I Know ...”**      **Rev. Scott Wipperman**

\*RESPONSE HYMN:      **“Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said”**      **See screen**

## THE OFFERING

INVITATION TO OFFERING

PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES & OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

**“Christ, You Are My Life”** *by Randall Thompson (1899-1984)*

\*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:      **“Guide My Feet”**      **See screen**

\*BENEDICTION

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

POSTLUDE:      **“Introduction - Maestoso from Suite Gothique”** *by Leon Boellmann*

## CALENDAR OF THE WEEK

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>16</b>	10:00 am	Worship Service / Education Hour
		12:30 pm	AA Study Group
		2:00 pm	Lost Soles Hike
<b>Monday</b>	<b>17</b>	11:00 am	Staff meeting
		6:00 pm	Helena X-Press Singers
		7:00 pm	Girl Scouts
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>18</b>	10:00 am	Bridge Club – ACBL Unit 411
		6:00 pm	Young Women’s Bible Study
		6:30 pm	Session meeting
		7:00 pm	AL-ANON meeting
		7:00 pm	Boy Scouts
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>19</b>	10:00 am	Willing Workers
		7:00 pm	Choir practice
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>20</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>21</b>	1:00 pm	Hand & Foot - Ruth Room
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>23</b>	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 (16)

Elroy & Lucille Letcher  
Matthew Richards

#### Ushers Next Week (23)

Kathy Chambers, Carole Massman  
Mary Wright

**Bruce will be taking vacation from October 8 - 12, we are looking for volunteers to fill in during that time to greet people and answer the phones. If you would like to 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 be willing to do so. Thank you so much.**

**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.

## 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

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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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We are looking for volunteers to assist with **Sunday Camp** on Sunday mornings as well as our Youth Group on Thursday evenings. Please contact **Pastor Scott Wipperman** at the church at **442-4775**.

## Prayer Opportunity

Please pray for the volunteers who are helping refurbish the home in Basin for Rev. Ok-Kee Kim and his family. We hope is to have the home ready by the end of October, before the worst of the cold weather arrives. Most of the volunteers have been from Helena. But more help is needed. Could you consider coming to help for a day? Could you consider organizing a small crew from your congregation to help as a local mission project?

Ok-Kee's ministry in Basin continues to flourish. Let's pray that we can help provide a warm and comfortable place to live for him and his family.

Please continue to pray for Ok-Kee, the ministry in Basin, the volunteers who are coming to help and for God to send more helpers.

Peace be with you,

~Marsha

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### FPC FINANCIALS

Attendance last week:	72
Giving last week:	\$2,779.00
Average weekly giving to meet budget:	\$5,406.00

Through August we have received \$175,023 in income, and our expenses have been \$181,018, for a shortfall of \$5,995.

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### Upcoming Events

**TODAY**, meet in the **church parking lot** at **2pm** and join in the fun of an easy hike to someplace in the Helena area.

\*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.

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**Tuesday, October 9, 2018**, the Presbyterian Women would like to invite everyone to our **Annual Mission Luncheon**. Lunch will be \$5 and served at 12:00 Noon with a program following, and we also will be recognizing the Fellowship of the Least Coin and Thank Offering. **Reservation Deadline is October 4**. If you would like to attend, please call Rose Leavitt at 443-4783 to make your reservation. We extend a warm invitation for your gentlemen to join us also.

## 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 Basin Community 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.

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**Bridges Buffet**--Monthly Lunch and Program series. October 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 Trina Filan Ph.D. (University of California, Davis – Rural Feminist Geography) and Community Impact Coordinator, United Way of the Lewis and Clark Area. Her topic is **Embracing Diverse Cultures for a Full Life Experience**. She invites you to come on a journey to embrace this diversity and complexity and enhance your own life in the process! Register at [bridgeshcc.org](http://bridgeshcc.org) or contact Marsha for more information. 443-1287.

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**My Destiny--Estate Planning October 4<sup>th</sup>** at Covenant Methodist Church 2330 E. Broadway Dr. Marsha Goetting will share her estate planning expertise in three sessions. 9:00 - 12:00 Estate Planning Basics  
1:00 - 4:00 Advanced Estate Planning  
5:30 - 7:30 For past participants, she is offering More Advanced Estate Planning. Participants attending any of the sessions will have an opportunity to make appointments to have a will drawn up at a later date in November.  
Register at [bridges.org](http://bridges.org) or contact Fran Waddell for more information. 442-1038

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### Memory Verse:

I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.

- **Isaiah 43:19**

### Thought for the Week:

The good news, that you can see all around now, is that the spirit is moving among us. It is the spirit of Jesus. And Jesus is that great voice of otherwise, who saw the contradictions of the gospel to the Roman Empire and who acted out an alternative.

- **Walter Brueggemann**

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

